

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

100 YEARS

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 10 th Feb	6:30pm	Father Bela Loriscz Karoly Jim Brooks	Pam & Phil Greene & Family
Sunday 11 th Feb World Day for sick and Day of Prayer for unemployed	8:30am	Marie Howie (Anniversary) Jim Shields (1 st Anniversary)	Christine Howie Rob & Kath
	10:00am	Primus Nkuo (1 st Anniversary)	Mary & Family
	5:30 pm	Brazilian Mass	
Monday 12 th Feb	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday 13 th Feb	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
	7:00pm	Antonia Miryan Intention	
Wednesday 14 th Feb ASH WEDNESDAY	9:00am	Father Bela Loriscz Karoly	
	7:30pm	Peace & Healing in War-torn countries.	
	8:30	Brazilian Mass	
Thursday 15 th Feb	10:00am	Requiem Mass for Timothy O'Sullivan	
Friday 16 th Feb	12 Noon	Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday 17 th Feb	6:30pm	(1) Johnny Enright RIP	Angela & Tim O'Loughlin
		(2) Veronica N Onyebuchi & Sylvia Akabueze	Ifeoma J Onyebuchi
		(3) Thanking God for another year (Birthday Intention)	Ifeoma J Onyebuchi
Sunday 18 th Feb First Sunday of Lent	8:30pm	Antonia Miryam	Madge & Bernard O'Donnell Alexander Family
	10:00am	Celia Conway	
	5:30pm	Teresa Thomas 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

The Sacrament of the Sick is available every first Saturday of the month after 6:30pm Mass.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, Sunday, 11th February, is the feast day of **Our Lady of Lourdes** who appeared to St Bernadette in a series of 18 appearances which ended on 16th July 1858. On the Feast of the Annunciation, Bernadette again asked the lady her identity and finally Our Lady folded her hands, looked up and said: "I am the Immaculate Conception". Experts have verified 69 cases of miraculous healing at Lourdes, in the Pyrenees, and Our Lady of Lourdes is patroness of the sick.

Ash Wednesday on 14th February marks the start of Lent. Almsgiving in conjunction with fasting and abstinence and linked with a greater intensity in prayer opens our awareness to the needs of others. Please see the bulletin for Mass times on Ash Wednesday.

On Thursday, 16th February, we remember **St Gilbert of Sempringham** who was born in 1083 into a wealthy Lincolnshire family. He gave up his lifestyle to become a priest and the religious order he founded became known as The Gilbertines. A special custom grew up in the houses of the order called "*The Plate of the Lord Jesus*". The plate was passed around and the best portions of the dinner were put on it to share with the poor.

PROGRAMME FOR SACRAMENTAL 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.

Sacrament of the Sick

Every First Saturday of the month after the 6:30pm Mass, the sacrament of the Sick is offered to those who wish to receive it.

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](#)

FOOD BANK FOR ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL There is a box in the narthex for donations to the food bank for school families in need. Any donation is gratefully received but their 'wish list' at present is for washing powder, fabric conditioner, cleaning supplies, toilet rolls, chopped tomatoes, rice, treats – chocolate bars, crisps. Thank you for your generosity.

EAST BRISTOL LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME

The Council are commencing a new consultation on the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme. Neither of our two requests have been granted following our objections in the first round of the consultation.

1. **For the Benefit of The School**

We asked that Beaufort Road remain open.

2. **For the Benefit of The Church**

We asked that the BUS GATE at the intersection of Pilemarsh: Netham Rd: Avonvale Rd is removed.

Neither request has been granted.

ACTION:

It is essential that everyone starts lobbying/petitioning/complaining to their local councillor and local MP. In addition, please complain to

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/streets-travel/make-a-comment-on-traffic-regulation-orders-tros>

Please copy your letters of complaint to:

The Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak

10 Downing Street

London

The consultation ends on Tuesday 20th February 2024.

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.

25 February	CAFOD	Lent Fast Day (previous Friday)
29 March	Maintenance of Christian Shrine in The Holy Land	Good Friday

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED We have received a letter of thanks from Stephen Riedlinger who spoke at all Masses last weekend. The retiring collection and Dona Machine donation amounted to over £1000, and this generous amount was gratefully received. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Cafod Family Fast Day this Lent is on **Friday 23rd February**. Please have a simple meal and then donate to the parish's Family Fast Day collection – to help hardworking people with the resources, tools, and training, to feed their families for good. You can give in the envelopes provided or online at cafod@cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying for our sisters and brothers around the world for what they need to feed their families. Another way you could help is by partaking in the 'Big Lent Walk'. The aim is to reach 200km during the 40 days, sponsored either individually or as a group. Every little help. Thank you for your generosity.

