ST PATRICK'S CHURCH 100 YEARS

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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	11.00am	Blessing of Easter Baskets	
Easter Vigil	6.30pm .	Veronica Onyebuchi (Private Intention)	Pan African Group
Sunday 9 April	8.30am	Julius Thomson & Jeff Thomson - Birthdays	Thomson Family
Easter Sunday	10.00am	Ioan Betuker – 1 st Anniversary	Beturer Family
		Thanksgiving	Kishebuka Family
	6.00pm	Brazilian Mass	
Monday 10 April	12 noon	People of the Parish	
Bank Holiday			
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	8.30am	Ester Gahan (Private Intention)	Andy, Maureen & Family
Divine Mercy	10.00am	Thanksgiving – Serine Alexander	Alexander Family
Sunday		Mary Kutty Simon	Bismy Thomas
		Elizabeth O'Callaghan	McElkenny Family
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	
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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	Concannon Family
		Win & Jack Sullivan	Margaret Nooney
Saturday 22 April	6.30pm	Jim Shields	Jim McCormick
Sunday 23 April	8.30am	K L Mathew	Louis Laiju
	10.00am	Michael Carroll	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

CURRENT NEWS/WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

*Today is **Easter Sunday**, the first day of the Resurrection of Our Lord and is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus Christ. The beautiful flowers in church and the priest's bright robes symbolise a *new beginning as Christ is risen from the dead.

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Tuesday, 11 April, is the feast day of St Stanislaus of Krakow. He became Bishop of that city in 1072 and openly opposed the unjust wars of King Boleslaus. He was murdered by the king who then spent the rest of his life as a penitent. St Stanislau is the patron saint of Poland and we remember our own Father Stan on his feast day.

Sunday 16 April is **Divine Mercy Sunday** and the 2nd Sunday of Easter.

Wednesday 19 April is the **Memorial of St Alphege** who was from Bath. He became at monk at Deerhurst, Gloucestershire and later became Abbot of Bath, Bishop of Winchester and Archbishop of Canterbury respectively. He was captured in 1011 by the Danes and imprisoned and wasstmurdered by them at Greenwich when he forbade a ransom to be paid for him.

Friday 21 April is the **Memorial of St Anselm** who was a monk at Bec in France. He became Prior and to this period belong his famous prayers and meditations. He succeeded Lanfrance as Archbishop of Canterbury, where he defended the rights and liberties of the church against the encroachments of the English Kings. He was a great philosopher and developed a method of reasoning which prepared the way for the great thinkers of the Middle Ages. He was devoted to Our Lady and was the first to establish the feast of the Immaculate Conception in the West.

EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The two collections at Christmas and Easter are the principal salary contribution to our parish priest, $^*_{
m Canon}$ Gregory. Please place your gift in the offertory basket. Envelopes are also attached to your $^*_{
m c}$ *bulletin which you may bring next Sunday. You may also wish to make your donation through the Dona machine in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

CANON GREGORY - LIVE ON RADIO MARIA

Canon Gregory was interviewed live on air this week about the Paris and our centenary celebrations on Radio Maria, along with Tracy McNama, which is a station dedicated to the Catholic faith. This was a great opportunity for Canon to highlight the dynamic community within our Parish and all it has

to offer. If you would like to listen to this interview, please use the following link: https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/SadUMIqLKyb.

BOOKING FORMS
This week's bulletin contains booking forms for the Walsingham Pilgrimage weekend, the Lourdes
Pilgrimage and the Daniel O'Donnell concert. Please book early to secure your place(s) at these
Centenary Celebrations.

BAPTISMS
Today we welcome Anna Musarurwa who will be Baptized during the 10.00am Mass. We
congratulate her parents Rebecca and Munashe, her godparents, all the family and welcome her into
the family of the Church.

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COME & SEE GROUP

Canon Gregory invites the Junior Come & See Group to the presbytery next Wednesday, 12April, from 6.30-8.30pm for a meeting followed by supper in the presbytery. Please contact Jeffin if you are able to attend.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

Receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ, ie, 'communion under both kinds' has been an option in our own parishes for many years but, sadly, the COVID-19 pandemic gave rise to very legitimate concerns about distribution under both species and therefore dioceses and parishes worldwide stopped offering communion under both kinds. Now, thankfully, after an absence of over two years, the Bishops of England and Wales have decided that we will be able, once again, to start offering the opportunity to receive the precious Blood from the Chalice during Mass. Put simply, Jesus said "take and eat' take and drink...". It will, of course, be each individual's choice whether they receive from the chalice or not and, as we know, the Church teaches that the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is present in both the Sacred Host and Precious Blood, so there is no *obligation* to receive Holy Communion from the chalice.

St Patrick's Church will reintroduce Communion under both kinds from Sunday 30th April.

ST PATRICK'S SUPPER CLUB

Last Monday we had our first meeting of the Supper Club at Pizzeria Assisi, which was very well attended. Everyone who came had a lovely evening with both great company and food. Thank you to Ramesh and his team for providing us all with a wonderful evening.

The next one will be held in the Shore Gallery on the Coronation Day, Monday 8 May, where there will be a special Coronation menu costing £18 per person. Doors will open at 7pm for pre-dinner drinks.

FIRST FRIDAY - MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Following on from our popular weekly Lenten Lunches we are going to hold a lunch on the 1st Friday of each month starting 5 May 2023 after 12.00 noon mass. This will be at a cost of £5 per head with proceeds going to a different charity each month. If you would like to cook or share a family recipe, please contact the Parish Office for more details.

