

# 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  
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### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> AND 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND FIRST WEEK OF CHRISTMAS

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
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 Intention	
	10:00pm Christmas Eve	Grant and Gaiger Family Peter Bradley Sister Maria Private Intention	Salvatorian Sisters
Mon 25 December Christmas Day	10.00am	George Adims and Chika Hannah Curnow (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)	Rose Adims and Family Curnow Family
	12:00 Midday	Brazilian Mass	
Tues 26 December St Stephens Day	12:00 Midday	John & Laura Bradley Private Intentions	Bex and Nash
Wed 27 December	9.00am	People of the Parish	
Thurs 28 December	9.00am	Neil Hunter	Hunter & Holland Family
Fri 29 December	12.00 noon	Johnny Enright (P/Int)	Nora McCarthy & Family
Sat 30 December	6.30pm	McCarthy Family Intention Sarah & Chris Bevitt (1 <sup>st</sup> wedding Anniversary)	Mary Dineen Holland Family
Sunday 31 December New Year Eve	8:30am	Maurice Claypole	Christine & Bridget Bex & Nash Pete & Geraldine
	10:00am	Married Couples Intentions Jim Brooks	
	5:30pm	Brazilian Mass	
Monday 1 January New year day	12: noon	Pat Shore Chris Boateng Private Intention	Chris Boateng
Tuesday 2 January	7:00pm	People of the Parish	
Wednesday 3 January	9:00am	War Torn Countries	
Thursday 4 January	9:00am	Canon Kevin Kenny	

Friday 5 January	9:15am 1:30pm	St Patricks School Mass Jim Brooks Requiem Mass	
Saturday 6 January	6:30pm	Frank Twomey	Mary Dinnen
Sunday 7 January	8:30am 10:00am  5:30pm	Marie & Will Howie Mick and Maureen Ryan Giby Paul - Birthday Brazilian Mass	Christine Kath & Rob Easton Thomas Verghese

**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**

This bulletin is for this week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> December and the following Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

We celebrate the Feast of the Nativity on Monday, 25th December.

The next day, Tuesday 26th December, we celebrate St Stephen, deacon and the first martyr. He was one of the seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to distribute alms to the faithful. He is the patron saint of altar servers.

On Wednesday, 27th December, it is the feast day of St John, disciple, and witness to special events. He ended his days at Ephesus where he cared for Our Lady whom he took as his adopted mother.

We pray for The Holy Innocents on Thursday, 28th December. Baby boys aged two and under were ordered to be massacred by Herod in and around Bethlehem in order to kill Jesus. An angel appeared to Joseph to warn him to take Mary and the baby to safety In Egypt.

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December)**

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem along with baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child, and at the same time, they gave honour to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honour to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, this sanctifies the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the centre of family and individual life. Ways to do this include reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, all done together as a family unit.

## **CANON GREGORY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Thank you to everyone for making 2023 a wonderful year of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration to commemorate 100 years in the life of St Patrick's parish. We have enjoyed so many "BIG TICKET" events during the year.

New Year's Eve Dance, New Year's Family Day, The Lenten Mission, the Centenary Mass, Easter Celebration, Daniel O'Donnell Concert, Lourdes Pilgrimage, Buckfast Weekend, Cardinal Turkson's Visit and so many other events celebrated by our parish groups, choirs, and St Patricks school. It has been a truly successful year and I thank everyone for being so involved in the preparation, planning, and participation of all the events. A brilliant expression of teamwork.

We should all be grateful to God for giving us the privilege of living and worshiping in a community that is filled with the Holy Spirit enriching our lives and giving us a sense of Mission and Purpose to "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news".

I wish each and every parishioner and all your families every joy and blessing of this great Christian Feast. May our celebration of the birth of our saviour bring forth a new century of Hope for St Patrick's Parish

Canon Gregory Grant

## **WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Canon Gregory, Father Antonio, Deacon Rob, Deacon Denis, our sisters, Maria, Paula, Lennamary, Amelia, Fiona, Chris, Tracy, and Simon all wish their fellow parishioners a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you to everyone for the help and support given to our church leaders throughout the year.