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

LENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. On Wednesday, 14th February is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent, when we commence our Lenten Journey. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence and Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am and 7.30pm.
2. CAFOD Family Feast Day on 25th February
3. Lenten Alms (The Poor Box) donation will be for CAFOD.
4. Stations of the Cross each Tuesday at 6.30pm
5. Lenten Soup Lunches in aid of CAFOD each Friday at 12.30pm
6. Talks on the Sacrament continue through lent.

SCHOOL HALF-TERM The school reopens on Tuesday 20th February, as Monday is an inset day. We hope all the staff and pupils enjoyed their week's holiday.

THE BROOKS FAMILY WRITES Julie Brooks and family would like to thank all parishioners and friends for their support, the mass cards and kind words of condolence. Thank you also for sharing with us the celebration and thanksgiving for Jim's life at his Requiem mass.

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, Christine Tofollo, Maurice Claypole. 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.

PARISH WEBSITE You are now able to access events happening in the parish through the parish website several months in advance. If you go to the homepage, drop down menu, Mass Times and Intentions, Mass Times - you can find events, rehearsals Mass intentions etc.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES Our Annual Lenten Soup Lunches will commence on Friday 16th February. The soup lunch will be served in The Shore Gallery after midday Mass every Friday. Volunteers needed to help make and serve the soup, wash up and tidy up afterwards. The soup can also be made on Thursday morning / afternoon. If you can help, please contact the parish office. Many hands make light work. Thank you. A donation of £5 is requested and this money goes to CAFOD.

300 CLUB WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2024 **Sunday 7th** - Maria Beasley-Suffolk, Charity Shop, Jo Deasey, Bridget Hemmings, Alice Thomas. **Sunday 14th** – Anne Williams, Rose Adims, Diana Bleaken, Ronnie Reeves, Dave Hale. **Sunday 21st** – Ebi Cole, Carmel Virgo, Maria Beasley-Suffolk, Anne Wring, Donald Anthony. **Sunday 28th** – Winnie Dunford, Darren Smith, Emmanuel Edmund, S & L Peck, Norah McCarthy.

THE NEWMAN CATHOLIC TRUST

The Bishop has requested that all Catholic schools in the diocese form groups of Multi Academy Trusts (MAT's). The head teacher and governors of St Patrick's school have been reflecting on their options for several years and have decided to amalgamate with a MAT known as The Newman Catholic Trust. The Newman Catholic Trust is a family of four primary schools serving catchment areas across Bristol and North Somerset. The schools are:

- St Bernard's Catholic Primary School - Shirehampton
- St Francis Catholic Primary School - Nailsea
- St Nicholas of Tolentine Catholic Primary School - Easton
- St Teresa's Catholic Primary School - Filton

The Christmas newsletter of this MAT is on the notice board. It tells you something about its ethos. Please pray for the success of this initiative and for the schools in our MAT as St Patrick's school embarks on a significant change to improve the quality of Catholic Education for our school and our partner schools.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

The first 'World Children's Day' will be held on 25th-26th May 2024 and will involve the participation of Pope Francis and children from all over the world at an event in Rome.

The day will take place during the Year of Prayer, stressing prayer and love for Jesus will be at the Day's Heart. The dominant elements will be prayer, adoration and celebration of the faith, showing how children are not objects in the transmission of the faith but are protagonists. Children believe in Jesus.

At a time of war and a lack of concern for the environment, there is a need to give the young generation a voice. We need to listen to the children because their voice is a convinced and explicit 'no' to war and the destruction of nature. It is an occasion to put children, who are the present and the future of humanity, back at the centre of the world's attention.

World's Children's Day will offer children an opportunity to encounter Jesus and will encourage their ability to dream. They hope to have the presence of children from Syria, Eritrea, Afghanistan, Libya, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, South Sudan, Mozambique, Nigeria and Columbia and other regions. The presence of these children will remind us that the world needs peace.

BETHESDA CHURCH

It is with sadness that Bethesda Church has announced they will be closing on 3rd March at 3pm after 155 years. The building is not closing it will become the Spark Space Methodist Circuit Project. The original church building closed in Jan 2000.

We wish all of our neighbouring Christians well as they relocate to other faith churches for worship.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FUNDRAISING EVENING – DISCO AND DANCING

Our Lady of Lourdes is holding a fundraising evening to help the ageing population in the parish who only see people on a Sunday. Shannon Kitchen, an Irish Folk singer, will lead the entertainment. Tickets £20 to include a buffet. Contact Sharon Kitchen on 07789036649 for more details.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION Bishop Declan invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him at one of the five venues across our diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. Please see poster in the narthex. The nearest to our parish is being held on Wednesday 6th March at the Holy Family Church, Patchway.

