

**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 29th JANUARY 2023**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

|  | <b>TIME</b>                 | <b>INTENTION</b>   | <b>DONOR</b>  |
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| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan                | 6.30pm                      | Sick & Housebound  |   |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan                  | 8.30am<br>10.00am<br>6.00pm | Poppy Marke RIP<br>Savari & Parmila Cruz (Anniversary)<br>Varghese Thomson<br>People of the Parish<br>Brazilian Mass | Commerford Family<br>Ramesh Cruz<br>Thomson Family<br>Rose Adims & Family |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan                  | 9.00am                      | Deceased members of the Grant Family   |   |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan                 | 7.30pm                      | George & Georgina (Birthday Remembrance)   | Rose & Family   |
| Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb                      | 9.00am                      | Peace in War Torn Countries  |   |
| Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb                      | 9.00am                      | V C Joseph (Anniversary)   | George Kalathara  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb                   | 12 noon                     | Ouseph Chacko (Anniversary)  | Shiny & Family  |
| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb                      | 6.30pm                      | Chrissie Barrett   | Curnow Family   |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Racial Justice Sunday | 8.30am<br>10.00am<br>6.00pm | Marie Howie (Anniversary)<br>Hannah Curnow<br>Brazilian Mass   | Christine Howie<br>Mary Dineen and family                                 |

**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**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

This week on Thursday, we celebrate the **Presentation of the Lord** at the Temple in Jerusalem, 40 days after he was born. He was welcomed by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow, Anna who acknowledged Jesus as the long awaited Messiah, St Simeon who had been promised by God that he would not die until he had seen Jesus, burst into a song of joy which the church still sings at the end of the day.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, is the feast of **St John Bosco** who founded the Salesian Order 1859. He worked to educate boys and young men of the working class as well as providing training in workshops for employment. He rejected corporal punishment. He later organised a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls as well.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February is the feast of **St Blaise**, the patron saint of sore throats. Bishop Blaise was martyred in Armenia in 316 and as he was being hauled off to prison, a young mother pleaded with him to help remove a fishbone stuck in her child's throat. At the saint's command, the child was able to cough up the bone.

## **FATHER HENRY**

We say goodbye to Father Henry on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. We thank him for his visit and look forward to the next time.

## **CENTENARY PLANNING MEETING – TUESDAY 8PM - SHORE GALLERY**

If you would like to be involved in the planning of events for what is going to be an exciting centenary year, please join us at our next meeting. Everyone welcome.

## **WOMANS GROUP**

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Shore Gallery. If you have not attended before, please feel free to join us.

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE TICKET MONEY**

Please 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please take your booklet containing the Mission Programme and plan ahead your own personal participation in the Mission.

## **SPONSORING OUR MAIN EVENT FOR THE CENTENARY YEAR**

The main event for the Centenary Event is The Mass of Thanksgiving on St Patricks Day, Friday March at 7.00pm We are expecting a congregation in excess of 400 parishioners and guests. Everything will be complementary – buffet – bar – dance. We ask parishioners to consider two things.

1. Please sign the list if you are attending the celebration. All adults and children welcome.
2. If you are able to provide £50 sponsorship towards the event which will cost £7000 to host, please put your name in one of the 140 sponsorship boxes on the list in the Narthex.

Your co-operation and support is gratefully appreciated.

## **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY**

Next Sunday is a special day of prayer for Racial Justice for which there will be a second collection. Thank you for your generosity.

## **MUSICAL SOLOISTS**

This weekend we welcome Lucrejika and Terry Maggs as our guest musical soloists for the offertory and communion hymn at 10am Mass. We are delighted to have their talent in the parish and give them a warm welcome. Tracy has already been approached by several parishioner's interested in contributing to the music liturgy, either on an instrument or singing: St Patrick's are a talented bunch! Please see Tracy if you would like to play or sing as a one-off at Sunday 10.00am Mass.

## **YOUTH CHOIR**

Calling all teenage boys, girls, men & women from 12-25. The St Patrick's Youth Choir has formed and sang with the Music Group last week. If anyone would like to join, please contact Tracy through the parish office or email [tracy.mcnama@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:tracy.mcnama@cliftondiocese.com) 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 especially looking for more sopranos to join them. Bass, tenors and altos are also very welcome. Please contact Tracy McNama through the parish office or email [tracy.mcnama@cliftondiocese.com](mailto: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.

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Mario Toffolo.

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

## **COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP**

### **TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS**

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

### **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 available on the table in the narthex. 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.

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 14% = 300 million being persecuted. That is approximately the population of The United States of America.

## **MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023** **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins  
8.30am Deacon Denis, Maria Beasley-Suffolk  
10.00am Deacon Denis, Diane McGuinness

### **READERS**

- 6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey  
8.30am Daniel & Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk  
10.00am Teresa Smaka, Catherine Alexander

**BIDDING PRAYERS:** Joanna Deasey

### **WELCOMERS:**

- 6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed  
8.30am Trish Godfrey, Jan Lewis  
10.00am Mary Kearney-Knowles, Maria Fernandes

**Church Cleaners:** Team One: Kay, Terry, Sarah, Ron and Elizabeth  
**Offertory Counters:** Team One: Laura & John Bradley  
**Tea & Coffee Rota:** Rainbow Group  
**Children’s Liturgy:** Will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> January, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

