

# ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

## 100 YEARS

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 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2023

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
Sat 2 December	6.30pm	Patrick Coleman (Anniversary) Pat Coleman (Months Mind)	Angela O'Loughlin
Sun 3 December First Sunday of Advent - Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees	8.30am 10.00am	Maurice Twomey (80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) V C Joseph Joby & Anila (20 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) Omonyi Adeyemi-Doro	Curnow Family George Kalathara Thomson & Family Pan African Community
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	
Mon 4 December	9.00am	People of The Parish	
Tues 5 December	7.00pm	Sick and Housebound	
Wed 6 December	9.15am	Whole School Mass for Advent	
Thurs 7 December	9.00am	Peace and Justice in the Middle East and Ukraine/Russia	
Fri 8 December	12.00 noon	Mass for Salvatorian Sisters Jamie Brooks 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Patrick Coleman Anniversary	Jim, Julie and Family Angela O' Loughlin
Sat 9 December	6.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sun 10 December Second Sunday of Advent	8.30am 10.00am	Usha Jose 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Geo Jose P/Int	Alexander Family Geo Jose
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	

**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

**Please note all Tuesday evening Masses are now at 7:00pm**

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today, Sunday, is the feast day of St Francis Xavier. He was ordained a priest in Venice before moving to Lisbon, Portugal, then on to the East Indies. He landed at Goa on the West Coast of India where he lived for 10 years. Although he went on to live and bring the Good News in Malaysia and Japan, his body is buried in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. His life was one of countless hours spent ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers, but he was always filled with joy.

On Wednesday, 6th December, children all over Europe will be putting their shoes and stockings outside their bedroom doors for a visit from St Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. In English speaking countries, he became Santa Claus. He is remembered for tossing three bags of gold through the window of a poor man so that his three daughters could be married with a dowry. His legendary charity finds him called 'Good St Nick' and we remember him by giving gifts at Christmas.

On Friday, 8th December, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## **TABLETOP SALE**

Last week's Christmas sale was a great success. Over £1700 was raised for Church funds. Thank you to everyone who helped by bringing donation for the stalls, helping setup and clear up, manning the stalls and of course all the customers. Thank you to the two married couples Groups for running The Bottle Stall. There are eight Christmas hampers in the raffle. Tickets are on sale after the three Masses today and the raffle will be drawn at 11:15am. Tickets are £2 each or 3 for £5. Do buy a ticket after Mass and good luck to everyone.

## **INDIAN COMMUNITY**

The Indian community will be selling snacks after the 8:30am and 10:00 am Mass today to help raise funds for the church. Please buy some snacks to support the parish.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER ANTONIO AND PAULINE HUMPHREY**

Congratulations to Father Antonio and Pauline Humphrey for obtaining their Doctorates last week. Father Antonio is a Doctor of Theology and Pauline is a Doctor of Philosophy. They have both worked so hard on top of their normal duties to achieve these accolades. Pauline is a Consultant Radiographer, does a huge amount in the parish as the parish Safeguarding officer, plays in the music group, offertory counter and belongs to the married couples group. We welcome Father Antonio back to the parish as Rev. Fr. Dr Antonio. We offer them our love and congratulations on such wonderful achievements.

## **JESUS YOUTH**

There will be a Night Vigil here at St Patrick's on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023. We would like to extend a warm invitation to the young people in the parish. This spiritual event is a pivotal moment for our spiritual growth, offering an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and a deepening of our faith. Fr Matt Anscombe will be celebrating Holy Mass and give us a session and reflection as well. December 9<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm – 11.30pm

**Age group: 18-35 and Jesus Youth families**

## Schedule

8.00 - 8.15pm	Rosary
8.15 – 8.30pm	Music & Action song
8.30 – 8.45pm	Praise & Worship
8.45 – 9.45pm	Session
9.45 – 10.00pm	Discussion
10.00 – 10.30pm	Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
10.30 – 11.00pm	Holy Mass
11.00 – 11.30pm	Tea/Coffee - Fellowship

## **PROGRAMME FOR SACRAMENT YEAR OF REFLECTION AND PREPARATION**

The full programme for the year is published in a leaflet available in the narthex.

All adults are asked to engage in one or more of the series on the sacraments. Please use the enrolment form in the Narthex or scan the QR code below to complete the form.

Scan here for the registration form.



## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

We have become aware that many people believe our sacramental programme is only for those preparing for the different sacraments. The talks are for All Catholics wishing to learn more about their faith. It is a series of Adult Education and there is something for everyone. This month the Talks are as follows.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

**Tuesday 12 December 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

### **Christian Marriage**

**Friday 15 December 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

### **Sacrament of the Eucharist**

**Tuesday 19 December 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

## **MISSO (RED BOXES) FROM COLIN GALE**

Every year in December, I report the annual money that has been raised in St Patrick's Red Boxes by sending forms to the Missio headquarters in London. If anybody has a box that they would like me to empty and count before I complete the returns, please either hand it to me at 6.30pm on Saturday Mass or leave it in the Parish Office. Many thanks for your support.

## **MARMALADE TRUST – CHRISTMAS CHEER**

This Charity provides lunch with others on Christmas Day or a doorstep social visit, for those who are alone. If you would like to enjoy their hospitality, please contact the organisation: [christmas@marmaladetrust.org](mailto:christmas@marmaladetrust.org)

## **ST PATRICK'S COLUMBARIUM**

Please pray for the following whose ashes are inurned in our parish Columbarium in the **Chapel of The Resurrection**:

Brian and Sylvia Davies, Betty Batt, Pat Parker, John Byrne, Phyllis Haynes, Teresa Clay, Helen and Andy Turner, Peter Bradley, Marie Grant, Jeff Rooker, Canon Kevin Kenny, Pat Uren.

