

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Canon Gregory Grant - Parish Priest
Revs Denis Deasey & Rob Easton - Deacons

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 26th February 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
Saturday 25 th Feb	11.00am 6.30pm	Youth Mass Currnow Family Intentions Primus Nkuo Ndichia (RIP)	Mary Dineen Mary Funkuin
Sunday 26 th Feb	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	John Everson (Private Intention) Liz Adams (Birthday memories) Christine Miskella Brazilian Mass	Andy & Maureen Gray Adams & Lewis Families Quinton Xavier
Monday 27 th Feb	9.00am	Victims of the Earthquakes	
Tuesday 28 th Feb	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Peace in War-Torn countries	
Wed 1 st March	9.00am	Deceased members of the Gaiger Family	
Thu 2 nd March	9.00am	Sick & Housebound	
Friday 3 rd March	12 noon	Deceased members of the Coggins Family	
Sat 4 th March	6.30pm	Bob Dixon	Roberta & Nick Blackford
Sunday 5 th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Frank & Michael Foley RIP Thanksgiving for Tanaka - Birthday Brazilian Mass	Foley Family Chinamora 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the themes of Lent which started on Ash Wednesday. Today is called Quadragesima Sunday, it means that there are exactly 40 days until Good Friday.

Wednesday, 1st March, is the feast day of **St David**, patron of Wales. He was a monk of the 6th century and founded ten monasteries, including Glastonbury. We wish Abbot David Charlesworth a very happy feast day.

On Saturday, 4th March, it is the feast of **St Casimir**, prince of Poland, who was born in Krakow in 1458. He died at the age of 26 and miracles were soon reported at his tomb. His help was claimed by Lithuanians whose patron he became in conflicts with the Russians.

THE SEASON OF LENT

There are many ongoing opportunities for us as a Parish to celebrate the principal activities of Lent

PRAYER – FASTING – ALMSGIVING

- 1. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm**
- 2. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament in Church takes place from Tuesday-Friday between the hours of 9.30am – 4.30pm**
- 3. The Rosary is prayed before Mass each day**
- 4. Mass is celebrated every day in Lent. Why not come to a weekday Mass in addition to your Sunday worship**
- 5. The Poor Box in church is for “Lenten Alms”. This year all the money in The Poor Box will go to Cafod**
- 6. Cafod Family Fast Day is next Friday, 3rd March. There are envelopes in the attached and in the Nathex to place your donation.**
- 7. Service of Reconciliation celebrated by Bishop Declan on Thursday 9 March at 6.00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Grange Court Road, Westbury on Trym. All welcome.**
- 8. There will be a soup lunch served each Friday in The Shore Gallery at 12.30pm at a cost of £4 per person. All donations will go to Cafod. All you are able to volunteer at any of the lunches please sign the list in the Nathex.**

THE PARISH MISSION

Our four-day Parish Mission from Ash Wednesday until today was a wonderful beginning to the season of Lent. It was a lot of hard work by many people to co-ordinate this event, especially Tracy and Steve with all the music preparation from the School Choir, Four Part Choir and Music Group etc; Amelia and Diana in the office preparing all the hymn sheets, volunteers, food and shopping. Thank you one to all and to the dozens of parishioners preparing and presenting the socials, as well as to Ramesh for the great cooking. There were over 600 attendees at the two Masses, two talks and two receptions held on Ash Wednesday and this enthusiastic participation continued over the next few days. Thank you to everyone for responding so positively with their attendance, prayer and social interaction. A special thank you to our two mission priests – Canon Kevin and Father Aldo – for leading us in our reflections and worship. We appreciate all they have done for us and we look forward to seeing them again at our Centenary celebration on 17 March.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Holy Communion classes start on **Saturday 4th March at 10.00am in the Shore Gallery and will finish at 11.30am**. The First Holy Communion children will be enrolled at the 10am Mass on 4 March. There are enrolled in the classes our largest number ever. First Holy Communion is on Corpus Christi, Sunday 11 June.

PARISH REGISTER

Please complete a parish census form available in the narthex. We are in the process of computerising our church members details and many offers and information will be targeted to individuals/families who fall into different groups. Examples: Children/Teenagers/Young Adults/ Young Married Couples/ Singles/ Widows/ Widowers/ Senior Citizens/ Families/ School Children. We are not starting a dating agency! Help us to keep our records up to date and to plan activities and events with **you** in mind.

CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"I was sick, and you visited me..." (Mt 25:36)

The Department of Spiritual and Pastoral Care of the central Bristol Hospitals (University Hospitals Bristol and Weston) is looking for people to give up two hours a week each to reach out to the sick as volunteer chaplains.

