

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

100 YEARS

CLERGY HOUSE, DILLON COURT, NETHAM ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL, BS5 9PF

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 9 APRIL – SUNDAY 16
APRIL 2023
EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR A) & DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
Saturday 8 April Easter Vigil	11.00am 6.30pm	Blessing of Easter Baskets Veronica Onyebuchi (Private Intention)	Pan African Group
Sunday 9 April Easter Sunday	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Julius Thomson & Jeff Thomson - Birthdays Ioan Betuker – 1 st Anniversary Thanksgiving Brazilian Mass	Thomson Family Beturer Family Kishebuka Family
Monday 10 April Bank Holiday	12 noon	People of the Parish	
Tuesday 11 April	7.30pm	People of War-Torn countries	
Wed 12 April	9.00am	Marie & Denis Grant	
Thursday 13 April	9.00am	Phillis James	
Friday 14 April	12 noon	Veronica Onyebuchi (Private Intention)	Rose Adims
Saturday 15 April	6.30pm	Hannah Curnow	Curnow Family
Sunday 16 April Divine Mercy Sunday	8.30am 10.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Ester Gahan (Private Intention) Thanksgiving – Serine Alexander Mary Kutty Simon Elizabeth O'Callaghan Divine Mercy Holy Hour Brazilian Mass	Andy, Maureen & Family Alexander Family Bismy Thomas McElkenny Family
Monday 17 April	9.00am	Sick & Housebound	
Tuesday 18 April	7.30pm	Jim Shields	Jim McCormick
Wed 19 April	9.00am	Peace in Ukraine	
Thursday 20 April	9.00am	Canon Gregory's Private Intentions	
Friday 21 April	12 noon	Amy Concannon RIP Win & Jack Sullivan	Concannon Family Margaret Nooney
Saturday 22 April	6.30pm	Jim Shields	Jim McCormick
Sunday 23 April	8.30am 10.00am	K L Mathew Michael Carroll	Louis Laiju Dunford Family

**EASTER
BLESSINGS**

TO EVERYONE

FROM

CLERGY AND STAFF

AT

ST PATRICKS

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

EASTER MESSAGE FROM CANON GREGORY
THE CENTENARY YEAR

The Easter Celebration brings us into the second quarter of our Centenary year. Thank you to everyone for making the first few months so memorable.

The New Years Eve dance and the family picnic on New Years Day together with our First Mass of the year got the Celebrations off to a great start. This was followed by the Parish Mission at the beginning of Lent which was a huge success with so much participation from so many parishioners.

Our main event, the celebration on St Patrick's Day brought together all the talents in our parish. Over 900 people attended the morning and evening Masses and the evening Mass with over 600 in the congregation was the largest gathering of worshippers in the history of the parish. Over the past two months our four Sunday Masses have seen our congregation swell back to its pre-covid numbers of over 600 at church each Sunday.

There have been many blessings to celebrate in the last few months. For me, one of the biggest, is the arrival of Father Antonio Marcos, who joins our parish for two years. He is a great help to me and to all of us and has become a good friend as well as an inspiring colleague. The evolution of the many cultural choirs under Tracy's supervision has brought variety and quality to our worship, as well as to our social events. The parish is continuing its missionary journey.

In the coming months we have our long bank holiday pilgrimage to Walsingham in May. Daniel O'Donnell comes to visit us for our Cultural Concert on the 18 June and we have our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes in August. On Sunday 18 June the new restaurant Assisi Flavours opens permanently (Wed-Sat) in the Shore Gallery, four evenings a week. Many other events are planned for Spring and the Summer.

This weekend we celebrate the principal feast of the year in the Christian calendar – The Resurrection of Our Lord. Thank you to all my parishioners for bringing to life the Risen Christ and making him visible in our beautiful community of St Patrick's.

