

# ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Clergy House, Dillon Court, Netham Road, Redfield, Bristol, BS5 9PF

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) GAUDETE SUNDAY

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS	DONOR
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec Gaudete Sunday	6.30pm	Antonieta & Mario Lagana	Angela Farrell
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Chrissie Barrett RIP (Months mind) Murphy Family (P/Int) Nellie Ferby (Anniv) Joel Geo (P/Int) Thanksgiving Alphonsa Brazilian	Curnow Family Maureen & Andy Grey Jan Lewis Gigi & Geo Jose Family
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	People of the Parish	Greg
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	Heffernan Family (Deceased)	Terry & Nuala
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	Deceased of the Grant Family	
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	Deceased of the Brumby Family	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon	Jamie Brooks (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Jim Brooks Birthday	Julie Brooks & Family
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm	Patrick Collins Frances Leventhal (Anniv)	Mary Dineen
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Molly Foley Lacken Family (P/Int) Concannon & Dando Families Chinamora Family Thanksgiving Alvia Jacob (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) Usha Jose (Anniv) Brazilian Mass	Foley Family Maureen & Andy Gray Concannon Family Agnes Chinamora Thomas Family Alexander Family

**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

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## **CURRENT NEWS/WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent, when we celebrate the nearness of Christmas. We light the pink candle today and Canon Gregory will wear rose coloured vestments as we continue our spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ. Tomorrow, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, is the feast day of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the patron saint of the Americas. At a time in Mexican history when human sacrifices were still remembered, Our Lady appeared to a poor Indian widower called Juan Diego. She appeared in a cloud of light dressed like an Aztec princess to tell Juan to persuade the Bishop of Mexico to build her a chapel. Poor Juan tried to avoid carrying the message but eventually carried roses in his cloak, his tilda, to the Bishop. At the sight of them, the Bishop and his priests fell to their knees as they could see the beautiful picture of Our Lady which had miraculously appeared on the tilda. In a very short time, 9m Indians became Catholics. **St John of the Cross**, considered one of the foremost poets in Spanish, is celebrated on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Your Christmas giving in church is a personal gift to Canon Gregory. Please be generous at the collections taken at all Masses on Christmas Day. Christmas donation envelopes will be attached to the bulletin next week.

### **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 received are displayed for 15 seconds before moving on to the next notice. This alternative way of displaying information replaces the former poster noticeboard.

### **POPPY APPEAL**

We have now received the final amount for the Poppy Appeal which includes the red boxes and we raised £182.95.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE CATHEDRAL**

A traditional Christmas lunch, with all the trimmings, is being served in the Apostle Room at Clifton Cathedral at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for the lunch and transport can be arranged if required. To book a place, please phone or text Robert on 07767 706 163 or email [robert.von.hawrylak@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:robert.von.hawrylak@cliftondiocese.com). **If you would like to volunteer to help at the lunch, please do get in contact.**

### **300 CLUB BIG DRAW**

The 300 Club big draw will take place this Sunday after the 10.00am Mass in the Shore Gallery. First prize £500. You need to be paid up to date to be entered for the Prize Draw.

### **300 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER 2022**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Anne Gachango, Vicki Harangozo, Gosia Pajak, Barrie & Sam Farrell, Helen Coggins. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Janet Lewis, Terry Coggins, Jaida Fihosy, Sarah Box, Claire Coetzee. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Neil English, Dave Hale, Stuart Gaiger, Thomas Bradley, Dominic Hewitt. Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Nick Regan, Bridget Hemmings, Diane McGuinness, Marie Preston, Edward Jaworski.

## CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

### NEW YEARS EVE DINNER & DANCE

We would like to invite parishioners to the start of our Centenary Celebrations on New Year's Eve, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December. We have organised a sit-down meal with drinks for 100, 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. Please purchase your tickets before they sell out.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY PICNIC 1.00pm – 4.00pm

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. There are only 200 tickets available which have nearly all been allocated so please put your name down as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

### Raffle Prizes

Prizes for the raffle would be gratefully received. You may have some Christmas presents to be recycled. Please bring your donations to the Church.

If people have put their names on the list for either of these events and have not received a ticket, please come to the parish office for your tickets. If you pay on the Dona machine, please notify the parish office of the date of the payment. Admission to both events are **TICKET ONLY**.

## ST PATRICK'S CHARITY SHOP

If you are looking for reasonably priced Christmas presents, St Patrick's Charity Shop on Church Road has put on a display of new and nearly new gifts at bargain prices. These include toiletries, jewellery and perfume as well as a good selection of toys.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DAILY

From Tuesday – Friday between 9.30am and 4.00pm, 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, Geraldine Dewfall, Sister Bidy, Jim Brooks, Grace Strong, Laura Birkett, Gwen White, Carol Skinner, Bernard Stadden, Agata Page, Father Frank Birmingham, Ian Cleverly, Cecile McFarling, Graham Tiley.