If you are interested in this important ministry and would like to find out more about the recruitment and thorough training process, please contact Rob Morgan, Chaplaincy Team Leader, on 0117 3426795 Mon - Fri 9- 4.00pm, or email Robert.Morgan@uhbw.nhs.uk

SPONSORING OUR MAIN EVENT FOR THE CENTENARY YEAR

The main event for the Centenary Year is The Mass of Thanksgiving on St Patricks Day, Friday 17th 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 in the Church Narthex if you are attending the celebration. All adults and children welcome. It is great to see over 360 people have already signed the list. Please sign up as soon as possible as we will close the list at 500 people.
2. If you wish to attend the dance (ceilidh) later in the evening, please sign the list in the office as numbers will be limited to 150 guests. Tickets will be organised by the parish office for guests – adults only please
3. 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. It is great to see that already 67 sponsors have donated. This is a total of £3300 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

Your co-operation and support are gratefully appreciated.

BETHESDA CHURCH QUIZ

Bethesda Church, Church Road is holding a quiz night at 7.30pm on Saturday 4th March. If you anyone is interested in taking a team along (up to 8 people) at a cost of £5 per person, please email Philip Offer @ philipoffer@hotmail.co.uk

REST IN PEACE

1. Please pray for Veronica Sollars, Jim Shields and Bob Dixon, who died recently. May they rest in peace
2. We pray for Graham Bateman who died recently. Graham was a former caretaker at St Patrick's School. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his wife Maggie and daughter Kasia.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

DOPE FRANCIS TWEET

‘In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no generous effort will ever be lost’.

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, Bernard Stadden, Canon Frank Bermingham, Ian Cleverly, Cecile McFarling, Graham Tiley, Angela O'Leary, Maggie Smith, Jim Robbins, Mario Toffolo, Jean Marc Guillaume.

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 the African Community. Next week the Indian community will be on duty.

FOODBANK COORDINATOR – ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO PARISH, BRISTOL

St Nick's is a lively and diverse parish community with a lot going on and with a priority for serving its local area. Our Food Bank was established during the pandemic and we are now seeking a Coordinator to manage day to day operations, lead our team of volunteers and maintain and develop relationships with our stakeholders. Previous experience of leading or managing volunteers in a paid or unpaid role is essential. 22.5 hours per week, Salary £25k FTE, 2 year FTC. For full details please contact: bristol.stnicholasoftolentino@cliftondiocese.com telephone 0117 909 0419 or <https://tolentino.org.uk> Closing date 6th March 2023.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR – ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO PARISH, BRISTOL

We are looking for a Coordinator to provide administrative support to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and its buildings. To welcome visitors, offer pastoral support and lead a team of volunteers. Good standard of literacy and numeracy required. 14 hours per week £20,950 FTE, 2 year FTC. For full details please contact: bristol.stnicholasoftolentino@cliftondiocese.com Telephone 0117 909 0419 or <https://tolentino.org.uk> Closing date 6th March 2023.

Both the above roles could be offered to an appropriate candidate.

BRISTOL HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE GROUP

If parishioners are involved in any form of National dance and wish to link up, please contact: Facebook. Bristol Magyar Neptancegyuttes or 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**. Any surplus donations go to the Julian Trust. **We especially need washing powder and toilet rolls**. Thank you for your continued support.

EDUCATION AND FORMATION

BAPTISMS

(1) Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11.30am (after the 10.00am Mass). The next talk is Sunday March 12th.

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.

(2) Next Sunday 5th March, Seamus River Palmer and Maya Elizabeth Dagnall will be Baptised. We congratulate their parents and godparents and welcome into the family of God.

THE STORY OF ALBRECHT DURER'S 'PRAYING HANDS'



There were two brothers, Franz and Albrecht, who were very talented and longed for careers as artists. They came from a large family who were very poor and unable to pay for their studies.

One day Albrecht said to Franz: 'Why don't we take turns to study painting, whilst the other earns the money to pay for it. That way we can both become artists'. Franz agreed, but only if Albrecht, the younger of the two, studied first because he was the better artist.

Albrecht studied hard under the great masters while Franz laboured to keep them both. When Albrecht finished his studies, he returned home joyfully to tell Franz it was now his turn. But when Franz held out his hands they were gnarled and calloused, the hands of a worker unable even to hold a pencil, useless to an artist. Albrecht was grief stricken. There is only one thing I can do now to repay you. I shall draw a picture that will speak to people's hearts – a picture of these hands of sacrifice and love.

Four hundred years later the picture of the 'Praying Hands' is known and loved all over the world. Albrecht Durer became one of Germany's greatest painters, but his brother to whom he owed his success, whose hands are forever famous, is almost forgotten.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Mark Humphrey
8.30am Maria & Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am John Bradley, Elizabeth Magorimbo

READERS

6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey
8.30am Daniel Beasley-Suffolk, Hannah Gilardoni
10.00am Laura Bradley, Teresa Smaka

BIDDING PRAYERS: Joanna Deasey

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed
8.30am Trish Goddard, Jan Lewis
10.00am Mary Kearney-Knowles, Teresa O'Brien

Church Cleaners: Team Two: Caroline, Victoria, Beata, Martha
Offertory Counters: Team Two: Simon & Lisa Peck
Tea & Coffee Rota: Indian community
Children's Liturgy: Will take place on 12th and 19th March

