

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27th November 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS	DONOR
Saturday 26 Nov	6.30pm	Agata Page P/Int	Laima Neverauslus
Sunday 27 Nov	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	The Bergin Family Hannah Curnow Kuruvilla Chacko (Anni) Jean & Harry Easton Brazilian Mass	Mon & Nick Finan Curnow Family Jose Kuruvilla & Family Rob & Kath
Monday 28 Nov	9.00am	Chrissie Barrett RIP	Mary Dineen
Tuesday 29 Nov	7.30pm	Hannah Curnow (P/Int)	Mary Dineen
Wed 30 Nov	9.15am	Class Mass Years 5&6 Deceased members of the Dineen & Collins Families	Mary Dineen
Thu 1 Dec	9.00am 5.00pm	Pat Parker Pat Parker body to be received into the church	Private Intention
Friday 2 Dec	2.00pm	Requiem Mass for Pat Parker	
Sat 3 Dec	6.30pm	Thanksgiving for Tafara & Jagoda V C Joseph RIP Bernard Stadden (P/Int)	Chinamora Family George Kalathara Sheila & Liz
Sunday 4 Dec Second Sunday of Advent	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Thanksgiving Sullivan & Nooney Families Bill Nooney memorial Marie Farrell Brazilian Mass	Laiju Family Margaret Nooney Margaret Nooney Margaret Nooney

Rosary: Half an hour before weekday Mass
Confessions: Before all weekend Masses and **on request**
Exposition: Saturday 5.30pm followed by The Rosary at 5.45pm
Tuesday-Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm

CURRENT NEWS/WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Elfridges and Santa Grotto

The St Patrick's Elfridges and Santa Grotto will take place in the Brooks Hall on Thursday 1st December from 2pm for St Patrick's school children. It will be lovely to see all the children enjoying music, hot chocolate, festive face painting and entertainment. They may even find a perfect Christmas present for their parents on one of our stalls! Parents will not be disappointed with number of Christmas themed stalls including:

- Handmade clothes by Nanny Annie's Creations
- Zero waste toiletries by Homemade at 54
- Children's Christmas activity packs & books by Usborne
- Handmade African dolls by Bintu's Dolls

New Parish Noticeboard

We now have a new electronic noticeboard on our television in the Narthex. Thank you to Donald and Emmanuel for setting this up. All notices we receive are displayed for 15 seconds before moving on to the next notice. This alternative way of displaying information replaces the former poster noticeboard.

St Patrick's Music

Welcome to members of the Brazilian Choir who will sing at the 10.00am Mass this Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the school choir's participation last Sunday.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for Pat Parker who died recently. Pat's body will be received into the church on Thursday 1st December at 5pm. Her Requiem Mass will be at 2pm on Friday 2nd December, followed by cremation at South Bristol Crematorium. Pat was a lifelong member of St Patrick's. Pat was a member of the Choir, Music group, Widows Society, Women's Group, a Charity shop volunteer and always participated in all parish activities, social events, parish holidays, pilgrimages. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her son Graham, his wife Kim and grandchildren Sean and Georgina. May she rest in peace.

The Month of The Holy Souls – November

Throughout the whole of November, we pray for our deceased family, friends and parishioners. We are especially asked to pray for those who have died and who have no one to pray for them. All of the deceased are known as The Holy Souls. Our prayers assist their journey after death from Purgatory to Heaven. The Holy Souls pray for us, and their prayers assist our life on Earth. In this month we remember that The Living and The Dead are not separated but remain eternally united in love and prayer.

Please pray for the following people who have been buried from St Patrick's this year.

Maureen Ryan, Bill Gage, Helena Fluck, Jim Hawkins, John Cunningham, Terry Sullivan and Joe Geaney, Pat Parker, Anna Twilley (Bergin)

Catholic Directories

The Catholic Diocesan Directories for 2023 are now on sale in the Narthex at £6 each. The Liturgical Diary is £6.50. This book gives you information about all of the churches in the Diocese including Mass times and general information.

Royal British Legion

The collection raised for the Royal British Legion from the sale of poppies in the church amounted to £130. Thank you.

Centenary Planning Meeting

There will be a meeting in the Shore Gallery on Tuesday 28th November at 8pm after mass to plan for this exciting year ahead. Please come along and join us in making this a great year for the parish and all its parishioners.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

We would like to invite parishioners to the start of our Centenary celebrations on New Year's Eve, Saturday 31st December. We have organised a sit down meal with drinks and a live band to follow. Tickets are now available after all Masses and from the parish office during the week (Tuesday to Friday) at a cost of £25 per person.

New Year's Day Picnic

The Women's Group is organizing a New Year's Day picnic party for all parishioners. Families especially welcome. It will commence at 1.00pm in The Brooks Hall after the New Year's Day Mass which will be at 12 noon. This event is free, but we need to know numbers for catering purposes and admission will be by **ticket only**. There will be a Children's Disco and games in the marquee. There is a list in the Narthex and **tickets will be available after all Masses and from the parish office** during the week (Tuesday to Friday). This free event for everyone to enjoy and get our year of Celebration off to a great community start.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays

In order to prepare for Saturday evening 6.30 pm Mass please note that The Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament on a **Saturday evening will be from 5.45 pm to 6.10 pm** only with just the rosary being said (no litanies added) to allow for these preparations. Many thanks.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Daily

From Tuesday – Friday between 9.30 am and 4pm, The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in church for private devotions and prayer.

