



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

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

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Deacon: Rev. Richard Hayward (Rtd)



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**“With God on our side who can be against us?” Romans 8:31**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Year B Proper of the Season, Psalter 2**

**Sunday 25th February 2024**

9.00am Mass [Evelyn Dunn \(anniv.\)](#)

10.30am Mass [Olderigo & Giaconda](#)

[D'Andrea RIP](#)

3.45pm Holy Hour (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

5.00pm Mass [People of the Parish](#)

**Monday 26th February**

**Weekday of Lent**

No Mass

**Tuesday 27th February**

**Weekday of Lent**

No Mass

**Wednesday 28th February**

**Weekday of Lent**

10.00am Mass [John Barrance RIP](#)

**Thursday 29th February**

**Weekday of Lent**

No Mass

**Friday 1st March**

**St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales**

10am Mass [Fr Peter & Mrs Hilary Cornwell RIP](#)

6.00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 2nd March**

**Weekday of Lent**

10.00am Mass [Benefactors](#)

10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation. Usually available 10.30-11.00am on Saturdays & by request.

**Parish prayer link:**

For the family of Alexei Navalny RIP

For all prisoners and captives

**Diocesan Church Prayer Link:**

St George/ St Teresa of Lisieux, Taunton

St John Fisher, Wellington with Wiveliscombe

**BAPTISM**

Congratulations to the family of Alara Siongeo, who was baptised at St Mary's recently.

**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.\*\*\***

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**1st Reading:** The Ten Commandments remind us that true religion brings with it duties towards God and our neighbour.

**2nd Reading:** God's ways are not our ways and so contrary to all expectation he redeemed us by the cross of Christ, not by the spectacular power of miracles or brilliant reasoning of philosophy.

**Gospel:** The meeting place of God and humankind is no longer a temple of stone, but the person of Christ.

**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)

\*Nappies: We have a changing table for babies in the disabled toilet in the parish centre. Please take all soiled items home with you. Do not leave them in the bins.

**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, and their catechists.

**PARISH OFFICE Inside the Parish Centre**

**Parish Administrator:** Charlotte Boyall

[Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) 01225314114

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.

**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 25th February**  
Sanctuary lamp 1: Barbara Boyall RIP

**Virtual Sit Meditations for Lent**

Join the CAC online contemplative community for Lenten **Virtual Sit Meditations** every Friday during Lent. Since 1987, the Center for Action and Contemplation has begun each day with a 20-minute period of contemplative prayer that founder Fr Richard Rohr calls "Daily Sit." Walk the self-emptying path of Jesus in a series of free Virtual Sit Meditations broadcast on CAC's **YouTube channel** every Friday 7-9pm during Lent. Led by CAC faculty and staff, these Virtual Sit Meditations explore teachings from Richard Rohr's book **Wondrous Encounters** while offering a time of shared insight, stillness, and reflection.

**Invited** God offers us a radical invitation but what does it mean to say yes? What does it mean to be a Catholic? What do we believe & how do we grow deeper in our Faith? A 12-week course to enable us to explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. For anyone interested in learning more about their faith & passing it onto others - very useful for new & experienced catechists. Although it is not necessary to attend every session (they are stand-alone) we hope that the group will grow into a community. Where? The Immaculate Conception Church, Stroud. Wednesdays: 17&24 April; 1,15&22 May; 5,12,19&26 June; 3,10&17 July, 7-9pm. Info [cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/](http://cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/) Book via the form & send it to [catechists@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:catechists@cliftondiocese.com) or Department of Adult Education & Evangelisation, Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TX.

