**ST PATRICK’S CHURCH**

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

# PARISH PASTORAL TEAM PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 2022

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

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|  | **TIME** | **INTENTION** | **DONOR** |
| Saturday 17th Dec | 6.30pm | Patrick Collins | Mary Dineen |
| Sunday18th Dec  Fourth Sunday of Advent | 8.30am  10.00am      2.00pm  6.00pm | Molly Foley  Lacken Family (P/Int)  Concannon & Dando Families  Family Thanksgiving  Frances Leventhal (Anniv)  Alvia Jacob (1st Anniv)  Usha Jose (Anniv)  Lawrencia Boeteng Thanksgiving  Carol Service followed by Mince Pies &  Mulled Wine  Brazilian Mass | Foley Family  Maureen & Andy Gray  Concannon Family  Chinamora family  Leventhal family  Thomas Family  Alexander Family  Boeteng Family |
| Monday 19th Dec | 9.00am | Sick & Housebound |  |
| Tuesday 20th Dec | 7.30pm | Denzie & Maureen O’Connor  Patrick Coleman | O’Connor Family  Angela |
| Wed 21st Dec | 9.00am | Kitty Cunningham | Paul Cunningham |
| Thu 22nd Dec | 9.00am | Ann Laiju (P/Int) | Laiju Family |
| Friday 23rd Dec | 12 noon | Phyllis Haynes |  |
| Sat 24th Dec  Christmas Eve | 6.30pm  10.00pm | Family Mass  George Adims  Cordelia Okeke  Thanksgiving Jeffin Jose  Midnight Mass  Sister Maria (Special Int) | Rose & Family  Rose & Family  Jose Family  Salvatorian Sisters |
| Sunday 25th Dec Christmas Day | 10.00am    6.00pm | Joel, Geo & Jiji (P/Int)  Brazilian Mass and Celebration in the Brooks Hall | Dona Jiji |
| Monday 26th Dec  Boxing Day | 12.00 noon | Feast of St Stephen |  |
| Tuesday 27th Dec | 12.00 noon | Polish Mass |  |
| Wed 28th Dec | 9.00am | Ann Laiju (P/int) | Laiju Family |
| Thurs 29th Dec | 9.00am | People of the Parish |  |
| Friday 30th Dec | 12.00 noon | Sarah & Kris (Ints)  Helen & Neil Hunter (P/int) | Holland & Hunter Families |
| Sat 31st Dec | 6.30pm | War Torn Countries |  |
| Sun 1st January | 8.30am  12.00 noon | Grant and Bradley families  Joel (P/int) | Geo & Jiji Dona |

**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**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath. It represents Peace and marks the beginning of the final week before Christmas. This week, we remember how St Francis of Assisi created the first Christmas crib 1223. He lived in Greccio in Italy and remembered a visit he had once made to Bethlehem. He resolved to re-create the manger he had seen there in a cave. The people of the town loved the idea of their own crib and since then, millions of homes recreate the scene of the Saviour’s birth in their own homes.

**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 are attached to the bulletin this week.

**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 WINNERS BIG DRAW**

1st Prize £500 David Skinner, £100 Zac Hatton, £50 Alexis Dixon, £50 S & L Peck, £50 Mani Mulholland, £25 John Varghese, £25 Carole Maggs, £25 Edward Jaworski, £25 Roisin Giles, £10 David Strong, £10 Alan Gigi, £10 S & N McGuiness £10 Jean Lovett, £10 Liz Hewitt, Bonus £100 Dominic Hewitt

**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.

**SCHOOL FUN DAYS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Signature Sports will be running their fun days over the Christmas period from Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd. Fun days can be booked by visiting https://www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk/category/st-patricks-primary-school

**YOUTH CHOIR**

Calling all teenage boys, girls, men & women from 12-25, our Director of Music Tracy McNama plans to form a St Patrick’s Youth Choir to sing with the Music Group on Sunday 22nd January 2023. The Youth Choir will sing the offertory and communion hymns, Stormzy ‘Blinded by your grace’ and Leonard Cohen’s ‘Alleluia’ and we will rehearse on Sunday 8th & 15th January at 11.00am after the 10.00am Mass. We want to encourage this new and valuable contribution to the musical life of the parish. Please contact Tracy McNama through the parish office if you would like to take part. All abilities welcome, no need to read music.

**USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN CHURCH**

There has been a significant rise in the use of mobile video and photography at inappropriate times during Masses, weddings and other recent events. Members of the congregation have been filming entire segments, obstructing the view of other parishioners, moving out of their seats and blocking the aisle and standing behind the musical director to take photographs while the Mass or event is in progress. Please be respectful and remember that the Mass is a sacred event, and a place of worship should be respected. No filming in Church is permitted under any circumstances. This activity is an infringement of our child protection policy and offenders will be asked to leave the Church.

**ST PATRICK’S PARISH OFFICE – CHRISTMAS BREAK**

The parish office will be closing at midday on Thursday 22nd December and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd of January.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

**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 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.

If you require tickets for this event when the Parish Office is closed please contact the Presbytery or Diana Bleaken on 07491998427.

**NEW YEAR’S DAY PICNIC 1.00pm – 4.00pm**

This event is now fully booked. 200 guests are expected to enjoy a great start to the New Year,

**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.

# 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, Marian Speirs, Katie Cunningham, Fiona Bradley, Stephen Bradley, Geraldine Dewfall, Sister Biddy, Jim Brooks, Grace Strong, Laura Birkett, Gwen White, Carol Skinner, Bernard Stadden, Agata Page, Canon Frank Bermingham, Ian Cleverly, Cecile McFarling, Graham TIley.

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

# CATHOLIC DIARIES AND DIRECTORIES

# There are catholic diaries and wooden plaque calendars are available from the repository at £5 each. The catholic directories are available to buy at £6.50 each from the table in the narthex.

# CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

# Please join us this afternoon for the Carol Service at 2.00pm. Please not the change of time from 3.00pm as we do not want to compete with the World Cup Final. Different groups from the parish will be taking part including St Patrick’s children’s choir. 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 McGuiness, 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 Women’s Group. This will be the last one until the New Year. Thank you to all the volunteers this year for providing this service so we can engage socially with each other after Mass.

**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! 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 on Sunday 8th January 2023.

# TIME TO START SCHOOL

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.**

**ST PATRICKS SCHOOL NEWS**

Tuesday 3rd January – Start of Spring term

**MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER 2022**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Christmas Eve**

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Volunteer

10.00pm Deacon Rob, Deacon Denis

**Christmas Day**

10.00am Deacon Rob, Teresa O’Brien

**Feast of St Stephen**

12 noon John Bradley, Teresa O’Brien

**READERS**

**Christmas Eve**

6.30pm Hannah Gilardoni, Daniel Beasley-Suffolk

10.00pm Teresa Smaka, Dona Jiji

**Christmas Day**

10.00am Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk, Dona Jiji

**Feast of St Stephen**

Trish Godfrey – one reading only

**BIDDING PRAYERS**: Deacon Denis

# WELCOMERS:

# Christmas Eve

6.30pm Volunteer, Volunteer

10.00pm Volunteer, Volunteer

**Christmas Day**

10.00am Laura and John Bradley

**Feast of St Stephen**

Teresa O’Brien, Trish Godfrey

**Church Cleaners:** Team One: Both Teams

**Offertory Counters:** Team Three: Laura & John Bradley

**Tea & Coffee Rota**: Will resume in the New Year

**Children’s Liturgy**: Will resume in the New Year