

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 21st JANUARY 2024 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 20 January	6:30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 21 January Sunday of the Word of God	8:30am	Peace & Justice in our Broken World	
	10:00am	Kathleen Colema (Anniv) Willie Coleman (Anniv) Derek Murphy (Private Int)	Angela Loughlin Angela Loughlin Angela Loughlin
	5:30 pm	Brazilian Mass	
Monday 22 January	9:00am	Ajakaiye Family	Ajakaiye Family
Tuesday 23 January	7:00pm	Ajakaiye Family Anish & Alex	Ajakaiye Family Anish
Wed 24 January	9:15am	EYFS & KS1 Class Mass Ajakaiye Family	Ajakaiye Family
Thursday 25 Jan	9:00am	Peace & Justice in War-torn Countries	
Friday 26 January	12 Noon	Irene Agidee & Families Intentions	Abi Cole
Saturday 27 Jan	6:30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 28 Jan	8:30pm	Sick & Housebound	
	10:00am	Anna Bergin	
	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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today is **Sunday of the Word of God** when we pray for Christian unity. Pope Francis instituted this day to celebrate, disseminate and study the Word of God.

St Marianne Cope is remembered on her feast day, Tuesday 23rd January. Born in Germany, she was raised in America where she joined the sisters of St Francis in New York. In 1888 she and two sisters answered a plea from the Hawaiian government to open a home for women and girls suffering from leprosy. She also took charge of the home opened by St Damien for men and boys. She introduced cleanliness, pride and fun to the colony – bright clothes and pretty dresses were part of her approach.

On Thursday, 25th January, we celebrate the **Conversion of St Paul**. It is the day that Christ appeared to him in a vision as he was on his way to Damascus, reproached him for his persecutions and converted him to the true faith.

Friday, 26th January, is the Memorial of **Saints Timothy and Titus**, Bishops, who were disciples of St Paul. Timothy was put in charge of the Church at Ephesus and Titus was in charge of the Church in Crete.

PROGRAMME FOR SACRAMENT YEAR OF REFLECTION AND PREPARATION

Thank you to Parishioners who so far have been attending the Sacramental Talks and Reflections. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend the talks and reflections. This month's talks continue as follows:

The Theme: Sacrament of the Eucharist by Rev. Deacon Denis Deasey on Tuesday 16th **January 2024/ 7:30pm – 8:30pm** and The Theme: Christian Marriage by Rev. Fr. Henryk Kaluza, SVD on **Friday 19th January 2024/7pm-8pm**. There is opportunity for couples to receive blessings from the priest after the talk.

The Sacrament of Peace and healing

Tuesday 13 February 7:30pm – 8:30pm

[Speaker Father Joseph](#)

The Sacrament of The Eucharist

Tuesday 20 February 7:30pm – 8:30pm

[Speaker Father Joseph](#)

The Sacrament of Christian Marriage

Friday 23 February 7:30pm – 8:30pm

[Speaker Deacon Denis](#)

NEW PARISH SECRETARY

Last week we welcomed Savia Rodrigues as our new parish secretary. Savia's working hours are Tuesday - Friday from 9.00am – 3.00pm. She is already enjoying working in our parish. Savia is a parishioner, with a child in St Patrick's School.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

In 2023 we introduced a second collection at each Mass to offset the expenses of The Centenary Year Celebrations. This second collection after Holy Communion is now discontinued. Thank you for your support.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

The diocese sends out an annual list of about 15 mandatory retiring collections (Second Collections). We will publish the retiring collections in the bulletin giving one month's notice. These collections are taken as you leave the church.

4 February	Aid to the church in need Appeal	
25 February	Cafod	Lent Fast Day (previous Friday)

OUR LADY OF APARECIDA

A new statue is to be installed in St Patricks Church on Sunday, 28th January, as a gift from the Brazilian community.

Our Lady of Aparecida was discovered in 1717 and became, years later, the principal patroness of Brazil. Three fishermen prayed to Our Lady after a run of bad luck and after casting their nets in the Paraiba River, dragged up a headless statue of the Virgin Mary. They also salvaged the head and, according to legend, then netted plenty of fish. After cleaning the statue, they found it was a black version of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and a small chapel was soon built for worshippers to visit.

