

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

100 YEARS

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
Saturday 18 March	6.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 19 March	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Private Intention Margaret Buckley Shiny Family Thanksgiving June Rowland & Bernard Stringer (P/int) Brazilian Mass	Mari Holcombe Curnow Family Shiny Family Philip Stringer
Monday 20 March	9.00am	Peace in War Torn Countries	
Tuesday 21 March	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Deceased Clergy of the Parish	
Wed 22 March	9.00am	Amy & Bill Concannon RIP	Concannon Family
Thursday 23 March	9.00am	Sick & Housebound	
Friday 24 March	12.30pm	Requiem Mass for Jim Shields	
Saturday 25 March	6.30pm	Patsy McCarthy (Birthday memory) & deceased McCarthy & Enright families	Nora & family
Sunday 26 March 5 th Sunday of Lent	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Private Intention Mass of Reconciliation for the Holy Communicants Thomas Mathew (Anniversary) Thomas McElkenny Brazilian Mass	Mari Holcombe Bismy Thomas McElkenny 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 of Lent

Today is **Laetare Sunday**, a day of celebration in the season of Lent. Laetare means 'rejoice'. Priests wear rose coloured robes to remind us that the joy of Easter is just 21 days away. Today is also the feast day of **St Joseph**. He is described in the Bible as a 'just man', meaning he was open to all that God wanted him to do. He is the patron saint of families and fathers and was declared Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX.

Wednesday, 22 March: Today we remember one of England's 40 martyrs, **St Nicolas Owen**. Born in Oxford, he spent 20 years building secret hiding places for priests in Britain at a time when Catholics were put to death. He saved hundreds of lives but died under torture in 1606.

Friday, 24 March, marks the day **St Oscar Romero**, Archbishop of San Salvador, was murdered while celebrating Mass in 1980. He had begged police and soldiers to "Cease the repression in the name of Go". 250,000 people attend his funeral.

The **Annunciation of the Lord** is celebrated on Saturday, 25 March. From all eternity, God destined Mary to be the mother of Jesus and a link between heaven and earth. The angel's answer to Mary is "*Nothing is impossible with God*".

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. 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 CADOD. If you are able to volunteer at any of the lunches, please sign the list in the Nathex.**
- 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 Galler.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 25 March at 10am: Parents meeting with Canon Gregory

Sunday 26 March at 10am: Mass of Reconciliation for Holy Communicants

St Patrick’s Day Treat

Thank you to the PG Group from St Patrick’s School.

In order to celebrate the school’s 90th anniversary, the PG Group made a generous donation to St Patrick’s School to provide a special treat for the pupils. The children and staff were delighted to attend the afternoon performance of “The Railway Children” in the school hall. This was a wonderful way to celebrate St Patrick’s Day. We are very appreciative of this generous gift as this was a wonderful educational opportunity.

Annual St Patrick’s Day Parade

The Annual St Patrick’s Day Parade organised by W.E. Irish (formerly Bristol Irish Society) takes place today. 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

Easter Cards

From next week we will have a range of Easter cards available in the Narthex for sale, all priced at £1 each. Please do have a look as we have a selection which caters for all.

ST PATRICK’S CENTENARY CELEBRATION

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

Please find below a few words from the Brazilian Community and a list of the prize winners:

“On behalf of the entire Catholic Community of Bristol, we thank YOU who collaborated with our raffle through sales which were wonderful. Thanks to you all

we have achieved a great sum which will be donated to the EVENTS OF 100 YEARS OF ST PATRICKS'S CHURCH, of which everyone is invited to participate."