## **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**

It was good to get the programme started two weeks ago with the first talks on Baptism, Marriage, and the Eucharist. 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. January Talks are as follows.

**The Sacrament of peace & healing**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 7:15pm**  
**Speaker Father Antonio**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 7:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**Speaker Deacon Rob Easton**

**Sacrament of the Eucharist**  
**Tuesday 16 January 7:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**Speaker Deacon Denis Deasey**

**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 Midnight Mass (Preceded by Carols at 9:30pm)

### **Monday 25 December**

10:00am Christmas Day Mass

12:00 Midday Brazilian Mass in Portuguese

## **New Year Mass times**

### **Saturday 30 December**

6:30pm Evening Mass as Usual

### **Sunday 31 December**

8:30am Mass as Usual

10:00am Mass as Usual

5:30pm Brazilian Mass

### **Monday 1 January**

12:00 Midday Mass

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

# Jim Brooks Funeral



Jims Funeral is on Friday 5 January at 1:30pm followed by a cremation service at Westerleigh. Please pray for Jim, Julie and all the family as we move towards thanking God for his Life at the Requiem Mass.

## **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL**

The school returns on Wednesday 3 January and there will be a school Mass on Friday 5 January at 9:15am.

## **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

There are some Christmas gifts of sweets for all the children around the Christmas tree. Each child is invited to go to the tree to collect their present from the altar servers.

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

The Brazilian community are holding a party in the Brooks Hall on New Years Eve, and we hope they enjoy their celebration together.

## **WELCOME TO FATHER HENRY**

It is lovely to have Father Henry with us for the Christmas holidays. We hope he enjoys his three weeks in the parish as brings us all his Polish good humour and kind Support.

## **FEAST OF ST STEPHEN: BOXING DAY**

On 26 December we will celebrate Mass at 12:00 midday. The Feast of St Stephen, a deacon and the first Christian Martyr is the Feast Day for all altar servers. We encourage all servers to attend the Mass when Simon Crandon will announce the Altar Server of the year and present them with the Donald Speirs Trophy.

## **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

- The donation basket in the crib is for Clifton Children Society. This organisation founded by the diocese places children for adoption and care.
- The poor box of St Anthony in church is for the school welfare fund. Many of the less well-off families in our school are helped by your donations.
- Food donation in our church boxes go to less well-off families in the school.

Thank you for your gifts to those in need.

## **ST PATRICK'S YEARBOOK 2024**

The Parish Office is compiling St. Patrick's 2024 Yearbook of activities and events. If you have an event or activity that you would like to publish in the yearbook, kindly send it to the Parish Office latest by Tuesday 8th January 2024.

## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

Our Women's Group took 25 shoe boxes to Jaspers Homeless. We thank them for their generosity and good naturedness.

Meetings take place in The Shore Gallery on the first Wednesday of each month. 7.30pm. New members always welcome. Wishing everyone a happy, peaceful and Blessed Christmas and good health in 2024.

## **PAN AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

The Pan African Community (PAC) would like to thank all the parishioners who joined the "PAC's End of Year Family Get-Together" party on 16th December 2023.

Special thanks to Cannon Gregory, Fr. Antonio, Fr. Joseph Mensah, and Fr. Francis for the Mass. As a community, we're grateful for your thoughtfulness and greatly appreciate your continued support.

Lastly, we'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and God's blessings for the year ahead.

## 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.



## **CHRISTMAS GIVING**

Your Christmas offering Collection is a personal gift to Canon Gregory and Father Antonio. You may Make your gift in the collection basket or on the Dona Machine

Thank you for your generosity.

## **PARISH SECRETARY**

The Parish is seeking to recruit a new Part time Secretary to run our busy Parish office.