Today, the National Basilica in Aparecida, Sao Paulo, Brazil, is second in size only to St Peters in the Vatican. It can hold up to 45,000 people. A bronze replica of the statue was installed in the Gardens of the Vatican City in 2016.

The statue in St Patricks will be placed close to St Joseph and its installation will be celebrated with a Mass at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

FATHER HENRY

Father Henry has enjoyed his short Christmas/New Year holiday at St Patrick's. It is always nice to see him as our guest and we wish him a safe journey as he leaves us this Sundy. We look forward to his next visit.

GOSIA PAJAK

We wish Gosia good wishes as she moves on from her part-time role as deputy manager in St Patrick's Charity Shop to a full-time role working for St Peter's Hospice. Her dedication and continued hard work over the years has been gratefully appreciated and we thank her for her enthusiasm and commitment. We wish Gosia every success for the future.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – APPEAL ON 4TH FEBRUARY

Steve Reidlinger, Community Outreach for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), will be visiting the parish to appeal at all Masses on the 3rd/4th February for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). ACN is a catholic charity that supports suffering and persecuted Christians

around the world with over 5000 projects, sharing stories from ACN's project partners and explaining how we can help in prayer and giving.

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, Martin Fogarty. 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 Savia 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) Today, 21st, January, Marika Franczak will be baptised. We welcome Marika into the family of God and congratulate her parents and godparents. Next Sunday, 28th January Bento Dante Talarico will be baptised.

(2) 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 the Sunday, 11th February.**

(3) Proof of Catholic Baptism of one parent is required before your child can be Baptised. Further information, if required, is available from the parish office which is open Tuesday to Friday from 9 am – 4.30 pm.

DEANARY MEETING

On Tuesday, 7th February, St Patrick's will be hosting the deanery meeting for our new pastoral area of St Edmund of Abingdon. About 24 priests and Deacons will attend the meeting lunch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Thirty parents enrolled their children in the forthcoming classes for the next year. Please contact the parish office to enrol your child. So far over 30 children have enrolled in the programme.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Embrace the purity of love and resist lust. Pope Francie urged, at his weekly General Audience, as he continued his series of catechesis on virtues and vices.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING NAMES 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, Peter Wahinya, Mary Dias, Irene Agidee, Don Keys Massey, Liz Coventry, Janet Smart, Tony Gilmurray. **Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list.**

Book of Remembrance, St Patrick’s Church

The first Books of Remembrance came into being after World War One and they were introduced into churches, cathedrals and war memorial buildings around the world.

Here in St. Patrick’s, we are lucky to have our own leather-bound Book of Remembrance printed on gilt parchment paper. It is in two volumes and is updated by a calligrapher twice a year – at the end of December and at the end of June. Our calligrapher, Fiona, is a lecturer and although you may never meet her, you will have seen her hand penning a letter in many period TV dramas and films!

It is a venerable custom to have the name of a loved one or family friend inscribed in The Book on the anniversary of their death, their birthday, or perhaps jointly on a wedding anniversary.

The pages are turned daily and allow our parishioners to remember and to pray for our wider community. You can choose your own words to remember a loved one, for example: *“A lifetime together filled with love and devotion to family”*. Or you can choose an inscription from a selection of quotes from poems, prayers, hymns or the Bible, for example: *“One short sleep past, we wake eternally, and death shall be no more”*. The parish office has many suggested quotes for you to choose from.

A new entry this year in June is for Phyllis James whose name is preceded by the insignia of her profession – The Royal Queen Alexandra Nursing Corps. Phyllis will be remembered by her friends as a dedicated and caring nurse who spent years after World War II caring for survivors of Japanese prisoner of war camps, first on a hospital ship, then in Australia until the soldiers had recovered enough to return home. In her day, nurses were not allowed to marry so she had to choose between her fiancé and her career. She finally retired as Matron of Farnham Hospital but is remembered always by friends, including Canon Gregory Grant, in The Book of Remembrance.