Please remember in your Prayers the following people who are sick

Bernadette Newton, Gracy Mathew, Fergal Treanor, Patrick Smith, Mick Lewis, Mary Dias, Alfred Chojnackie, Elinor Agius, John Caherty, Paula Delves, Maciej Kauczynski, James Brown, Helena Irena Boucher, Hannah Curnow, Johnny Enright, Anne Dillon, Maggie Cronin, Grace Karimu, Debbie Redfern, Irene Agidee & Angela Wahinya & family, Sarah Mizen, Marian Speirs, Katie Cunningham, Fiona Bradley, Stephen Bradley, Liz Gale, Geraldine Dewfall, Sister Biddy, Jim Brooks, Grace Strong, Laura Birkett, Gwen White, Carol Skinner, Bernard Stadden, Agata Page.

Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list.

First Holy Communion 2023

There will be a meeting with parents of First Holy Communion children in the Shore Gallery at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13 December.

Christmas Services

Sunday 18 December	3.00-4.00pm	Carol Concert followed by mince pie & mulled wine
Saturday 24 December		
Christmas Eve	6.30pm	Family Mass
	10.00pm	Midnight Mass
Sunday 25 December		
Christmas Day	10.00am	Parish Mass
	6.00pm	Brazilian Mass
Monday 26 December		
Boxing Day	12.00 noon	Feast of St Stephen

Confessions for Christmas

There will be three priests hearing confessions after all Masses on 11 December and 18 December.

COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP

Tea and Coffee after Mass

Tea and Coffee will be served after the 8.30am and 10.00am Mass today by The Polish Community. Next week 4th December, The African Community are on duty.

Parish Office – Volunteers Needed

If you have a few hours to spare during the week, the parish office could do with your help. No experience needed, there is always plenty to do. Please think about helping your parish in this way.

Fundraising Team – Help Needed Urgently

We are now in the process of reinstating the Fundraising Team. If you would like to be involved and join this group, please sign the list in the church narthex and/or contact the parish office. Being part of this important Team is very rewarding and people also make new friends while helping the parish at the same time. The Team would generally meet once a month and with the Centenary approaching will play a very important role in parish life. Go on, give it a try!

Parish Photographic Book

A parish book of photographs is going to be compiled and given free to all parishioners. Please send in any photos from 1920 onwards with BRIEF comments and LABEL CLEARLY FOR RETURN. The book will be published for the main celebration of our Centenary year - St. Patrick's Day.

Sponsors

If anyone would like, or organization/business that would like to advertise in the bulletin, Parish website and/or Church noticeboard, please contact Diana Bleaken in the Parish office.

Ministries in the Parish

Volunteers needed: (1) Welcomers / Ushers at 6.30 pm Saturday evening Mass. (1) Readers at 6.30 pm Saturday evening Mass. Full training will be given together with DBS checks. The more volunteers we have would mean the less often you would be on duty. If you would like to take on a Ministry, please contact the parish office.

Help Needed for the Disadvantaged

Fr Richard McKay of St Nicholas of Tolentino writes: Our community is privileged to serve those among the poorest and most disadvantaged of our city. Every week we are providing food for 500-600 people through our Food Bank 'St Nicholas Bread'. Our 'Caritas' Destitution Fund is currently giving a £10 top-up for gas and electric to 150 people a month – and this number is growing month by month. We would like to give the top-up a little more frequently. With your support we can help more vulnerable people more often. Thank you on their behalf for anything you can give

EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Baptism Talks

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11.30am (after the 10.00am Mass).

(1) Parents must attend two Talks A and B before their child(ren) can be baptised. The Talks take place in the church on the second Sunday of each month at 11.00 am – immediately after the 10 am Mass. The next Talk will be on Sunday 11th December.

St Patricks School Food Support

(1) St Patrick's School has set up a mini food bank to support families in our school with the rising cost of living. They are happy to receive any donations towards this food bank. Please send/take your items of food to the school office or bring them to Church on Sunday and place them in the **donation box in the narthex**. Thank you for your continued support.

Time to Start School Centenary Planning Meeting

There will be a meeting in the Shore Gallery on Tuesday 28th November at 8pm after mass to plan for this exciting year ahead. Please come along and join us in making this a great year for the parish and all its parishioners.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form either online or on paper that is available from the school Admissions Team of Bristol City Council for admission during the 2023 – 2024 school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2023**.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2022 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins

8.30am Paul & Denise Gaiger

10.00am Deacon Rob, Rose Adims

READERS

6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey

8.30am Sister Leenamary, Daniel Beasley-Suffolk

10.00am Dona Jiji, Moline Nderemani

BIDDING PRAYERS: Sister Leenamary

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Volunteer, Volunteer

8.30am Jan Lewis, Volunteer

10.00am Yetunde & Jerome Ajakaiye

Church Cleaners: Team Two: Caroline, Victoria, Beata, Martha

Offertory Counters: Team 1: Laura & John Bradley

Tea and Coffee Rota: African Community