

# ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

## 100 YEARS

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

### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Canon Gregory Grant - Parish Priest  
 Revs Denis Deasey & Rob Easton - Deacons  
 Pastoral Assistant - Mrs Amelia Dunford  
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 Parish Treasurer – Fiona Bradley

### PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
Sat 16 December	6.30pm	Hannah Curnow RIP	Mary Dineen
Sun 17 December Third Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Molly Foley (RIP) Amy & Bill Concannon (RIP)	Foley Family Concannon Family
	10.00am	Alvia Jacob (Death Anniversary) Jim Brooks	Thomas & Gijimol Rob & Kath Easton
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	
Mon 18 December	9.00am	Jim Brooks	
Tues 19 December	7.00pm	Curnow Family Intention	Mary Dineen
Wed 20 December	9.00am	People of the Parish	
Thurs 21 December	9.00am	Cordelia Okeke (Death Anniversary)	Rose Adims and family
Fri 22 December	12.00 noon	Hannah Curnow 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	Curnow Family
Sat 23 December	6.30pm	Cordelia Okeke (Death Anniversary)	Emmanuel Edmund
Sun 24 December Christmas Eve	8.30am	Maurice Claypole	Christine & Bridget
	10.00am	Brazilian Mass	
	6:00pm (Family Mass)	George Adims Joel Geo – Private Int Hannah Curnow 1st Anniversary Dineen Family Private Int	Rose Adims & Family Gigi & Geo Curnow Family Curnow Family
	10:00pm Christmas Eve	Grant and Gaiger Family Peter Bradley Sister Maria P/Int	Sister Maria

**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**

## **GAUDETE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Gaudete, which means “rejoice”, is marked by a pink candle on the Advent wreath and priests wear pink robes to rejoice at the nearness of the birth of Jesus.

Thursday, 21st December is the feast day of St Peter Canisius. He was a Dutch Jesuit who won many lapsed Catholics back to the Church. He died in 1597 and is called “the second Apostle of Germany”.

On Saturday, 23rd December, we remember St John of Kanty who was born near Krakow, Poland. He was a university lecturer and taught his students: “Harshness will damage you own soul and spoil the best cause”.

## **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 the 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 and January Talks are as follows.

### **Christian Marriage**

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

**Speaker Canon Gregory**

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Speaker Deacon Rob Easton**

### **Sacrament of the Eucharist**

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

**Speaker Canon Gregory**

### **Sacrament of the Eucharist**

**Tuesday 16 January 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Speaker Deacon Denis Deasey**

### **The Sacrament of peace & healing**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 6:30pm**

**Speaker Father Antonio**

### **Christian Marriage**

**Friday 26 January 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Speaker Father Joseph**

# **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

10:00pm 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.

## Jim Brooks 1941 – 2023



Please pray for Jim Brooks who died last week. Jim came to St. Patrick's 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, at the age of seven for Canon Dillon in the early years of the parish. He attended St. Patrick's 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. Patrick's 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. Patrick's in the Church tower in Jamie's memory. Jim was involved in every area of the parish life. St. Patrick's 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 of St. Patrick's parish for almost 80 years.

Jim's requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 at 1:30pm here in St. Patrick's

May his soul rest in perfect peace with the Lord.

## Confirmation in 2024

The Confirmation programme will take place from 20 February – 20 July with the Sacrament of Confirmation taking place in July. Candidates for enrolment must be in secondary school aged 11+. Older adult candidates are welcome to enrol. Confirmation classes take place on Tuesday evening at 6:15pm in the Shore Gallery and ends at 7:30pm after Mass in Church. Get in touch with the parish office (Chris Boateng) to register you or your child's interest. Materials will be available to candidates as part of their preparation.