Please pick up a form from the Parish Office if you would like to celebrate the life of a loved one. The July to December section of the Book will next be updated in June.

Cost:

1. £70 inscription
2. £110 inscription with an illustration

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

2024	St Patrick's Confirmation Preparation Programme	
Day	Date	TOPIC
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 6.15pm. Parents/Carers to ensure that Candidates are brought to the Shore Gallery and collected from the church on time.

6.15pm – 7.00pm – Learning in Shore Gallery

7.00pm – 7.30pm – Mass in the church.

Scan the QR code to register and choose confirmation. The deadline for Registration is 31st January.



CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

After 30 years cleaning our church, Kay Dixon has decided to retire and hang up her broom and dusters!!

Also, after many years cleaning our church, Terry Rooker and Ron McCarthy have also decided to retire.

We now need some new Church cleaners on Friday and are looking for volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare on a Friday morning, please contact the parish office.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN VACANCY

Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Laypeople can apply to be a Hospital Chaplain. Vacancies have arisen for two posts in Southmead hospital. Please view the details on the NHS Job Website searching the key word "Chaplain" for application process and procedures.

TEA AND COFFEE

Tea and coffee will be served this week after the 10.00am Mass by the Indian Community. Next week the African Community will be hosting.

We would like to reinstate tea and coffee after 8:30am Mass from 9:15 to 9:50am. About twelve people enjoyed this occasion and only one person needs to volunteer for a new Rota. Please consider volunteering and sign the sheet in the Narthex. If four people volunteers, it will mean a commitment only once a month.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

If you are interested in joining the Children liturgy team please contact Caroline White, Helen Jones, or Christine Latham.

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 halls for their events **plus an additional fee of £200 for hiring the hall.**

Please contact the Parish office for any clarifications.

SMALL GROUP FACILITATION – LISTENING WITH THE HEART SERIES

As part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church, the department of Adult Education and Evangelization are offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Lenten Groups, Confirmation Preparation and any other parish groups.

These short sessions will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation.

The meeting is on Monday 12th February at Holy Family, Patchway from 7-9pm. Please register below if you wish to attend.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779975336227>

RETROUVAILLE – A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold? Do you argue often? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! The next programme commences with a virtual weekend 8-11 February 2024. The following programme commences with a face-to-face weekend in Welwyn Garden City 14-16 June 2024. For more information phone or text: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com Website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2024 – RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins
8.30am Paul Gaiger, Bridget Hemmings
10.00am Deacon Rob, Rose Adims

READERS

6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey
8.30am Rebecca & Edmond Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Rebecca Musarurwa, Yetunde Ajakaiye

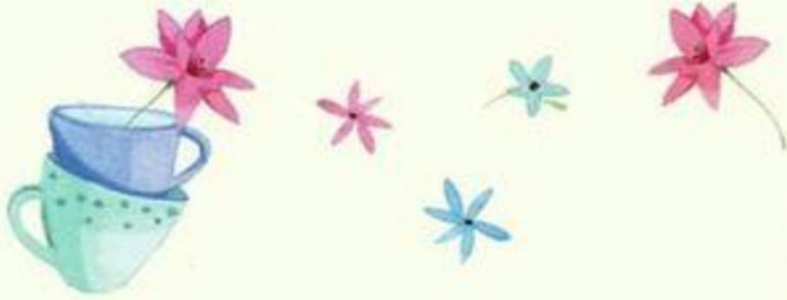
BIDDING PRAYERS

Joanna Deasey

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Alice Ndira, Volunteer
8.30am Trish Godfrey, Volunteer
10.00am Caroline White, Jim McCormack

Church Cleaners: Team One: Volunteers
Offertory Counters: Team One: Laura & John Bradley
Children's Liturgy January 14th, 21st, 28th
Tea & Coffee: African Community



**St Patrick's Women's Group
Invite you to Afternoon Tea.**



18th February at 3 PM

**Tickets Available After All Sunday Masses.
Or at Parish Office
Payment on Booking
£6.50 Per Person**

