

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Canon Gregory Grant - Parish Priest
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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
Saturday 11 March	6.30pm	Bernard Stadden (P/int)	Sheila & Liz
Sunday 12 March	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Mary Lynch & Family (P/int) Hannah Curnow (RIP) Brazilian Mass	Marie Holcombe Cambridge Family
Monday 13 March	9.00am	Canon Gregory Birthday Intention	
Tuesday 14 March	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Sick & Housebound	
Wed 15 March	9.00am	Peace in War Torn Countries	
Thursday 16 March	9.00am	People of the Parish	
Friday 17 March	9.15am 7.00pm	Centenary Celebration Mass	
Saturday 18 March	6.30pm	Victims of the Earthquake	
Sunday 19 March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Private Intention Margaret Buckley Veronica Sollars Brazilian Mass	Marie Holcombe Curnow Family Dunford 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Blessed Angela Sawala was born in Siepraw, Krakow, in 1881. At the age of 17, during World War 1, she helped prisoners of war without regard for the nationality or religion.

St Patrick's Day, Friday 17 March, will be a great day for our church as we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint. He was born in Britain in 390 somewhere between the mouth of the Severn and the River Clyde, in the north. As a youth, he was captured by Irish pirates and sold into slavery for six years. His writings show a sincere simplicity and deep pastoral care devoted to abolishing paganism, idolatry and sun worship.

Please see inside this bulletin for details of the centenary celebrations in St Patricks on Friday.

THE SEASON OF LENT

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

PRAYER – FASTING – ALMSGIVING

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1. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm
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2. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament in Church takes place from Tuesday-Friday between the hours of 9.30am – 4.30pm
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3. The Rosary is prayed before Mass each day.
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4. Mass is celebrated every day in Lent. Why not come to a weekday Mass in addition to your Sunday worship
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5. The Poor Box in church is for “Lenten Alms”. This year all the money in The Poor Box will go to CAFOD.
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6. There will be a soup lunch served each Friday (other than on St Patrick's Day – 17th March) in The Shore Gallery at 12.30pm at a cost of £4 per person. All donations will go to CADOD. Are you are able to volunteer at any of the lunches please sign the list in the Nathex.
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7. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16 April 2023 at 3pm
Join us in our annual Divine Mercy Devotions at 3pm on the Second Sunday of Easter. The devotion will last for one hour and there will be an opportunity to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the hour. The service will be followed by a complimentary tea in the Shore Gallery.

ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Annual St Patrick's Day Parade organised by W.E. Irish (formerly Bristol Irish Society) takes place on Sunday 19th March. Assembling at Trinity Community Centre, Trinity Road, the parade will move off at 12.30pm and carry on to the High Street where it disperses and an afternoon of Irish entertainment takes place at Seamus O'Donnell's, Vodka Rev and the Indoor Market. Entertainment will be provided by live bands, Irish Dancing and much more.

The "Culture Fest" celebrations commenced on 10 March culminating with the Parade on 19 March.

For further information log on to: W.E.IRISH@W.E.IRISH or WEIRISH.ORG.UK

THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mrs Margaret Malgorzta, mother of Agata Page, who died very recently has passed on a message follows:

“I'm very, very grateful for all the support given from the community and St Patrick's towards Agata and her family. She very much appreciated, as did all the family, all the good wishes and was very thankful for everyone”.

Thank you to everyone who supported Agata and her family in their time of need.

ST PATRICK'S CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Full House!!!

We have now had to close the list for guests wishing to attend the Centenary Mass and Buffet Reception after. Over 500 people have signed up to attend our Centenary Celebration Mass at 7.00pm on Friday 17 March. Which is going to be a spectacular celebration and includes our many church choirs. Over 60 will be singing in the St Patricks Community Choir.

Please can we stress also please that you do need to remember to sign the separate list in the Narthex if you intend to join us in the Ceilidh Dance after, where a full bar will be available for all guests. The Ceilidh is adults only.

Please do remember to collect your tickets from the Parish Office or after mass.

Book today to avoid disappointment.

