

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS	DONOR
Saturday 3 rd Dec	6.30pm	Thanksgiving for Tafara & Jagoda V C Joseph RIP Bernard Stadden (P/Int) Mick Carey (5yr Anniversary)	Chinamora Family George Kalathara Sheila & Liz Fiona Carey
Sunday 4 th Dec	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Thanksgiving Ester Graham (P/Int) Sullivan & Nooney Families Bill Nooney (Memorial) Marie Farrell Brazilian Mass	Laiju Family Maureen & Andy Gray Margaret Nooney Margaret Nooney Margaret Nooney
Monday 5 th Dec	9.00am	Ian Cleverly (P/Int)	Greg
Tuesday 6 th Dec	7.30pm	John & Rosina Coggins	Terry & Nuala
Wed 7 th Dec	9.00am	People of the Parish	
Thu 8th Dec Feast of the Immaculate Conception	12 noon	Salvatorian Sisters - Renewal of Vows	
Friday 9 th Dec	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Anna Twilley (Bergin)	
Sat 10th Dec	6.30pm	Thanksgiving for Tafara & Jagoda V C Joseph RIP Bernard Stadden (P/Int)	Chinamora Family George Kalathara Sheila & Liz
Sunday 11 th Dec Third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete Sunday	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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the day we light the second candle on our Advent Wreath which marks the passage of the four weeks of Advent.

Tuesday 6th December, is the feast day of St Nicholas, the original 'Santa Claus'. He was Bishop of Myra, Asia Minor, in the fourth century and perhaps the best known story attached to him is how he secretly put gold coins through a poor mans window so that his three daughters would have dowries to get married. We remember this story when we buy gold chocolate coins for children at Christmas. Thursday, 8th December is the feast day of the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, principal patron of the diocese. 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee' is the greeting from the Angel Gabriel to Mary, with the word 'Hail' also translated as 'Rejoice'.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Anna Twilley, daughter of Sue & Tony Bergin' who passed away recently aged 42. Anna's Requiem Mass will be celebrated this Friday 9th December at 10.00am followed by cremation at South Bristol Crematorium at 12 noon. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her two daughters Rhianna and Amelia, her parents Sue & Tony, her brother Nick and his family and all their relatives. May she rest in peace.

CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES

The Catholic Directories for 2023 are now on sale in the Narthex at £6 each. The Liturgical Diary is £6.50.

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.

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 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. To date 48 tickets have been sold, 52 remaining.

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. To date 150 tickets are reserved. This event is for 200 guests – only 50 tickets remaining.

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.

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group will meet in the Shore Gallery on Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm. They will be having an early Christmas celebration in the Shore Gallery. New members always welcome.

CENTENARY EVENTS 2023 – SAVE THE DATE

February	Parish Mission 22-26 th February commencing on Ash Wednesday
March	St Patrick's Day – School Mass 9.15am. Centenary Mass 7.00pm followed by Reception.
April	Passover Supper – Tuesday of Holy Week Easter Egg Hunt – Easter Monday
May	Walsingham 27-29 th May – Parish Pilgrimage
June	Music Event
July	Glastonbury Pilgrimage – 9 th July/ Summer Fayre
August	Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 21-25 th August
September	All Community Celebration for everyone in the parish
October	Buckfast Sat 21-22 nd October – weekend away.

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, 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 13th 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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 18 th December	3.00-4.00pm	Carol Concert followed by mince pies & mulled wine
Sunday 24 th December Christmas Eve	6.30pm 10.00pm	Family Mass Midnight Mass
Sunday 25 th December Christmas Day	10.00am 6.00pm	Parish Mass Brazilian Mass
Monday 26 th December Boxing Day	12.00 noon	Feast of St Stephen
Tuesday 27 th December	12.00pm	Polish Mass

Confessions for Christmas

There will be three priests hearing confession after all Masses on 11th December and 18th 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 African Community. Next week 11th December, The Indian 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.

PAN AFRICAN COMMUNITY FAMILY GET TOGETHER

The Pan African Community are having an end of year family get together on Saturday 17th December at 1.00pm and would like to invite all parishioner to attend. Lunch provided, no charge for guests.

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.

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.

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 11th December.

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**.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER 2022 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Mark Humphrey
8.30am Bridget Hemmings, Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Deacon Rob, Pauline Humphrey

READERS

6.30pm Joanna Deasey, Colin Gale
8.30am Edmund & Maria Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Sharon King, Teresa Smaka

BIDDING PRAYERS: Edmund Beasley-Suffolk

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed
8.30am Sally Page, Eleanor Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Teresa O'Brien, Caroline White

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

Offertory Counters: Team Two: Simon & Lisa Peck

Tea & Coffee Rota: Indian Community

Children's Liturgy: 11th December

