

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

100 YEARS

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 27 January	6:30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 28 January Racial Justice Sunday	8:30am 10:00am 5:30 pm	Sick & Housebound Anna Bergin Thanksgiving Special Brazilian Mass for Installation of statue of our Lady of Aparcida	Lynn Mureithi
Monday 29 January	9:00am	Father Bela Karoly RIP	
Tuesday 30 January	7:00pm	Souls in Purgatory	
Wed 31 January	9:00am	George & Georgina Adims (Birthday memory)	Rose Adims and family
Thursday 1 February	9:00am	Peace & Justice in War-torn countries	
Friday 2 February	12 Noon	V C Joseph (8 th Anniversary)	George Kalathara
Saturday 3 Feb	6:30pm	Ouseph Chacko (Anniversary) Father Bela Karoly RIP	Shiny & Family
Sunday 4 Feb	8:30pm 10:00am 5:30pm	Peace and Justice in War-torn Countries Benjamin Obi Bernie McGinn (Anniversary) Brazilian Mass	Rose Adims & Family Amelia & Family

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

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, Sunday, is the feast day of **St Thomas Aquinas**, one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church who was honoured with the titles *Doctor of the Church* and *Angelic Doctor*. He died in 1274 and is the patron saint of teachers, students, Catholic Colleges and Universities.

On Wednesday, 31st January, we celebrate the feast of **St John Bosco**. He was born in the Diocese of Turin in 1815 and brought up in extreme poverty by his mother. He founded the Salesian Order to educate boys and young men and was renowned for dealing with difficult youths without punishment.

The Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** is celebrated on Friday, February 2nd.

The next day, Saturday, February 3rd, is the feast day of **St Blaise**. He was a Bishop in Armenia who healed a young boy with a fishbone stuck in his throat. He was martyred for his faith but today is the patron saint of sore throats and illnesses.

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: There is opportunity for couples to receive blessings from the priest after the talk.

The Sacrament of Peace and healing

Saturday 3 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](#)

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)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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

OUR LADY OF APARECIDA

A new statue is to be installed in St Patrick's Church this Sunday, 28th January, as a gift from Father Antonio. It was made in Bethlehem from Olive Wood.

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 Peter's 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 Patrick's will be placed close to St Joseph and its installation will be celebrated with a mass at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

VISIT FROM THE CLIFTON DIOCESE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

We were visited by the Clifton Diocese Property Management team last week. They were taken for a tour by Canon Gregory, who took them through the history of our Parish, our beautiful paintings, and Interiors. The team were very excited to learn about the history of our Parish. They Complimented Canon Gregory and the Parish community for keeping the Parish in such a good order.

BAPTISMS

(1) Today, 28th, January, Bento Dante Talarico will be baptised. We welcome Bento into the family of God and congratulate her parents and godparents.

(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.

ST. PATRICKS DAY ANNUAL CELEBRATION

St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year. There will be a Parish Celebration Supper in The Shore Gallery on Saturday 16th March, after the evening Mass. Final details, costs, etc will be published in next week's bulletin.

W.E. IRISH (previously known as Bristol Irish Society) are well under way with planning the Annual Parade and Festivities to take place on Sunday 17th March, St. Patrick's Day. Please see the Poster.

WOMEN'S GROUP

(1) The Women's Group monthly meeting takes place this Wednesday 7th February. Meetings are in The Shore Gallery at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. The speaker for February is Peter Morgan from Stella Maris, The Seaman's Mission.

New members always welcome. It costs £25 a year to be a member but there are no monthly subscriptions. A raffle is held at each meeting.

So, ladies, why not come along to a couple of meetings and see if you would like to become a member!! There is no charge for a "trial" visit.

(2) On Sunday 18th February the group is arranging Afternoon Tea in The Shore Gallery at 3 pm.

Admission by **ticket only** and at the time of going to press only a few tickets are left. Tickets are £6.50 per person and available after all Masses and from the office Tuesday to Friday.

(3) Last week the members undertook to do a deep clean and sort out the Shore Gallery kitchen and crockery cupboards. We thank them for their voluntary contributions to parish life.

DEANERY 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 followed by 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.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Robert Penny (a relative of Simon Crandon) who died this week. May he Rest in Peace.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Let us pray together for Christian unity. May we never tire of invoking the Lord of peace in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and in many other parts of the world. It is always the weakest who suffer when peace is lacking.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE 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, Gwyn 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. We have appealed to the school and had several people come forward to help, the more people who volunteer the less often you are needed. It was great to see some school parents' volunteer.

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 Come and See Group. Next week the Pan-African Community will be hosting.

We would like to reinstate tea and coffee after 8.30am Mass from 9.15am 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 volunteer, it will mean a commitment only once a month.

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 4TH FEBRUARY

2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Deacon Rob
8.30am Rebecca & Maria Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Chris Boateng, Rose Adims

READERS

6.30pm Luca Gilardoni, Joanna Deasey
8.30am Daniel & Edmond Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Trish Godfrey, Rebecca Musarurwa.

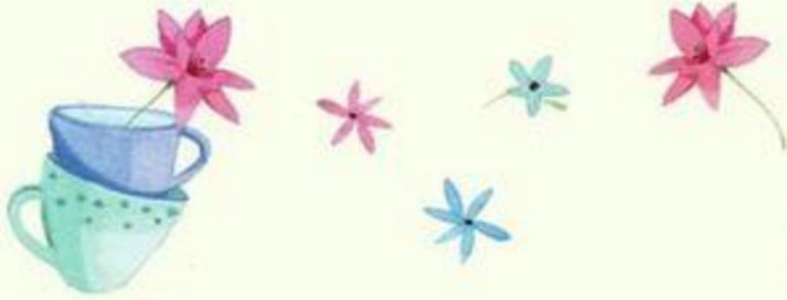
BIDDING PRAYERS

Edmond Beasley-Suffolk

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed
8.30am Trish Godfrey
10.00am Mary Kearney-Knowles, Maria Fernandes

Church Cleaners: Team One: Volunteers
Offertory Counters: Team Two: Simon & Lisa Peck
Children's Liturgy February 18th, 25th
Tea & Coffee: Pan-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

