



**ST MARY'S**  
**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**

**Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SQ**

Website [www.stmarysbath.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk)

Livestream [www.churchservices.tv/bath](http://www.churchservices.tv/bath)

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**Parish Priest:** Mgr Jeremy Rigden 01225 311725

**Deacon:** Rev. Richard Hayward (Rtd)



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**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Year B Proper of the Season, Psalter 1**

**Sunday 18th February 2024**

9.00am Mass Molly Alty RIP

10.30am Mass Ints. Alexander

3.45pm Holy Hour (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

5.00pm Mass People of the Parish

**Monday 19th February**

**Weekday of Lent**

No Mass

**Tuesday 20th February**

**Weekday of Lent**

No Mass

**Wednesday 21st February**

**Weekday of Lent**

No Mass due to annual Safeguarding training

**Thursday 22nd February**

**The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**

No Mass

**Friday 23rd February**

**Weekday of Lent**

**CAFOD family Fast day**

10.00am Mass Private Intention

6.00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 24th February**

**Weekday of Lent**

10.00am Mass Private Intention

10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Normally available 10.30-11.00am on Saturdays & by request.

**Parish prayer link:**

For those struggling to pay their bills

For those in despair

**Diocesan Church Prayer Link:**

St Mary, Swindon

**St Mary's First Holy Communion 2024**

Please pray for our candidates: Poppy, Johaan, Isabella, Josef, Max, Niamh, Louisa, Adelaide, Milo, Orlaith, Harry, Sia, Felicity, Harvin, Diya, Tess, Gianfranco, Jerin, Emmanuel, Evana, Nell, Amelia and Aidan.

**HOSPITAL:** If you/a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, contact the RUH Chaplaincy on arrival 01225 428331 [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net). Ask for the Spiritual Care Centre.

**If Fr Jeremy is not available, and a priest is required urgently, please call:**  
**Sts Peter and Paul Fr Bill 832096**

**\*\*\*Please note that there are CCTV cameras in the church, car park & Parish Centre.\*\*\***

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**1st Reading:** Abraham is prepared to sacrifice his son, the one so miraculously conceived and the only hope of the fulfilment of the promise, because of his complete faith and obedience to God.

**2nd Reading:** Our total confidence in God is rooted in the sacrifice of his only Son on our behalf.

**Gospel:** The identity of Jesus is revealed and the obedience of his disciples is called for on the mountain of Transfiguration.

**Coming to Mass:**

\*Are you new to St Mary's? Welcome! Please make yourself known to the Mass Stewards at the entrance. They will be happy to speak with you and offer an information pack. It contains lots of info about the parish, how to get involved & how to get help.

\*Coughs and sneezes spread diseases. Don't bring them to church! Stay at home in the warm, get better and watch Mass via the livestream.

\*Lifts to Mass St Mary's SVP can facilitate lifts to Mass for anyone who has a particular difficulty in getting to Church eg the elderly. Contact John Desmond 07553022059 or email him [presidentB040313@svp.org.uk](mailto:presidentB040313@svp.org.uk)

\*Are you housebound and would like to be visited? Have you got an elderly/sick relative who can no longer come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home? Ring Fr Jeremy 01225 311715/email the parish office.  
\*Lost something? All lost property is now kept in the Parish Office ready for you to collect.

**PARISH OFFICE Inside the Parish Centre**

**Parish Administrator:** Charlotte Boyall

[Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) 01225 314114

Postal items: 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF

**THIS WEEK:** Parish Office open 9.00am-noon Wed & Friday. Email Mon, Tues & Thurs.

**Bulletin:** Send info by noon Wednesdays please. Email Charlotte to receive the bulletin by email and/or join the parishioner email list: all the links in the e-bulletin work by clicking on them.

**Parish Centre:** Available for hire from £7.00ph  
**To register as a parishioner,** complete & return the census form. Paper copies available at the back of the church or on the website <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>.

**Car Park:** St Mary's 2024 Car Park parishioner permits allow 4 hours parking per week (£82.50). Email the parish office for an application form or pick up one from the back of the church.

**St Mary's WIFI password:** GuestWIFI

**Parish Safeguarding Reps:**

Barbara Palmer and Barbara Summerfield

[psr.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:psr.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)

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**St Mary's St Vincent de Paul group**

John Desmond [presidentB040313@svp.org.uk](mailto:presidentB040313@svp.org.uk)

**Gift Aid** [GA.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:GA.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)

**Treasurers** Helen Bletso, Barbara Summerfield and Janet Freeman

[treasurer.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:treasurer.bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)

**SANCTUARY LAMPS:** Three 7-day candles are available to purchase for your intentions. Please put the money in an envelope and write the chosen lamp, your name & the intention on the front of the envelope. Minimum offering per candle £5 to cover its cost. Please give the envelope to Fr Jeremy/one of the stewards.