Working Hours: Tuesday – Friday  
9:00am – 3:00pm  
(One hour for lunch)

Paid Hours: 20 each week at £13 per hour  
Paid Holidays and Pension contributions

A full job Description is available in a sheet on the Narthex.

Deadline for application is 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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. So far over 30 children have enrolled in the programme.

### **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.**

### 300 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW AND BIG DRAW

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No	Name
1 <sup>st</sup> £50	189	Tracy McNama
2 <sup>nd</sup> £20	170	M. Nderemani
3 <sup>rd</sup> £10	64	Trisha Jackson
4 <sup>th</sup> £10	1	Cordelia Kirkham
5 <sup>th</sup> £10	222	Liz & Colin Gale
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>		
1 <sup>st</sup> £500	163	Diane McGuinness
2 <sup>nd</sup> £100	121	Geraldine Dewfall
3 <sup>rd</sup> £50	36	Peter Slane
4 <sup>th</sup> £50	86	Dunford Twins
5 <sup>th</sup> £50	97	Michele Marshall
6 <sup>th</sup> £25	95	Dorethia Farrell
7 <sup>th</sup> £25	231	Debbie Hanks
8 <sup>th</sup> £25	273	Stewart Fraser
9 <sup>th</sup> £25	120	Kath Nichol
10 <sup>th</sup> £10	2	Louis Britton
11 <sup>th</sup> £10	19	Charlie Williams
12 <sup>th</sup> £10	45	Edward Jaworski
13 <sup>th</sup> £10	159	Bridget Hemmings
14 <sup>th</sup> £10	246	Ann Williams
Bonus £100 No	76	Nora McCarthy
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>		
1 <sup>st</sup> £50	62	Andrew Lee
2 <sup>nd</sup> £20	163	Diane McGuinness
3 <sup>rd</sup> £10	61	Andy Coogan
4 <sup>th</sup> £10	231	Debbi Hanks
5 <sup>th</sup> £10	87	Edward Jaworski
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>		
1 <sup>st</sup> £50	42	S+N McGuinness
2 <sup>nd</sup> £20	202	R+E Marshall
3 <sup>rd</sup> £10	217	Charlie Williams
4 <sup>th</sup> £10	20	Stephen Gachango
5 <sup>th</sup> £10	34	Vicki Harangozo



# HEALTH : CARE : PERFORMANCE



One of our Brazilian parishioners, who has been operating his fitness and nutrition programmes from his studio in St. Patrick's Church, invites you to **REVIEW YOUR GOALS** for 2024



**Make your Fitness,  
Health and Nutrition  
targets become reality**

Clients recommending Hudson's services include Canon Gregory, Fiona Bradley, Amelia Dunford, Stewart Fraser, Tracy McNama, Jismon Jose, Father Antonio and many other parishioners and local people.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS  
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# 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  Alice Ndira	Daniel Beasley- Suffolk	Hannah Gilardoni	Volunteer  Volunteer
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00pm Christmas Eve	Eleanor Beasley- Suffolk  Volunteer	Maria Beasley- Suffolk	Edmund Beasley- Suffolk	Deacon Rob  Marisa Beasley- Suffolk
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am Christmas Day	Teresa O'Brien  Volunteer	Rebecca Beasley- Suffolk	Dona Jiji	Deacon Dennis  Rebecca Beasley- Suffolk
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 12 Noon Feast of St Stephen	Volunteer	Laura Bradley	John Bradley	Deacon Rob  John Bradley
Saturday 30 December 6:30pm	Alice Ndira  Volunteer	Colin Gale	Joana Deasey	Deacon Denis  Terry Coggins
Sunday 31 December 8:30am	Sally Page	Sister Leenamary	Hannah Gilardoni	Helen Jones  Paul Gaiger
Sunday 31 December 10:00am Holy Family	Susanne Slane  Jim McCormack	Trish Godfrey	Rebecca Musarurwa	Deacon Rob  Munashe Musarurwa

Bidding Prayers for Christmas Masses – Deacon Dennis

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

WISHING  
YOU ALL A  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