Love and Blessings
Canon Gregory

300 CLUB WINNERS – MARCH 2023

Sunday 5 March

1 st	£50	No 59	David Skinner
2 nd	£20	No 153	Joanna Deasey
3 rd	£10	No 146	Katrina White
4 th	£10	No 252	Jaida Fihosy
5 th	£10	No 68	Winni Dunford

Sunday 12 March

1 st	£50	No 74	Donald Spiers
2 nd	£20	No 201	Denis Deasey
3 rd	£10	No 37	Glen Grant
4 th	£10	No 248	Patsy McCarthy
5 th	£10	No 225	Andrew Patterson

Sunday 19 March

1 st	£50	No 94	Dolores Farrell
2 nd	£20	No 180	Canon Gregory
3 rd	£10	No 30	Edward Jaworski
4 th	£10	No 205	Jutta Coulam
5 th	£10	No 292	Stephanie McBride-Coogan

Sunday 26 March

1 st	£50	No 101	Jismon Jose
2 nd	£20	No 227	Nuala Coggins
3 rd	£10	No 294	Susan Fox
4 th	£10	No 273	Stuart Fraser
5 th	£10	No 285	Rachel Bradley

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

16 APRIL

Next Sunday is in honour of The Divine Mercy. We have this image of Jesus on our sanctuary wall. There is a special service of devotion at 3:00 pm next Sunday afternoon. This lasts one hour



Hymns, Readings, Sermons, Veneration of the relic of St. Faustina Litany, confessions during the service, private prayer before the image of The Divine Mercy

A complimentary afternoon tea is served for everyone after the service in The Shore Gallery

A complimentary DVD Video on The Divine Mercy (one per household) will be gifted at the end of the service.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK

From the Cross forgiveness poured forth and fraternal love was reborn: the Cross makes us brothers and sisters.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK:

Gracy Mathew, Fergal Treanor, Patrick Smith, Mick Lewis, Alfred Ch0jnackie, John Caherty, 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, Sean Olver, Canon Frank Bermingham, Margaret Ball and Sheila Wakeham.

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.

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 cleaning products and toiletries. Thank you for your continued support.

Syro-Malabar Community

Next Saturday from 6.00-10.00pm the Syro-Malabar Community are having a social Easter Celebration in The Brooks Hall. We hope everyone enjoys their time together.

Easter Eggs for the Children

Canon Gregory will be giving the children an Easter Egg after Mass today. We hope all the children enjoy the Feast Day.

Buddhist Community

On Sunday 23 April from 1.00pm-6.00pm The Buddhist Community in Bristol will meet in the Brooks Hall. We hope they enjoy their time together.

Letters of Thanks

We have received many thank you letters and letters of congratulations recently and a selection are on the notice board.

EDUCATION AND FORMATION

St Patricks School

The school re-opens on Monday 17 April. We hope the children enjoy the coming second week before returning for the Summer Term.

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.

EASTER TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Among Catholics in other parts of the world are numerous Easter traditions that local Catholics might consider incorporating into their own Easter celebration.

Germany – Easter traditions in Germany are deeply rooted. Eggs get a unique twist in Catholic areas of Germany, where Osterbaum – or Easter trees – are very popular. Whether using an actual tree or branches cut from a tree or brought inside, these trees are decorated with painted Easter eggs. A similar tradition is Osterkranz, or Easter wreath, which is decorated with colourful eggs and hung from the ceiling.

Germany is also the originator of the Easter Bunny. However, the event of greatest interest in Germany happens once every 10 years, which is the Easter Passion Play in Oberammergau. It began close to 400 years ago in 1633 when villagers promised to continue it if God would spare the village from the plague. Plague-related deaths ceased.

Spain – Easter celebrations begin before the actual holiday with what is called “Semana Santa”, Spanish for Holy Week, with great pageantry. Parades that date back hundreds of years would take place on Palm Sunday and throughout the week as Catholics build floats covered in flowers, candles and most importantly, an elaborate statue of either Jesus or the Virgin Mary. The floats are carried on the backs of dozens of men and paraded around particular cities in Spain. Part of these processions are the inclusion of hundreds of people dressed in robes, often black or white, with tall, pointed hats and carrying large, lighted candles. These hooded costumes are hundreds of years old and represent penitence. The Penitents faces were covered to show mourning due the shame of sin.

Italy – Italy holds solemn processions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday with costumed participants carrying statues of Jesus and Mary through the town. Some towns also stage Passion plays or Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Italian Easter bread is braided with three strands to represent the Holy Trinity and shaped in a crown like the crown of thorns with coloured eggs backed into the bread. Some areas of Italy bake their bread in the shape of a dove to symbolize hope.

Mexico – Many of the traditions that originated in Spain were carried to their colonies in Central America and South America hundreds of years ago. Processions on Palm Sunday are traditional in some cities in Mexico, commemorating Jesus’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The town of Iztapalapa holds one of the largest Passion plays, known as the Via Crucis.