**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 for parents whose child(ren) will be eligible to receive his/her First Communion next year. Children must be in Year 3 to be eligible.

The meeting for all parents on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm .**

The First Holy Communion Classes will start in March 2023. Date of First Holy Communion and other information will be announced at that meeting.

### **DECEMBER FESTIVE MASS TIMES**

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2.00 -3.00pm</b>	Carol Concert followed by mince pies & mulled wine
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>10.00pm</b>	Family Mass Midnight Mass
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day	<b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Parish Mass Brazilian Mass
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Boxing Day	<b>12.00 noon</b>	Feast of St Stephen
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	Polish Mass
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>8.30am</b> <b>12.00 noon</b>	

### **Confessions for Advent**

There will be two priests hearing confession after all Masses today December and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

Please join us for the Carol Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at **2.00pm**. **Please not the change of time from 3.00pm as we do not want to compete with the World Cup Final.** There will be mince pies and mulled wine served after the service in the Shore Gallery and the World Cup Final will be shown on a TV.

### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Please pray for the following in the month of December. Con Kennedy, Michael Beck, Jack King, Edward Hogan, Carol Jenkins, Terence Barry, Hilda & William Davies, Nellie & Arthur Pearce, Peter Hunt, Charles Pibworth, Karl Randles, Ann & Nelson Driscoll, Ellen & Michael Comerford, Tom Lynch, Geoffrey Preston, Joyce Holbrook, Dorothy Richards, Vera Shapcott, Dennis Parker, Sister Marylin, Nellie Morgan, Edith Moore, George Haskins, Molly Foley, Arthur Robbins, Catherine Groves, Leon Figurski, Rita Phillips, Ivan Plettell, The Salvatorian Sisters, Harry McEntee, Hilda Deacon: The Dee, Richards, Cosgrove, Haberbosch, Reutens, James, Haynes, Pritchard and McCarthy Families, Myra & Tom Jennings, Peter Bradley, Emmet Locke, Brumby Family, Stephen Nosi, Johanna Nosi, Mary Joyce, Marie Grant, Joan King, Neil Hunter, Stephen Wren, Alison Paskell, Leslie Nelson, William Commons, Christine Hale, Nancy & Jim Gibbons , Matthew O'Leary, Ron Stone, Clarice & Walter Blackford, Mary Davies, Rosemary Walker, Antonietta Lagana, Jenny Rose, Ellen Morgan, Nkechi Cordelia Okeke, Robert Bernard McGuinness, Muriel Gaiger, Fredrick Joseph and Stella Violet May.

### **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 Indian Community. Next week 18th December, The Women's Group 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.

## **PAN AFRICAN COMMUNITY FAMILY GET TOGETHER**

Parishioners from more than 10 different African countries have formed a group known as The Pan African Community. They have a great choir and organise social events. They are having an end of year family get together next Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm and would like to invite all parishioners to attend. Lunch provided, no charge for guests. Please just turn up there is always enough for everyone. At a recent meeting Chris Boateng was elected chair of this group and Fatmata the secretary. We thank them for taking on these roles.

## **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! Keep a look out for the date of the next meeting.

## **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.

## **MINISTRIES IN THE PARISH**

Volunteers needed: (1) Welcomers/Ushers at 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass. (1) Readers at 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass. Full training will be given. 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.

## **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FOOD SUPPORT**

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.

## **PARISH CENSUS FORM**

It is lovely to see many new faces in our congregation. Everyone is asked to fill out a census form for our parish records. They are located at the end of the church bench. Please put your completed form in the box provided in the Narthex. If you have moved, married or changed your census information please complete a new form. Thank you for helping keep our information up to date. Parishioners who register qualify for benefits including discount on hall and outings for youth etc.

## **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 11.00am – immediately after the 10 am Mass. The next Talk will be today Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### **TIME TO START SCHOOL**

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

### **ST PATRICKS SCHOOL NEWS**

The Christmas plays are taking place in the last week of term and we look forward to welcoming **parents** to watch their childrens' performances.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm in the School Hall – Yrs 1 & 2 – Prickly Hay

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm in the School Hall – The Nativity

End of Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

## **MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Joanna Deasey  
8.30am Maria Beasley-Suffolk, Sister Leenamary  
10.00am Deacon Rob, Pete Dewfall

### **READERS**

6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey  
8.30am Helen Jones, Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk  
10.00am Simon & Lisa Peck

**BIDDING PRAYERS:** Helen Jones

### **WELCOMERS:**

6.30pm Volunteer, Volunteer  
8.30am Volunteer, Volunteer  
10.00am Teresa Smaka  
Mary Kearney-Knowles

**Church Cleaners:** Team One: Kay, Terry, Sarah, Ron, Elizabeth

**Offertory Counters:** Team Three: Pauline & Mark Humphrey

**Tea & Coffee Rota:** Women's Group

**Children's Liturgy:** 18<sup>th</sup> December

