

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY 2023
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD (YEAR A)

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
Saturday 21 st Jan	6.30pm	Frances Leventhal	
Sunday 22 nd Jan	8.30am	People of the Parish	The Choir
Sunday of the Word of God	10.00am	Graham Tiley (P/Int)	
	12 noon	Polish Mass	
	6.00pm	Brazilian Mass	
Monday 23 rd Jan	9.00am	Phillis James	
Tuesday 24 th Jan	7.30pm	Kathleen & Willie Coleman Anniversaries	Angela & Family
Wed 25 th	9.00am	Maggie Smith (P/Int)	Monica & Nick
Thu 26 th	9.00am	Marie & Denis Grant	
Friday 27 th	10.30am	Requiem Mass for Hannah Curnow	
Sat 28 th	6.30pm	Sick and Housebound	
Sunday 29 th	8.30am	Poppy Marke RIP	Commerford Family Thomson Family Rose Adims & Family
	10.00am	Varghese Thomson	
	6.00pm	People of the Parish Brazilian Mass	

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

CURRENT NEWS/WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday of the Word of God: Pope Francis instituted this day in 2019 as a day devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of god. We are encouraged to strengthen our bond with Jewish people and pray for Christian unity.

Today we also celebrate the life of **St Marianne Cope** who was born in Germany in 1838 but raised in New York from the age of four. As a Syracuse Sister, she and five companions answered a call to care for female sufferers of Leprosy in Hawaii. She opened a hospital and a school for girls and changed life on Molokai by introducing cleanliness, pride and fun to the colony. Bright scarves and pretty dresses for the women were part of her approach.

Wednesday 25th January: Today we celebrate the conversion of **St Paul** who, when he was known as Saul, was a dedicated persecutor of Christians. Christ appeared to him in a vision on the road to Damascus and converted him to the true faith.

POLISH MASS

Fr Henry will be celebrating Polish Mass today at 12noon.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Hannah Curnow who died recently. Hannah was a regular parishioner for over 50 years, usually attending the 6.30pm Mass. Hannah's Requiem Mass will be celebrated this Friday 27th January at 10.30am and then her body will be taken to Westerleigh crematorium for 12.30. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her husband Gerry and her children Mandy and Russell. May she rest in peace.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TICKET MONEY

Please can the people who attended the New Year's Eve party and have NOT paid for their tickets please pay asap to the parish office or on the Dona machine. If you pay on the Dona machine you will need to notify the office so it can be accounted for. Thank you in anticipation.

NEXT CENTENARY EVENT

Our next Centenary Event will be the Parish Mission in February starting on Ash Wednesday 22nd February. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

YOUTH CHOIR

Calling all teenage boys, girls, men & women from 12-25. The St Patrick's Youth Choir has formed and will sing with the Music Group today. The Youth Choir will sing the offertory and communion hymns. We want to encourage this new and valuable contribution to the musical life of the parish.

ST PATRICK'S FOUR PART CHOIR

The four-part Choir is looking for more sopranos to join them. Please contact Tracy McNama through the parish office or email tracy.mcnama@cliftondiocese.com if you would like to take part. All abilities welcome, no need to read music.

MUSICAL MAGIC We are enjoying nothing short of a Renaissance in the music at our Sunday worship thanks to Tracy's new role as **Parish Musical Director**. I received a copy of this e-mail from Tracy to the many singers and musicians in our parish. It is a self explanatory explanation of the amazing work going on behind the scenes. Thank you one and all.

SOLOIST OPPORTUNITIES

Tracy McNama would like to hear from anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument for the Offertory or Communion as a one-off or time-to-time during the 10.00am Mass. Please contact Tracy through the parish office or email her at tracy.mcnama@cliftondiocese.com

Dear St Patrick's Singers and Musicians,

Following a planning meeting with Canon Gregory last week regarding the 100-year celebration Mass at 7pm on March 17th 2023, I am delighted to introduce a new piece of music which I would like the whole music community to learn for Communion Hymn One at this special Mass. It is a beautiful Irish-themed piece called, "Christ be Near at Either Hand" by Marty Haugen and Michael Joncas. It is based on the hymn, "Christ be Beside Me" (also known as "St Patrick's Breastplate"), which is extremely apt for St Patrick's Day. It should be fairly simple to learn, but I would like us all to start practising it from now in our various groups please, so that we are fully prepared (I am beginning it with school choir this Thursday).