May they rest in Peace.

If you would like to reserve a place in the Columbarium, please pick up a folder with the details in the narthex and see Chris or Amelia in the parish office.

## **ST PATRICKS SCHOOL**

- **CAROLS AROUND THE TREE**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 pm, the school will be hosting "Carols Around the Tree" in the school hall for pupils and parents only. We wish them an enjoyable time.

- **CELLO CONCERT**

Tomorrow Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December from 5:30 – 7:30pm there will be a Cello Concert in the Church performed by pupils of St Patrick's School. Please try to support their event. There is no entry fee but there will be a retiring collection. See poster in the Narthex.

## **VOLUNTARY HELP**

Some parishioners give a day or half a day in the Church office to help the parish run smoothly. If you are able to give three hours a week or more to assist in the parish office, please speak to Chris who will be glad to receive your voluntary help.

We also require help with IT, if you have IT background and can give a couple of hours a week, we would very much appreciate this.

## **300 CLUB WINNERS – NOVEMBER 2023**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Gerry Curnow, Laura Bradley, Chris Boateng, Maureen Gray, Katherine Nichol. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Carol Skinner, Alice Thomas, Suzanne Slane, Susan Fox, Jaida Fihosy. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Charity Shop, Trisha Jackson, Angela Leahy, S & L Peck, Carmel Virgo. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – N Nderemani, Rosie McCarthy, Carole Maggs, Edward Jaworski, Dave Hale.

## **PARISH MUSICAL DIRECTOR PAID ROLE**

Due to the forthcoming retirement of our Parish Musical Director, Tracy McNama, a vacancy has arisen for this post. This is a paid position. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please contact Chris Boateng in the parish office.

## **BAPTISMS**

(1) Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11.30am (after the 10.00am Mass).

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 held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

## **THE USE OF THE PARISH HALL NEW POLICY**

Please note that we are no longer renting the Parish Halls to non-Parishioners. The use of Brooks Hall by Parish Communities is free, but the Parish will be charging a refundable deposit of £50. The deposit will be refunded once you have satisfactorily cleaned the hall, kitchen, and toilets. You will lose your deposit if you fail to clean all the above. The deposit policy is applicable to individual Parishioners who rent the hall for their events.

## **MASS FOR SALVATORIAN SISTERS**

This Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, during the Mass, the Salvatorian Sisters will renew their vows. We wish them a happy feast day. Please pray for the Sisters

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Thirty parents enrolled their children in the forthcoming classes for the next year. Please contact Sister LeenaMary to enrol your child.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE SICK:**

Mick Lewis, Alfred Chojnackie, Maciej Kauczynski, Johnny Enright, Grace Karimu, Debbie Redfern, Katie Cunningham, Fiona Bradley, Stephen Bradley, Sisters Bernie and Biddie Arscott, Jim Brooks, Grace Strong, Laura Birkett, Gwen White, Bernard Stadden, Ian Cleverly, Graham Tiley, Angela O'Leary, Jim Robbins, Adam Wright, Margaret Figurski, Kieran Cavanagh, Libby Nykolyszyn, Philip Green, Pam Green, David Griffiths, Diana Auret, John Wallis, Peter Wahinya, Jim Brooks, Mary Dias, Irene Agidee

**Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list.**



Pastoral Area of St Edmund of  
Abingdon  
*Diocese of Clifton*

# Advent Penitential Services

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation ~  
Confessions will be available at the  
following locations:-*

1) Tuesday 19th December 2023 ~ 7.00pm  
*Holy Family Church,  
Southsea Road, Patchway, Bristol, BS34 5DP*

2) Wednesday 20th December 2023 ~ 7.30pm  
*St Augustine of Canterbury Church,  
Boscombe Crescent, Downend, Bristol, BS 16 6QR*

'As well as Reconciliation / Confessions in your own Parishes  
at the normal times'

*A wonderful way to prepare for Christmas!*

## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

St. Patrick's Women's Group will hold their December Meeting in The Shore Gallery this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. They will be enjoying their "Christmas Do" as well as trying to identify childhood photographs of members.

The Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month (except August). New members are always welcome, just turn up!!! The Annual Membership Subscription is £25. 00 but that is all, there is no monthly subs. An interesting programme is arranged. Please feel free to come along and see if it is for you!!! Further information can be obtained from Amelia in the parish office.

## **TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS**

No Tea or coffee this week as the Indian Community are selling snack in the Shore Gallery to raise funds for the Church. Thank you all for your continued support

## **ST PATRICK'S 5-ASIDE FOOTBALL CLUB**

As part of the St. Patrick's Youth Ministry and Evangelisation, the parish has formed a 5-aside football club for the 12 years old and above. Fifteen members of the youth including Rev. Fr Antonio have signed up. Please contact the parish office if you would like to join the club.



**MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY**

**10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Joanna Deasey  
8.30am Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk, Sister Leenamary  
10.00am Deacon Rob, Elizabeth Magorimbo

**READERS**

6.30pm Joanna Deasey, Luca Gilardoni  
8.30am Edmond Beasley-Suffolk, Maria Beasley-Suffolk  
10.00am Simon Peck & Lisa Peck

**BIDDING PRAYERS:** Edmond Beasley-Suffolk

**WELCOMERS:**

6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed, Alice Ndira  
8.30am Sally Page, Volunteer  
10.00am Caroline White, Teresa Smaka

**Church Cleaners:** Team One: Kay, Terry, Ron  
**Offertory Counters:** Team Three: Pauline & Mark Humphrey  
**Children's Liturgy** December 10th, 17th  
**Tea & Coffee:** Indian Community