**Week beginning Sunday 18th February**

Sanctuary lamp 1: Rowan (unwell)

**JOBS**

\*Headteacher: St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bath. Applications by 26th Feb. Info [here](https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk)

\*Head of Theology & PSHE Leader:

St Bernadette's Catholic School, Whitechurch.

Applications by 29th Feb Info [here](https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk)

\*St Michael's Without, Bath: 4+ jobs details on the **News and Events** page of our website

\*Finance & Property Support Officer needed to strengthen central finance & property functions at Clifton Diocese Curia offices. Part-time, 2yr fixed term contract, 25hrs pw, based at Alexander House, Bristol. Info: [Clifton Diocese](https://www.cliftondiocese.org.uk) or contact Simon Hussey, Head of Finance 0117 902 5591. Closing date: Friday 8th March

**LENT: PRAYERS**

BathCAN Prayers for every day of Lent. Download the prayers [here](https://www.bathcan.org.uk) (paper copies in church). **CAFOD** have Lent resources to help families pray together, inc. colour-in calendars.

**LENT** Bishop Declan is to celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese. Nearest venue

**St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Wed 21st Feb 7.00pm.** Priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation..

**LENT Stations of the Cross** in the church at 6.00pm every Friday during Lent. Never been? John Desmond will help you. If you want to know more about the Stations of the Cross, watch Cardinal Vincent Nichols [here](https://www.vincentnichols.com) or have a look at the **CAFOD** prayer resources

**This week we remember:**

Bridget Hanbury RIP and Rose McCarthy RIP who both died recently; Iris Fernando, Christian McDonagh, Rosemary Wells, Ursula (Hattie) Minch, Heather Barham, Rita Tora, Edith Cox, Patricia Valentine and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Funeral Mass: Bridget Hanbury RIP

1.00pm Tuesday 5th March

Funeral Mass: Rose McCarthy RIP

10.30am Friday 8th March

**SYNOD 2024** As invited by Pope Francis, we continue to explore the synodal approach at St Mary's, as follows:

**NEW SYNOD LISTENING GROUP: Learning from Timothy Radcliffe**

Join us fortnightly for our ongoing synod group. During Lent we are watching and then reflecting on the talks Timothy offered to the Rome Synod delegates last October.

Next gathering: Wed 21st Feb; fortnightly after that. 7.15/7.30 – 9.00pm

**BIG LENT CAFOD 200km WALK 2024**

The Synod group warmly invites anyone to drop in without commitment & share a walk, during Lent. We're seeking sponsorship in the fight against poverty as some of us walk towards the 200km target on a daily basis across the 40 days. Let us know if you would like to join us: Fridays after 10am Mass for 5km (3 miles, about 1.5 hrs) or as long as you wish; or Saturdays for a possibly longer walk, (email for details). There may be an eco/Laudato Si theme, spotting beaver clues, litter picking, visiting Champion trees, welcoming Spring, silent meditation Ideas welcome! Please only sponsor us if you able: go to [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) & search for Mary Ashton CAFOD: you will sponsor all those walking, whatever distance, as a communal effort of mutual encouragement.

Any questions/ for more info: email [mary-paradox@outlook.com](mailto:mary-paradox@outlook.com) or [stephen-paradox@outlook.com](mailto:stephen-paradox@outlook.com)

**LENT: The God who Speaks online calendar**

"Doors onto Salvation: Faith for the Lenten Journey" is a devotional guide for Lent, featuring daily reflections on images, Bible texts, and action points, leading up to Christ's death and resurrection.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lent-calendar/>

**SJOG Homes for Ukraine** As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG acts as a matching, training & support pathway for guests from Ukraine & hosts in the UK willing to provide support. We operate with Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) & offer services to ensure a fulfilling experience for guests & hosts. These include matching, training for hosts & guests, travel assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, & support during the placement. More info about how to get involved: [sjog-homesforukraine.uk](https://www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk)

**SYNOD 'Listening with the Heart' series – an introduction to small group facilitation**

An opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Lenten Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other parish groups. The short session will help us develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. **Nearest venue:**  
**Sat 16th March** St John's Church, Bath (after 9.30am Mass)  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-808837323207>

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wed 14-24 Feb** Lent **Vigil for Climate justice**

**Sun 18th Feb** Lent Holy hour - adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Lent 3.45-4.45pm

**Mon 19th Feb** Lectio Divina online

**Mon 19th Feb** Beacons afternoon of tea and chat, St Alphege's parish centre, 2-4pm

**Tues 20th Feb "Lord, teach us to pray"** "The prayer of Jesus" (Fr Dermot Power), 7.00pm, St John's Church, South Parade. A year of talks on prayer, great pray-ers of the Church and how to pray, as we journey to the Holy Year of 2025. Livestreamed on <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk/>  
**Tues 20th Feb** Light & Truth Lent online retreat begins 7.30pm

