

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

100 YEARS

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

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 3.00 pm 6.00pm	Private Intention Mass of Reconciliation for the Holy Communicants Thomas Mathew (Anniversary) Thomas McElkenny Daniel Njoroge Hungarian Mass Brazilian Mass	Mari Holcombe Bismy Thomas McElkenny Family Ana Ciza
Monday 27 March	9.00 am	Sick and housebound	
Tuesday 28 th March	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Stations of The Cross Intentions of The Rosary Group	
Wednesday 29 TH March	9.00 am	People of the parish	
Thursday 30 th March	9.00 am	Maureen Ryan – 1 st anniversary	Kath & Rob Easton
Friday 31 st March	12 noon	Bob Dixon	Margaret Nooney
Saturday 1 st April	6.30 pm	Delia Keary and Lena McLoughlin Hannah and Pats Loughlin -Anniv	Michael McLoughlin Loughlin family
Sunday 2 nd April	8.30 am	People of Ukraine and Russia	
Sunday 2 nd April Palm Sunday	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Elizabeth O'Callaghan Agatha Page Thanksgiving for her life Brazilian Mass	McElkenny family Polish community

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

CENTENARY CELEBRATION Our Centenary Celebration took place on St. Patrick's Day, Friday 17th March. A most joyous occasion the church was packed to capacity on this special day!! One hundred years to the day our parish of St. Patrick's was founded. Our oldest parishioner Grace Strong, now 102 years old was present! Our Bishop Declan Lang and more than 20 clergy were present including The Abbot of Buckfast Abbot David Charlesworth Also present the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Councillor Paula O'Rourke and many other special guests. During its 100 years St. Patrick's has had only 6 parish priests: Mgr William Dillon (Founder), Canon Owen Devaney, Fr. Alfie Supple, Canon Michael English, Father Pat Evans and Canon Gregory who is now the longest serving parish priest – 35 years!!! Canon English was a concelebrant of the Mass.

Canon Gregory writes:

The Centenary Celebration Day was an amazing occasion with over 900 people attending the morning and evening Masses. The event highlighted the love and enthusiasm parishioners have for our parish. The community choir was made up of 70 singers including 20 school children. The church was decorated by our Polish parishioners, The Brooks Hall was decorated by our Brazilian parishioners, The Pan African and Indian parishioners looked fantastic and sounded fantastic as they performed at the music celebration during the reception. Thank you to all the parishioners who sponsored the event.

Following the uplifting Special Mass, the evening continued with a buffet in the church. People then went across to The Brooks Hall for a Ceili which was enjoyed by all. Watching the “dancers” going through their steps was entertaining!!

Everyone got involved and it was a joyous Showcase of our thriving parish.

Special thanks to all those working in the background, our Centenary Planning Committee, Michele Marshall, the school and P.T.A. our parish secretary, Diana Bleaken, of course Tracy our Musical Co-Ordinator, and Amelia in the parish office. Thank you one and all for contributing to the most memorable day.

Love and Blessings

Canon Gregory

PAPAL BLESSING AND PORTRAIT

Canon Gregory was surprised and delighted to receive the very personal Papal Blessing given to him on behalf of all the parishioners at The Centenary Mass. It now hangs above The Book of Remembrance in the church. It is a beautiful souvenir of the wonderful event.

Thank you to Paul and Denise Gaiger for sponsoring the portrait of Canon Gregory painted in oils by local artist Vincent Brown. Canon Gregory only saw the finished portrait for the first time on the Centenary Day and feels very honoured to be commemorated in this beautiful painting.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

To-day is the fifth Sunday of Lent, the time when we are just 14 days away from Easter Sunday and we prepare for Holy Week which proceeds it.

To-days reading tells us of the God of Life who overcomes death. The last of the miraculous signs which Jesus performs before Easter is at the tomb of his friend, Lazarus, where he proclaims: “I am the Resurrection and the Life” and he calls to Lazarus: “Come Out”.

CURRENT NEWS/WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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 are 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 CAFOD. If you are able to volunteer at any of the lunches, please sign the list in the Nathex. Ends next Friday 31st March.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE 2ND APRIL – 9TH APRIL

Sunday 2 nd	Palm Sunday Palms will be distributed at all Masses. There will be a procession at 10:00am Mass.
Monday 3 rd	Mass 9:00 am
Tuesday 4 th	Mass 7:30 pm
Wednesday 5 th	The Chrism Mass is celebrated in Clifton cathedral at 11:00 am. No Mass at St. Patrick's on this day

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 6 th	Mass of the Last Supper 7:30 pm, washing of the feet, followed by exposition until 10:00 pm
Friday 7 th	Stations of the Cross 10:00 am Good Friday Worship 3:00 pm
Saturday 8 th	The Easter Vigil 6:30 pm
Sunday 9 th	Mass at 8:30 am and 10:00 am Brazilian Mass 6:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY – TUESDAY – THURSDAY - FRIDAY
30 minutes before all Masses

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass of Reconciliation for Holy Communicants is today during 10 am Mass.

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.

EASTER CARDS

There is a lovely 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 St Patrick's, 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.” We were able to donate £702 to our parish funds.

The winning tickets are as follows:

1 st Prize	Ticket No. 186 – Diogo 2 individual sessions with personal trainer at HCP – Health & Fitness Studio
2 nd Prize	Ticket No. 190 – David Basket of Delicacies
3 rd Prize	Ticket No 45 – Liz Manicure & Pedicure Session with Maria Monequi Nail Designer
4 th Prize	Ticket No. 157 – Celia Massage session with Kasa Chiropractic
5 th Prize	Ticket 227 – Ramesh 2 Oil Changes with King Motorcycle's
6 th 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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Just as 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, 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 Womens Group. Next week, 2nd April. The Polish community 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - GOOD FRIDAY

This year the Good Friday gathering will be at St. Aiden's Church, (Fir Tree Lane, St. George) for Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee. A collection will be made at St. Aiden's for the Methodist Centre for the Homeless and Disaster Aid for Syria and Turkey. There will **not** be a procession to Troopers Hill but as last year people can make their own way there informally from St. Aiden's for a short gathering of witness. In the event of bad weather this will be held in St. Aiden's which will be open from 10.30 am and people will leave at 11.30 am for Troopers Hill.

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

WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH

(1) Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11.30am (after the 10.00am Mass). Next Sunday, 2nd April, Palm Sunday, the following children will be Baptised:

Davide Rigoli, Vida Amalia Findlay, and Adam Pancierz. We welcome them all into the family of God and congratulate their parents and godparents.

(2) 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 next Talk will be on Sunday 16h April. **Please note the change of date. There will not be a Talk on 9th April which is Easter Sunday.**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERSW TRAINING

The Eucharistic Ministers training scheduled for 11 am today, Sunday, is now postponed until next Sunday 2nd April, after the 10 am Mass.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 2nd APRIL.

PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Separate list
8.30am Separate List
10.00am Separate List

READERS

6.30pm Separate List
8.30am Separate List
10.00am Separate List

BIDDING PRAYERS:

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Volunteers
8.30am Volunteers
10.00am Volunteers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Holy Thursday – Separate list
Good Friday - Separate List
Vigil Holy Saturday – Separate List

READERS

Holy Thursday Volunteers
Good Friday **The Passion** Volunteers
Holy Saturday – **Easter Vigil** Volunteer

Easter Sunday 8.30 volunteers
Easter Sunday 10 am volunteers

WELCOMERS

Welcomers needed for all the above Masses

PLEASE SIGN THE LIST IN THE NARTHEX

Thank you

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