The winning tickets are as follows:

- 1st Prize** **Ticket No. 186 – Diogo**
2 individual sessions with personal trainer at HCP – Health & Fitness Studio
- 2nd Prize** **Ticket No. 190 – David**
Basket of Delicacies
- 3rd Prize** **Ticket No 45 – Liz**
Manicure & Pedicure Session with Maria Monequi Nail Designer
- 4th Prize** **Ticket No. 157 – Celia**
Massage session with Kasa Chiropractic
- 5th Prize** **Ticket 227 – Ramesh**
2 Oil Changes with King Motorcycle's
- 6th Prize** **Ticket 81 – Solange**
Tramontina Pan and Skillet
- Bonus Prize** **Ticket 235 – Dympna**
2 Tickets to Bristol Rovers Home League

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

12 Amazing Facts About St Joseph That You Might Not Know

1. March 19 is known as St Joseph Day, or the Solemnity of St Joseph (if celebrated in Lent you can break the Fast).
2. In Europe the people dedicate an altar to him, also known as “St Joseph’s Table” or “la tavola di San Guiseppe.” People decorate it with flowers, candles, wine and “lucky” foods.
3. According Date to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, the Apocryphal Date for Joseph’s birth is 90BC in Bethlehem and the Apocryphal of his death is July 20, AD18 in Nazareth.
4. Workers’ Day) since he is the patron of workers.
5. Joseph has no recorded words in Scripture.
6. Veneration of St Joseph goes back at least to the 9th century. An early title used to honour him was nutritor Domini, meaning “guardian of the Lord.”
7. He is the patron of the Universal Church, a happy death, families, unborn, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, craftsman, engineers and July 20, AD 18 in Nazareth.
8. The Church celebrates two feast days uniquely for St Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. In 1955 Pope Pius XII established the Feast of “St Joseph the Worker”. This is also May Day (International workers. He’s also the patron of Sicily, America, Canada, China, Croatia and Mexico.
9. It was only in the 20th century that people started to gather the Church’s insights about St Joseph.
10. In the 1950’s three centres were dedicated to the study of St Joseph.
11. It is traditional to wear red on St Joseph’s Day.
12. He is mentioned in the Canon of the Mass.

“St Joseph was chosen among all men, to be the protector and guardian of the Virgin Mother of God; the defender and foster-father of the Infant-God, and the only co-operator upon earth, the one confident of the secret of God in the work of the redemption of mankind”

St Bernard of Clairvaux

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Just we recognise a tree by its fruit, so a life filled with good deeds is enlightening and carries the fragrance of Christ into the world.

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, Canon Frank Bermingham and Margaret Ball.

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 Rainbow Group. Next week the Rainbow Group will be on duty.

St Patrick’s Food Bank 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 enable rolls**. Thank you for your continued support.

CSS Adoption – Crib Collection

Many thanks to all who donated to the Crib Collection. This raised a total of £156.20 which goes towards helping to find safe and loving homes for vulnerable children in care, as well as helping children in their recovery with early life trauma. As CSS receive no statutory funding for their work, all donations are vital to their services.

Home for Ukrainian Family

We have been asked by Yulia, a refugee from the Kharkiv region in the Ukraine, if anyone can help by sponsoring her parents (aged 60 and 61). They are both fit and able and her mom has worked in plant nurseries and would be very willing to carry out gardening for the family, whilst dad worked as a construction worker and is handy around the home, although he would be aiming to find work within the construction industry.

If you feel you are able to help or know someone who is willing, please contact the parish office for more details.

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 9 April
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 25 MARCH 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins
- 8.30am Denise Gaiger, Paul Gaiger
- 10.00am Deacon Rob, Rebecca Musarurwa

READERS

- 6.30pm Joanna Deasey, Colin Gale
- 8.30am Sister Leenamary, Helen Jones
- 10.00am First Holy Communicants

BIDDING PRAYERS: Helen Jones

WELCOMERS:

- 6.30pm Volunteers
- 8.30am Volunteers
- 10.00am Yetunde Ajakaiye, Jerome Ajakaiye

- Church Cleaners:** Team Two: Caroline, Victoria, Beata, Martha
- Offertory Counters:** Team Two: Lisa & Simon Peck
- Tea & Coffee Rota:** Woman's Group
- Children's Liturgy:**