Please listen and familiarise yourself with it. Here is the YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAUATfITUmg>

I have purchased the music and attach it (four-part choir, please note I have already printed 16 hard copies for your folders for us to begin rehearsing this Thursday). I also attach a sheet of just the lyrics without the notation for your convenience if required.

There are parts for musicians as well as singers so I would like a whole community involvement and the piece roughly structured as follows please:

1. Sharon and Hilary from Music Group to learn the flute solo parts and Pauline to learn the "oboe" part on the clarinet (might need transposing, Pauline?) Ladies, please note there are separate sheets for the flute/oboe parts which I will pass on to you.
2. Cesar from our Brazilian music group to play the percussion box and Francis/Augustine from the Pan-African group and Gigi/Thomas from our Kerala Music Group to play other percussion instruments e.g. cabasa/rainmakers (as heard on the recording – I can discuss and plan this in with you)
3. Anna from the Polish Musicians and Mario from Brazilian Music Group to accompany on guitar please
4. All singers from all choirs (Pan-African, School, Indian, Brazilian, Music Group, Polish and Youth choirs) to start learning the main melody line of the song from now.
5. Four-part choir to learn all music and the parts for the verses.

The above plan will need to be flexible as we learn more about the piece and how we want it sound, but I would like **full involvement from the entire music community** on this one please. Romy, Augustine, Gigi and Teresa, please forward this email onto all your choir members/musicians for their attention and please print copies for your groups, arrange your own rehearsals and start practising – thank you.

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 prayers

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, 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 Bidy, Jim Brooks, Grace Strong, Laura Birkett, Gwen White, Carol Skinner, Bernard Stadden, Canon Frank Bermingham, Ian Cleverly, Cecile McFarling, Graham Tiley, Angela O'Leary, Maggie Smith, Jim Robbins

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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please pray for the following in the month of January: Mabel O'Connor, Alice Withers, Pat Shore, Edna Whiting, Florence Packer, Edward & Celina Counsell, Paul Andrews, William Fryer, Margaret O'Brien, Olive Wiltshire, Marion Wiltshire, Mary & Owen Gilmurray, Alice & Ernest Edwards, Paul Massey, Rose Donaghy, Michael Rutherford, Iris Nykolyshyn, John McCormack, Mavis Wade, James Hiney OBE, Fred Dollin, Mary & Joseph Ryan, Mary McEwan-Gibb, Robert McEwan, Peter Hughes, Bridget & Owen Boyle, Peter Berry, Patrick Power, Fred Withers, Jack Creed, Ted & Mary Green, Lester & Price Families, Bernard Finan, Owen McCague, Mabel Wilson, Christina Albertina, Richard Deasey, Kitty & Nora O'Sullivan, Hannah Taylerson, Stephen Rose, John Barton, Brian McCoy, Stephen & Catherine Butler, Clarice Blackford, Clarice Bendry, Mark McEwan, Joseph Joseph, Patricia Robbins, Mary Weir, Willie Crawley, Gwen Burns, Father Frank Cama, Jean Power, Louisa Shepherd, Christopher Blackford, James Farrelly, Bill Shepherd, Ellen Gilcrest, Betty Groves, Jenny Rose, Colin Wiltshire.

COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP

CANON GREGORY'S APPRECIATION This week, in the presbytery, Father Henry packed up the Christmas trees, took down the cards and put away the crib and declared "Christmas is over" – not quite - one thing left to do. To day a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for their personal greetings, cards and gifts to me and to say a **BIG THANK YOU** for all the help to make Christmas so special for everyone in St. Patrick's. It was a lovely time – enjoyed by all.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

Tea and Coffee will be served after the 8.30am and 10.00am Mass today by The Come & See Group. Next week the Pan African Community will be 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.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL VISITOR

This past week our school welcomed the Director of Catholic Education, from Clifton Diocese, Mary Cox to St. Patrick's school. Mary enjoyed meeting members of the Chaplaincy Team. She was very impressed with their ability to talk about the Catholic life of the school as they showed her around.