HEAD OF THEOLOGY VACANCY AT ST BERNADETTE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Would you like to be part of a forward-thinking, supportive school community where your professional development is a priority? Governors of this outstanding 11-16 Catholic school are seeking to appoint for September 2024, a practising Catholic who is a dynamic and inspirational Head of Theology and PSHE to lead an 'outstanding' RE Faculty (Section 48 inspection October 202). To discuss the post or to arrange a school visit, please contact Mr Daniel Leiblich, Deputy Headteacher, on 0117 3772050 or email recruitment@stberns.bristol.sch.uk. Application packs are available on the school website www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23RD AUGUST TO 30TH AUGUST

The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website [Lourdes | Clifton Diocese](#) or by contacting lourdes@cliftondiocese.com /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment is full by 31st May 2024.

VOLUNTARY HELP St Patrick's Charity Shop: The Charity Shop is looking for volunteers to come in for a few hours a week, to help with the day to day running of the charity shop. The Charity Shop is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. If you are able to spare a couple of hours a week, please inform the parish office or contact Adriena the Charity Shop manager. Please call to speak with the shop manager [0117 955 8001](tel:01179558001)

The Church: 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 Savia who will be glad to receive your voluntary help.

Church Cleaning: 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 have 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.

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 today.**

(2) 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION We are delighted to see that 58 people have signed up to enrol in the confirmation programme to receive the Sacrament in July. Please make sure you register online or at the parish office if you wish to be part of the Programme.

REST IN PEACE

(1) Please pray for Timothy Simon (Tim) O'Sullivan who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Thursday 15th February at 10 am followed by burial at Westerleigh Crematorium Cemetery at 12 noon. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family, John, Kath, Mary, and Patricia.

(2) Please pray for Robert (Bob) Penney who died recently. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family. Funeral Service (Not Mass) will be celebrated here on Tuesday 5th March at 11am followed by burial at Mangotsfield Cemetery at 12:15

(3) Please pray for Alfred Joseph Daniels who died recently. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family. Funeral Service will be here on Monday 26th February at 10:30 followed by cremation at Avonview Cemetery at 12:00pm

ST. PATRICK'S 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- AFTERNOON TEA

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 of the 60 tickets are left. Tickets are £6.50 per person and available after all Masses and from the office Tuesday to Friday.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET Prayer gives us the strength to strive ahead, overcome our fears, and glimpse the salvation that God prepares for us, even in darkness. Prayer also draws God's salvation nearer.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK

Mick Lewis, Alfred Chojnackie, Maciej Kauczynski, 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, Andrew Dobbins
Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list.

CLEANING COMPANY Some of our parishioners operate a cleaning company which undertakes cleaning both private houses and commercial premises. If you would like to learn more about their services, contact **Pe&Po Cleaning Service** at 07759936863 or email camila@pepocleaningco.uk for more information.

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

Polish Community. Next week the Indian 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 volunteers, it will mean a commitment only once a month.

THE USE OF BROOKS HALL AND SHORE GALLERY

These facilities are available to parishioners only for private hire at a cost of £200 a day plus £50 refundable cleaning deposit. Please make your booking through Savia in the parish office.

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>

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY.

Dear Friends and Family in Christ

The Ghana Catholic Community in Bristol are delighted to invite you to Ghana Independence Day Mass

GHANA @ 67 CELEBRATION MASS

AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

This is to thank God for how far He has brought our Mother Ghana and ask for peace for the upcoming election. The Mass will be celebrated in Ghanaian language, Twi at 1pm. Followed by refreshment in Brooks Hall,

**On Saturday 9th March 2024 at 1pm
St Patrick's Church, BS5 9PF**

Celebrant (s): Rev. Fr. Joseph Mensah, SVD and Rev. Fr. Paul Antwi-Boasiako, CSSp

2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins
8.30am Maria Beasley-Suffolk, Paul Gaiger
10.00am Deacon Rob, Pauline Humphrey

READERS

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

BIDDING PRAYERS

Helen Jones

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed
8.30am Eleanor Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am John & Laura Bradley

Church Cleaners: Team One: Jacintha, Grace, Isaac

Offertory Counters: Team Three: Laura & John Bradley

Children's Liturgy February 18th, 25th

Tea & Coffee: Indian Community