<b>2024 St Patrick's Confirmation Preparation Programme</b>		
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Tuesday	20 February 2024	1. Getting Started
Tuesday	05 March 2024	2. What We Can Know about God
Tuesday	12 March 2024	3. Why the World Is Broken
Tuesday	23 April 2024	4. Jesus More than a Mere Man
Tuesday	30 April 2024	5. Why Did Jesus Have to Die?
Tuesday	07 May 2024	6. The Comeback of Jesus...or the Story of the Resurrection
Tuesday	14 May 2024	7. In Search of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	04 June 2024	8. Prayer -Staying in Touch with the Living God
Tuesday	11 June 2024	9. The Church - a Home for You and Me
Tuesday	25 June 2024	10. Eucharist the Generosity of God
Tuesday	02 July 2024	11. Update! Confession!
Tuesday	09 July 2024	12. What Happens in Confirmation?
Tuesday	16 July 2024	13. Confirmation Rehearsal
Saturday	20 July 2024	Confirmation Mass (Subject to Bishop's Availability)

All sessions to commence at 18:15 hrs. Parents/Carers to ensure that Candidates are brought to the Shore Gallery and collected from the Church on time.

18:15 – 19:00 – Learning in Shore Gallery

19:00 – 19:30 – Mass in the Church.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Tuesday talk on the Sacrament of Baptism.

The talk was about "Relationship". It was very inspirational and insightful. The next talk is on Tuesday 19th December at 7:30pm. The talk is "Hosting in the Bible" by Canon Gregory Grant. There is opportunity for you to ask questions during the talk, so come prepared.

## **LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME**

The council have temporarily decided not to progress this consultation and implementation of their recommendation. Many parishioners received the following notice through their post boxes.

### **Want to say NO to the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme?**

If you're worried about the impact of the scheme and would like to object to it, there is a petition you can sign.

Bristol City Council and the scheme organisers, have not publicised this petition in the hope that people won't hear about it. If you're not happy about the proposed scheme, please sign the petition.



Scan the QR code or visit:

<https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/mgEPetitionLogon.aspx?Id=283&RPID=25408478>

This notice has not originated nor has anything to do with St Patricks. However, parishioners may wish to comment by following the guidance in the Scan code or visiting the website.

Please pray that this postponement moves into a cancellation of the scheme that would have such disastrous effects on St Patricks Church and St Patricks school.

## **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

St Patricks school began the Christmas holidays last Friday and returns on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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. Full job description and application form can be found on the narthex table.

## **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.

## **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 today after the 10:00am Mass. The winning numbers will be drawn in the Shore Gallery. 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.

## **CHRISTMAS TABLETOP SALE**

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the sale and to everyone who brought goods and raffle tickets. The sale made over £2000 for Church funds.

Last Sunday the Indian ladies arranged an Indian snack sale after all Masses. Their products were very popular, and they made £205.66 for the parish funds which was added to the tabletop sale. A great result for the fundraising event. Well done to all who organised the event. The eight Hamper Raffle winners were.

**Christine Howie, Daniel Beasley-Suffolk, Hawkins, Juliana Kusumoputro, Alex Kirkham, John Bradley, Munashe Musarurwa, Rose Holland.**

## **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 14<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 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.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Thirty parents enrolled their children in the forthcoming classes for the next year. Please contact Sister Leena Mary 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**  
**24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)**

Mass & Times	Welcomers	Reader one	Reader Two	Eucharistic Ministers
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm Christmas Eve	Mary Kearney-Knowles	Daniel Beasley-Suffolk	Hannah Gilardoni	Volunteer
	Alice Ndira			Volunteer
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00pm Christmas Eve	Eleanor Beasley-Suffolk	Maria Beasley-Suffolk	Edmund Beasley-Suffolk	Deacon Rob
	Volunteer			Marisa Beasley-Suffolk
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am Christmas Day	Teresa O'Brien	Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk	Dona Jiji	Deacon Dennis
	Volunteer			Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 12 Noon Feast of St Stephen	Volunteer	Laura Bradley	John Bradley	Deacon Rob
				John Bradley

Bidding Prayers for Christmas Masses – Deacon Dennis

**Church Cleaners:** Both Teams  
**Offertory Counters:** Team Two: Simon & Lisa Peck  
**Children's Liturgy** December 10th, 17th