St. Martin de Porres Class (Y2) presented an assembly about The Great Fire of London on Friday which Father Antonio enjoyed.,

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

BAPTISMS

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

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.

WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH

On Saturday 28th January Antonia Miryam will be baptised. We congratulate her parents and godparents and welcome her into the family of God.

THE LITTLE WAY CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST

A third new Catholic Educational Multi Academy Trust, The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust – consisting of Catholic Primary Schools in Gloucestershire, is due to open on 1st September 2023 and so the Bishop is seeking to appoint Foundation Directors to its Trust Board. If you have enthusiasm and commitment, can take a strategic view and wish to support and sustain Catholic education, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing board. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, to provide the best possible education for the children in our schools.

For an application pack visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> and click on the @Recruitment@ tab or contact Bill McEntree, Governance Officer via Bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710094976 for further details

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

A quote from His Holiness The Pope. In his annual speech to the diplomatic corps accredited to The Holy See. On 9th January the Pope said Christians are increasingly suffering for their Faith. He said : “ **I cannot fail to mention, as certain statistics have shown, that one out of every seven Christians experience persecution**”

Canon Gregory adds : There are 2.2 billion Christians on the planet 7% = 300 million being persecuted . That is approximately the population of The United States of America.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE SYNOD?

In January and February 2022 we held listening events and put up notice boards in the narthex for you to give your views on about our Parish and the Catholic Church. This was the beginning of a two-year synodal journey. The eight parish synod delegates (Jo Deasey, Jeffin Jose, Maggie Fraser, John and Laura Bradley, Bex and Nash Musarurwa, Pauline Humphrey) wrote a summary of parishioners comments and sent it to Bishop Declan. He wrote a Diocesan Report and sent this to the Bishops Conference. They wrote a report which has been sent to Pope Francis. So after all this listening and report writing, what action will there be?

On a parish level, the eight parish synod delegates will be meeting regularly to plan changes, in response to what you said. Some changes are already happening, some in response to the synod listening, but also as some parish activities were restricted after the lifting of the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. For example :

Reinstating the Saturday evening Mass

Training and DBS checks are underway for Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to the sick and housebound of the parish

Volunteers offering to join a rota for giving lifts to parishioners to and from Church.

The delegates plan to consider the suggestions for further improving community life and being more inclusive and welcoming to new and current parishioners and visitors to our parish. Watch out for changes ahead!!

If you would like to speak to any of the delegates, please speak to them after Mass or contact the parish office. The Synod of Bishops begin in Rome this October and continues into 2024. Please pray for its success.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 29th JANUARY 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Mark Humphrey

8.30am Paul & Denise Gaiger

10.00am Deacon Rob, John Bradley

READERS

6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey

8.30am Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk, Helen Jones

10.00am Trish Godfrey, Serine Alexander

BIDDING PRAYERS: Helen Jones

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Volunteer, Volunteer

8.30am Jan Lewis, Trish Godfrey

10.00am Yetunde & Jerome Ajakaiye

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

Offertory Counters: Team Three: Pauline & Mark Humphrey

Tea & Coffee Rota: Pan African Community

Children's Liturgy: Will take place on the 22nd, 29th January



Mission Programme

Wednesday 22nd February – Sunday 26th February

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

- 9.15 School Mass
- 12.00 Conference
- 12.30 Lunch in Shore Gallery for Parishioners
- 7.30 Mass
- 8.30 Reception

Thursday 23rd February

- 11.00 Mass
- 11.45 Coffee
- 12.00 Conference
- 12.30 Lunch for all
- 7.30 Mass
- 8.30 Reception

Friday 24th February

- 11.00 Mass
- 11.45 Coffee
- 12.00 Conference
- 12.30 Lunch for all
- 7.30 Mass
- 8.30 Reception

Saturday 25th February

- 11.00 Youth Mass
- 12.15 Youth lunch and outing to cinema
- 5.30 Penitential Service with Confession
- 6.30 Mass
- 7.30 Reception

Sunday 26th February

- 8.30 Mass
- 10.00 Mass
- 11.15 Reception for all