**This week we remember:**

Barbara Boyall, Evelyn Dunn, John Barrance, Margaret Hogg, Philippa Hardwood 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: [Hilary Cornwell RIP](#)

St John's Church, 1.30pm Friday 1st March

Funeral Mass: [Bridget Hanbury RIP](#)

St Mary's, 1.00pm Tuesday 5th March

Funeral Mass: [Rose McCarthy RIP](#)

St Mary's, 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:

**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 6th March; 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 10.00am 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). Please only sponsor us if you able: go to [JustGiving.com](http://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)

**NEW! St. Mary's Open Church:**

**Last Thursday of every month starting 28th March 10.00am -12 noon**

We invite YOU to join us in our church as we are opening OUR church for the following:

\*Private Prayer

\*A new venture of a Knit and Natter group and will be supporting various people in need of knitted or crochet items eg. Ukraine – warm items; Hearts for Palliative care at the RUH; Babies born sleeping; Lap blankets or baby blankets...there are many more groups in need of support.

\*Gentleman: you're invited to either join us for a natter or start your own social natter group. Everyone is Welcome. Please email Pat and Joy if you would like to come and join this new venture to give us an idea of numbers. Thank you. [patjoy.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:patjoy.kelly@gmail.com)

**JOB** Finance & Property Support Officer needed to strengthen central finance & property functions at Clifton Diocese Curia offices, Bristol. Info: [Clifton Diocese](mailto:Clifton Diocese) or contact Simon Hussey, Head of Finance 0117 9025591.

**LENT: PRAYERS** BathCAN Prayers for every day of Lent. Download the prayers [here](#) (paper copies in church). **CAFOD** have Lent resources to help families pray together, inc. colour-in calendars.

**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 any parish groups. 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:**

**Sun 25th Feb CAFOD COLLECTION.** 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](#) Give using the envelope or online <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>  
**Sun 25th Feb** Lent Holy hour - adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Lent 3.45-4.45pm

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

2nd session for parents, 7.00pm Parish Centre

**Fri 1st March** Lent CAFOD walk 10.30am-ish

**Fri 1st March** Lent Stations of the Cross 6.00pm, and every Friday during Lent. It is a remembrance of Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion. The stations grew out of imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, a traditional processional route symbolising the path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary.

**Sat 2nd March** Malayalam Mass  
**Sun 3rd March** "Hello neighbour" Sunday  
**Mon 4th March** Lectio Divina online  
**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

**Wed 6th March** Synod Listening Group

**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/>

**Fri 15th March** Malayalam Lent Retreat 6.30pm, St Mary's Church

**Mon 18th March** The Beacons - St Patrick's day celebration. St Alphege's Parish hall, 2-4pm.

**Thurs 21st March** First Holy Communion: 3rd session for parents, 7.00pm Parish Centre

**Thurs 21st March** Haydn's The Creation, 7pm Downside Abbey with The Downside Schola Cantorum and The Downside Choral Society Tickets £7 per/U18 free from [TryBooking.com](http://TryBooking.com)

**Palm Sunday 24th March** Masses with processions of palms

**Wed 27th March** Chrism Mass 11.00am Clifton Cathedral. Bishop Declan will be the main Celebrant & will bless the three oils: the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and Holy Chrism. St John's Parish will provide a coach to take parishioners to and from the cathedral. If you would like a seat, please email Janet Flinn [bath.stjohntheevangelist@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stjohntheevangelist@cliftondiocese.com) £7.00 per person.

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

**Good Friday 29th March** Mass 3.00pm with Children's Liturgy in the parish Centre 2.45pm

**Holy Saturday 30th March** Vigil Mass 7.00pm

**Easter Sunday 31st March** Masses as usual. Clocks go forward.

**Sun 7th April** Divine Mercy Sunday plus "Hello neighbour" Sunday

**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: 4th March**

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.

**\*\*\*Last Thursday of every month starting**

**28th March** St. Mary's Open Church 10.00am-

12 noon. Private prayer and a Knit and Natter

group. Email Pat and Joy Kelly

[patjoy.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:patjoy.kelly@gmail.com)

**Fridays** 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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**Collection 18th February**

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

Weekly cost of running the parish £2570.00

**Gift aid donation** forms in the church porch.

Complete & send it to the Parish Office.