

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 10th DECEMBER 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
Sat 9 December	6.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sun 10 December	8.30am	Thanksgiving Mass	Shiny & Laju Family
Second Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Usha Jose 11 th Anniversary	Alexander Family
Christmas Carol Service	3:00pm	Geo Jose P/Int	Geo Jose
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	
Mon 11 December	9.00am	Jim Brooks	
Tues 12 December	7.00pm	Dineen & Collin Family R.I.P	Mary Dineen
Wed 13 December	9.00am	Victoria Obi (Death Anniversary)	Rose Adims and family
	2:30pm	School Carol Service	
Thurs 14 December	9.00am	McDonagh Family P/Int	McDonagh Family
Fri 15 December	12.00 noon	War torn Countries	
Sat 16 December	6.30pm	Hannah Curnow RIP	Mary Dineen
Sun 17 December	8.30am	Molly Foley (RIP)	Foley Family
Second Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Amy & Bill Concannon (RIP)	Concannon Family
		Alvia Jacob (Death Anniversary)	Thomas & Gijimol
	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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and the second candle will be lit on the Advent wreath in Church.

Tuesday, 12th December, is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Before Mary appeared to a humble peasant, Juan Diego, Spanish missionaries had had little success in converting Mexicans and human sacrifices were still taking place. Mary appeared dressed like an Aztec princess on a hillside and persuaded Juan Diego to tell the Bishop of Mexico to build a chapel on the site where she appeared. As a sign, Juan picked roses which he carried in his cloak to the bishop who fell to his knees at the sight of the beautiful roses with a picture of Mary on the cloak's fabric. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of Mexico and America.

The next day, Wednesday, 13th December, is the feast day of St Lucy who was martyred at Syracuse in 304. She is the patron saint of the blind and people with eye disorders.

Blessed Mary Frances Schervier was born in France but visited the United States to help her fellow Sisters of the Poor of St Francis to nurse soldiers wounded in the Civil war. She was beatified in 1974 and we remember her on Friday 15th December.

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

Christmas Mass times

Saturday 23 December

6:30pm Evening Mass as Usual

Sunday 24 December

8:30am Mass as Usual

10:00am Brazilian Mass in Portuguese

6:00pm Christmas Family Mass

10:00 pm Mid night Mass

Monday 25 December

10:00am Christmas Day Mass

12:00 Midday Brazilian Mass in Portuguese

The Christmas collection at all masses on Christmas day is your personal gift to Canon Gregory and Father Antonio.

Merry Christmas!

English

Feliz Natal!

Portuguese

Heri ya Krismasi- Swahili

Kenya

JOY to the WORLD
this Christmas!

St. Patrick's Christmas Concert

Sunday 10th December 2023

3pm- Concert

4pm - Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Wesołych Świąt!

Polish

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Malayalam

Afeyiapa! Ashanti

Ghana

E keresimesi Oma- Igbo

Nigeria

Jim Brooks 1941 – 2023

Please pray for Jim Brooks who died this week. Jim Came to St Patricks parish at the age of four in 1945 and has been a faithful parishioner for 78 years until his death this week. Jim was an alter server, aged seven for Canon Dillon in the early years of the parish. He attended St Patricks school in the forties and fifties and became Chair of Governors of the school. Jim was an architect and he designed St Patrick's church in 1995 and the new extension in 2017. Jim designed the Brooks Hall which is named after him. Jim married Julie 59 years ago in St Patricks and they had three children, Jamie, Catherine, and Clare.

Jamie died ten years ago, and Jim and Julie commissioned the Stained-glass window of St Patricks in the church tower in Jamies memory. Jim was involved in every area of the parish life. St Patricks was his second home and second family.

As we thank God for all Jim contributed to our lives, we pray for him, his wife Julie, their daughters Catherine, and Clare and all their grandchildren.

It is only rarely a parish has the privilege of enjoying a lifetime of service from a parishioner. Jim has been the privilege St Patricks parish for almost 80 years.

May he rest in Peace.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

St Patricks school begins the Christmas holidays next Friday 15th December and returns on Wednesday 3rd January. we hope they enjoy the Christmas break.

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

JOB VACANCY

- **Parish Secretary**

We currently have a vacancy for a parish secretary. This vacancy is part time working Tuesday to Friday 9am – 3pm. The rate of pay is £13 per hour. The role of Parish secretary is to work with the parish priest providing secretarial and administrative support to ensure the smooth running of the parish and its buildings, to welcome visitors, offer pastoral support and lead a team of volunteers.

Contact Chris Boateng in the parish office for more information.

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 13th 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.

PAN AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The pan African Community would like to invite you to their “End of Year Family Get-Together” on Saturday 16th December 2023 at 1:00pm. The event will start with a mass at 1:00om followed by free refreshments, music and dance in the Brooks Hall.

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 BIG DRAW

The December "Big Draw" will take place next Sunday 17th December. The winning numbers will be drawn in the Shore Gallery after 10am Mass. All members must have paid up in order to be eligible for the draw. You may pay your membership in the parish office Tuesday – Friday 9:30am – 4pm or after all masses this weekend.

300 CLUB WINNERS – NOVEMBER 2023

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

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.

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 10th 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 the Brooks Hall and the Shore Gallery 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. Your group will lose its deposit if you fail to clean all the above. The deposit policy is applicable to individual Parishioners who rent the hall for their events when they will pay a hire charge for the use of the halls.

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, 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, Mary Dias, Irene Agidee

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

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY

17th DECEMBER 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins
8.30am Deacon Denis, Bridget Hemmings
10.00am Deacon Rob, Deacon Denis.

READERS

6.30pm Luca Gilardoni, Colin Gale
8.30am Helen Jones, Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Sharon King, Teresa Smaka

BIDDING PRAYERS: Helen Jones

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Alice Ndira, Volunteer
8.30am Eleanor Beasley-Suffolk, Volunteer
10.00am Teresa O'Brien, Mary Keaney-Knowles

Church Cleaners: Team One: Kay, Terry, Ron
Offertory Counters: Team One: John & Laura Bradley
Children's Liturgy December 10th, 17th
Tea & Coffee: Pan African Community