**Wed 21st Feb** Liturgy of Reconciliation, St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, 7.00pm.

**Wed 21st Feb** Synod Listening Group

**Thurs 22nd Feb** World Sports ministry vision night, Weston Hub, Penn Hill Road, BA1 4EH 7.00pm. "We hope to have sports minded people from lots of different churches and organisations there so that we can grow a network team that includes their church & prays together, plans together & reaches out for Jesus together." Watch the video [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)  
More info: email Grant Sheppard at [grant@worldsportministries.com](mailto:grant@worldsportministries.com)

**Thurs 22nd Feb** Please join us for a Healing Mass with the anointing of the sick on at St John's Church 7.00pm. If you feel in need of some physical, mental, spiritual or emotional healing come along to the Mass

**Fri 23rd Feb** CAFOD fast day. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Watch [here](https://www.cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day) Give using the envelope or online at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

**Fri 23rd Feb** Lent CAFOD walk 10.30am-ish

**Fri 23rd Feb** Lent Stations of the Cross 6.00pm, and every Friday during Lent

**Tues 27th Feb** First Holy Communion:

2nd session for parents, 7.00pm Parish Centre

**Sat 2nd March** Malayalam Mass

**Sun 3rd March** "Hello neighbour" Sunday

**Mon 4th March** CAFE BANES 7.30pm Speaker Martin Palmer, theologian and conservationist Keynsham Methodist Church, Queens Road, Keynsham BS31 2NN.

**Wed 6th March** SVP tea and chat, Parish Centre 10.30am (after 10.00am Mass)

**Wed 6th March** Gardening group, 2.00pm

**Sat 9th March** Sacrament of Reconciliation for Holy Communion children 11.00am in church  
**Sun 10th March** Stephen Riedlinger will speak at each Mass about Aid to the Church in Need <https://acnuk.org/>

**Thurs 21st March** First Holy Communion:

3rd session for parents, 7.00pm Parish Centre

**Palm Sunday 24th March** Masses as usual

**Wed 27th March** Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral. St John's parish are organising a coach. More info to follow (times, cost).

**Holy Thursday 28th March** Mass of the last Supper with Washing of the Feet 7.30pm

**REGULAR EVENTS:**

**Sundays: Children's Liturgy 10.30am Mass**

Takes place in the Sacristy during 10:30am Sunday Mass, open to children up to pre First Holy Communion stage. Its' themes run in parallel with the Mass covering Contrition & the Gospel of the day. The children have a creative period where we decorate our board which we bring into the Church when we return for the Offertory. Parents welcome too. Latecomers can access the group via the Sacristy door on the outside of the church, next to the car park.

**Sundays: Coffee after 10.30am Mass**

Everybody welcome! Come to the Parish Centre and meet other parishioners.

**3rd Sundays of the month** Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, families & friends 3pm St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 ORE.

[inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:inclusionforall@cliftondiocese.com)

**Fortnightly Mondays: Lectio Divina Group** We use Divine Reading to lead our reading & sharing of the Gospel for Sunday.

Meet 7.30pm via Zoom. **Next: 19th Feb**

Info: Graham 07889 495419

**Tuesdays: St Mary's Art Club** All welcome to take part in the workshop format. £2.00 1.30-3.30pm St Mary's Parish Centre. Info: Joe Evans 07853 810041

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays:** Ecumenical Christian Meditation Group 7-8.15pm Parish Centre. Info: Deirdre 01225 872110

**1st Wednesdays** The Parish SVP provides tea & chat for everyone after 10.00am Mass/ 10.30am. We also welcome our neighbours from Christ Church. The SVP support those who may be isolated, house-bound or lonely & would benefit from a visit from members of the SVP. Info: [presidentB040313@svp.org.uk](mailto:presidentB040313@svp.org.uk)

**\*\*\*1st Wednesdays** Parish Gardening Group Next meeting: 6th March 2.00pm at church when you will get an opportunity to meet many of the members. Info: Ian Ellis\*\*\*

**2nd and 4th Wednesdays** Bath Philatelic Society meets in the Parish Centre, 1.30-4.30pm. Contact Kevin Darcy via parish office.

**Fridays** We have a standing invitation to Cedar Tree Community Cafe, Christ Church, Julian Road 11.00am-1.30pm

**1st Saturdays** Malayalam Mass usually 2.30pm, St Mary's Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

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**Clifton Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage** 23rd-30th August. Info: [Diocese website](https://www.diocese.org.uk) or contact 0117 9025590 [lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com)

**Collection 11th February**

Collection	£562.64
Contactless giving	£120.00
Direct donations to bank	£0
Live streaming	£0
Envelopes	£0
Standing orders	£1356.20
Tax recovery (Gift Aid)	£339.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2377.89</b>

Weekly cost of running the parish £2570.00  
**Gift aid donation** forms in the church porch. Complete & send it to the Parish Office.