Generous Response

Thank you to the 75 parishioners who pledged £50 each for the Centenary Reception. This comes to £3750. We received a £2000 donation from one family. This £5750 was mostly covenant donated so we have reached our target of £7000. For those yet to make their donation could we please ask that this be paid into the church office or by DONA as soon as convenient. As we move towards our celebration in just over a week's time, it is great to know it is all paid for.

Thank you ONE and ALL.

Centenary Raffle

The Brazilian Community are organising a raffle to raise funds for the Centenary programme. Members of our Brazilian community will be selling raffle tickets after all masses this weekend and next week. Tickets are £2.50 each. The fantastic list of prizes available include personal training and a massage along with lots of other wonderful prizes.

Our celebrations on 17 March are all FREE so this is a great way of helping the Centenary Fund. Thank you to our Brazilian parishioners for organising this fund raising event.

Volunteers

On the notice board in the NatheX we have four lists for volunteering for our Centenary evening. Please sign up on the list for the area in which you would like to help. We urgently need a few more people to help make this evening a spectacular event. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

9 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ST PATRICK'S DAY

1. St Patrick did not wear green. His colour was "St Patrick's blue". The colour green became associated with St Patrick's Day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.
2. Despite his Irish notoriety, St Patrick was British. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.
3. According to Irish legend, St Patrick used the shamrock as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.
4. Saint Patrick is credited for driving the snakes out of Ireland, but according to the fossil record, Ireland has never been home to snakes as it was too cold to host reptiles during the Ice Age. The surrounding seas have kept snakes out since.
5. There is not any corn in the traditional St Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage. The name is a reference to the large grains of salt historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns".
6. Saint Patrick was born "Maewyn Succal" but changed his name to "Patricius" after becoming a priest.
7. Irish immigrants began observing St Patrick's Day in Boston in 1737 and the first St Patrick's Day parade in America was held in New York City in 1766.
8. In Chicago, the Plumbers Local 110 Union dyes the river Kelly Green. The dye lasts for around 5 hours.
9. On or around St Patrick's Day, the Irish Taoiseach, or prime minister, presents the US president with a crystal bowl of live shamrocks as a symbol of the close ties between the two countries.

WALSINGHAM TRIP

Please don't forget to register your interest if you wish to attend our Parish Trip on 27-29 May 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore all that Walsingham has to offer.

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

REST IN PEACE

1. The funeral of Bob Dixon takes place on Thursday 23 March at 2pm at Westerleigh Crematorium.
2. The funeral of Jim Shields takes place here on Friday 24 March 2023 at 12.30pm, followed by Westerleigh Crematorium at 2pm
3. 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

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Let us pray together so that women, every woman, may be respected, protected and esteemed. Violence against women and mothers is violence against God himself, who from a woman, from a mother, took on our human condition.

This is particularly relevant this week as we celebrated International Women's Day on Wednesday 8 March.

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, Ian Cleverly, Cecile McFarling, Graham Tiley, Angela O'Leary, Maggie Smith, Jim Robbins, Mario Toffolo, Jean Marc Guillaume, Sean Olver and Canon Frank Birmingham.

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 Come and See Group. Next week the Rainbow Group will be on duty.

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.

THE LENT ENCOUNTER

Sign up for free daily Lent reflections from the Bible Society, to enrich your journey through Lent this year. Sign up at: www.biblesociety.org.uk/lent23

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- *6.30pm Deacon Denis, Mark Humphrey
- *8.30am Sister Leenamary, Helen Jones
- *10.00am Deacon Rob, Rebecca Musarurwa

READERS

- *6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey
- *8.30am Maria Beasley-Suffolk, Edmond Beasley-Suffolk
- *10.00am Lisa Peck, Simon Peck

BIDDING PRAYERS: Edmond Beasley-Suffolk

WELCOMERS:

- *6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed
- *8.30am Volunteers
- *10.00am Suzanne Slane, Caroline White

- ***Church Cleaners:** Team One: Kay, Terry, Sarah, Ron & Elizabeth
- ***Offertory Counters:** Team One: Laura Ashurst and John Bradley
- ***Tea & Coffee Rota:** Rainbow Group
- ***Children's Liturgy:** 19th March