We would like to thank all the parishioners who helped with the preparation of the Lenten lunches, as well as those who attended them. Without your support these lunches would not be possible. They were a huge success and £700 was raised for CAFOD. Thank you again to everyone.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

*An award winning all female choir are holding a fund-raising event in aid of the replacement lift at St *Joseph's Care Home, Cotham on Saturday 22nd April at 2.00pm. Tickets from the Parish office at *£10. Please support this if you can. Please see the poster in the narthex.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

We are delighted to announce that Alvaro Martinez Guimera has been appointed and inducted into his role as a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) for St Patrick's Parish, to work with Pauline Humphrey in ensuring all parish volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults are recruited safely with the required checks and have good access to safeguarding training and resources. We thank both Alvaro and Pauline for taking on these important roles for our parish.

CHURCH CLEANING

Our church always looks lovely and clean. This is thanks to our very dedicated cleaning teams. At the moment we have two teams who clean on Fridays and Saturdays. The teams clean as follows:

- A. Friday from 9am to 12 noon, two consecutive Fridays in every three weeks
- B. Saturday from 9am to 12noon, once every three weeks

Due to age, ill health and death our teams have become depleted and need your help. Can you give 🛊 one or two hours a fortnight to clean our Church. This request is to men and women aged 18-80. There is a list in the church porch to sign. Please add your name and just turn up to help. If enough people volunteer, then a new team can be created and then the Teams would only need to work every three weeks – only 17 times a year. We need 6-8 new volunteers to make this happen. Please help. We could also create a new opportunity to clean on a Wednesday evening every three weeks 6.30-8.30pm. **Please** let us know if this time is of interest to you. Please sign the list. Thank ∦you.

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.

Centenary Committee Meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday 18 April at 8.00pm in The Shore Gallery. The Team will discuss the forthcoming events.

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The PG Group

On Thursday 27, The PG Group is 25 years old. The Group founded by Peter Bradley and Canon Gregory are celebrating with a corporate Golf Day at Celtic Manor. Over 40 golf teams are playing from a wide variety of businesses in Bristol. (Canon Gregory is driving a buggy instead of playing).

The PG Group was last year voted "Regional Homebuilder of the Year". The company now employs 50 staff and over 200 sub-contractors. The PG Group gives a substantial proportion of its profits to The Grant Bradley Trust which, in turn, gives St Patrick's Parish and School monthly donations in excess of £6,000. There is a fundraising dinner 200 after the Golf Day at Celtic Manor and with the profits going to The Grant Bradley Trust.

We hope everyone at PG enjoy the Silver Anniversary Celebration. Please pray for the continued success of the company.

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
2nd	£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 Pattersor

<u>Sunday 19 March</u>

*1 ^x 1**	£50 No 94	Dolores Farrell
**2 nd	£20 No 180	Canon Gregory
		Edward Jaworski
**4 th	£10 No 205	Jutta Coulam
**5 th	£10 No 292	Stephanie McBride-Coogan

Sunday 26 March

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

PODE 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 Biddy, 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.

*Eastern Europe – In countries such as Poland, Slovakia and Hungary, the tradition of placing a basket filled with certain foods at the altar of the church to be blessed is popular. Each food item has a specific meaning in Christianity. Some popular items are butter, generally in the shape of a lamb, which symbolizes Christ's goodness; meat in whatever chosen variety as a symbol of God's generosity; and horseradish mixed with grated beetroot which symbolises Christs passion and bloodshed. These baskets are typically covered with a heavily decorated cloth to resemble Christs burial shroud. Of course, eggs are part of the Easter tradition as a sign of new life, painted elaborately.

*France – Unlike Germany, where the Easter Bunny delivers the eggs, in France the eggs are dropped by the flying bells of churches as they wing their way "back" from Rome on Easter morning. The bells in France churches are silenced on Holy Thursday and are said to "fly" to Rome to be blessed by the Pope before ringing out the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The eggs that the bells supposedly scatter in gardens along their flight path become part of the children's traditional Easter egg hunt. In one town, Bessieres, it has been a part of their Easter tradition for the past 40 years to create the world's largest omelette using around 15,000 eggs to feed the town.

*Whilst every nation and family have their own traditions in terms of the Easter feast, some foods have become almost universal in their affiliation with Easter. Eggs, of course, the symbol of new life. Lamb a nod to Catholicism's Jewish roots and the Pascal Lamb. Bread is also a staple in some form in nearly every country, as Jesus called Himself the Bread of Life in the Gospel of John.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2023 <u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</u>

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Joanna Deasey

8.30am Maria Beasley-Suffolk, Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk

10.00am Deacon Rob, Natasha Mulvihill

READERS

6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey

8.30am Edmund Beasley-Suffolk, Daniel Beasley-Suffolk

10.00am Rebecca Musarurwa, Jeffin Jose

BIDDING PRAYERS

Edmund Beasley-Suffolk

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Volunteers

8.30am Sally Page, Eleanor Beasley-Suffolk

10.00am Jerome & Yetunde Ajakaiye

Church Cleaners: Team Two: Kay, Caroline, Victoria, Beata, Martha

Offertory Counters: Team Three: Pauline & Mark Humphrey

Children's Liturgy: 16, 23, 30 April