

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

100 YEARS

Clergy House, Dillon Court, Netham Road, Redfield, Bristol, BS5 9PF

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 3rd MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 2 nd March	6:30pm	Veronica N Onyebuchi & Sylvia Akabueze RIP Sick & Housebound	Ifeoma J Onyebuchi
Sunday 3 rd March	8:30am	Frank & Michael Foley (Anniv)	Foley Family
	10:00am	Conway Family Intentions (Anniversary) Johnny Enwright RIP	O'Donnell Family Andy & Maureen Gray
	5:30 pm	Brazilian Mass	
Monday 4 th March	9.00am	Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday 5 th March	11.00am	Funeral Service for Bob Penny	
	7:00pm	Robert Dragoi Intentions	
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Wednesday 6 th March	9:00am	Peace, Justice and Healing in War-torn Countries	
Thursday 7 th March	9:00am	Kitty Campbell	Nora McCarthy & Family
Friday 8 th March	12 Noon	Souls in Purgatory	
	6:30pm	Brazilian Way of the Cross	
Saturday 9 th March	6:30pm	Robert Dragoi Intentions Arthur & Elsie O'Hara	Pam & Phil Greene & Family
		Thanksgiving for Anish & Alex Agidee Shakleton	Anish & Alex Ecole Family
Sunday 10 th March	8:30pm	Thanksgiving Private Intention	Boateng Family Donor Shiny & Laiju
	10:00am	Hannah Curnow Ebi Cole Birthday	Curnow & Family
	5.30pm	Thanksgiving Brazilian Mass	Maria Betuker & Family

Stations of the Cross Tuesday 7:30pm
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

The Sacrament of the Sick is available every first Saturday of the month after 6.30pm Mass.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today, Sunday, is the feast day of **St Katherine Drexel** who was born in Philadelphia, USA, in 1858. She was born into a very wealthy family but had always been interested in the plight of the Native Americans. With the support of Pope Leo XIII she founded the order of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, opening a boarding school, black Catholic schools in 13 states, 40 mission centres and 23 rural schools. She founded the Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans.

Tomorrow, Monday, we remember **St Casimir**, prince of Poland, who refused to fight against any Christian country. He was born in Krakow and died in 1484 at the age of 26. Miracles were soon reported at his tomb in Vilna and in the 16th and 17th centuries his help was sought by Lithuanians whose patron he became in their fight against the Russians.

Friday, 8th March, is the feast day of **St John of God**, the founder of the Brothers Hospitallers. He was born in Portugal in 1495. He was a mercenary fighting against the Turks but turned to God at the age of 40. He is the patron saint of firefighters, heart patients, the sick, hospitals and nurses.

THE CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Canon Gregory writes – For the first time in my 35 years as parish priest in St Patrick’s I notice that the church is dirty. I would like this to be a source of great shame for all of us. The Lord’s house is unclean. Biscuit crumbs in the front row of pews have been there for two weeks. No-one will volunteer to clean the church. We only have one team of 4 volunteers who last cleaned on 9th February and will next clean on 2nd March. Cleaning the church once a month is not enough.

We need four teams of four people in each team. There are to be two Friday teams and two Saturday teams. Each team cleans once a month. Each clean takes two hours 9.00 -11.00am. Joining a cleaning team involves committing yourself to two hours a month, only 24 hours (12 months x 2 hours) a year.

There is a list in the narthex for you to enlist in joining a Cleaning Team. Please volunteer to help keep our church clean. Currently it is a dirty disgrace.

LENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Lenten Alms (The Poor Box) donations will be for CAFOD.
2. Stations of the Cross each Tuesday at 7.30pm after Mass
3. Lenten Soup Lunches in aid of CAFOD each Friday at 12.30pm
4. Talks on the Sacraments continue through Lent.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

The soup lunch will be served in The Shore Gallery after midday Mass every Friday in Lent. A donation of £6 is requested and this money goes to CAFOD. 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.

REST IN PEACE

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 12.15pm.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This Sunday there will be a second collection for CAFOD as you leave the church, from money we've saved on food to give to the poor.

PROGRAMME FOR SACRAMENTAL YEAR OF REFLECTION AND PREPARATION

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

Thursday 28th March 7:30 – 8.30pm

Speaker [Deacon Rob](#)

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: If you are interested in joining the Children's Liturgy team please contact Caroline White, Helen Jones or Christine Latham. **Please encourage your children to go and learn about Jesus in a way that's suitable and fun for young children under First Communion age.**

JESUS YOUTH

The Indian Community are holding a 'Jesus Youth event in Church' on Saturday 9th March from 8.00pm – 11.00pm.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Let us pray together that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the church with their courage and missionary drive.



Come Celebrate together!

*Contact the Parish Office
For Bookings and Tickets*



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
SATURDAY EVENING

DINNER MENU:
ROAST BEEF
ROAST GAMMON
ROAST POTATOES
YORKSHIRE PUDDING
SEASONAL VEGETABLES

VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE

APPLE TART WITH ICE CREAM & CREAM

SOFT DRINKS INCLUDED

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS
(BAR AVAILABLE OR BYO)

SCHOOL NEWS

St Patrick's School are having a Disco in the Brooks Hall on Friday 8th March. We hope the children enjoy the event.

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 in on Sunday March 10th.**

(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 9.00am – 4.30pm.

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 Andriena 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.

ST JAMES PRIORY BRISTOL

We are seeking a Support Worker (30hrs) to join our Team at St James Priory Project Charity. Previous experience of Support Work / Counselling desirable. Flexibility essential. E.Mail: info@stjamespriory.org.uk to express an interest.

LEGION OF MARY

On Sunday 24th March at 3.00pm, The Legion of Mary are having their annual Acies Mass (rededication of members of the Legion of Mary to Our Mother). Do come along, all parishioners welcome.

WOMEN'S GROUP

There next meeting is on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30 in the Shore Gallery when there will be a talk on 'Broadmead before the shops.

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.

IRISH STORY WALK Pubs and Potatoes, Giants and Geniuses! An imaginative exploration of Bristol revealing the hidden histories of Irish immigration to the city. Walk, listen, discover, enjoy! 9th, 16th & 17th March, St Nicholas Market, Bristol BS1 1JQ Tickets £10 available <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pubs-and-potatoes-giants-and-geniuses-tickets-811214744137?aff=oddtcreator>

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

- Fast from sadness and be filled with patience.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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, Gabby Sisby, Rosina Johnson, Stephen O' Sullivan.

Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list.

TEA AND COFFEE

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

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, which includes the use of the kitchen cutlery, glasses crockery, tables and chairs. Table clothes are available at an extra charge.

Parish groups or parishioners using the Brooks Hall or Shore Gallery for events using the facilities will be charged £50 refundable cleaning deposit. No deposit needed for meetings/Practice session. Please make your booking through Savia in the parish office.

THE CATENIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2024

3.00pm on Sunday 10th March 2024 at the Newman Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Grange Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 4DR Contact Michael Flexman on 01275 845190 This year five schools are competing, 2 speakers from each – St Bernadette - St Bede's - St Gregory's - Downside, Bath - St Peter's, Gloucester. A really interesting choice of subjects from all ten participants. Do please come along, your support will be very much appreciated, refreshments available. See poster in Narthex.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10th MARCH.
2024 – LAETARE SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

READERS

6.30pm Joanna Deasey, Colin Gale
8.30am Sister Leenamary, Rebecca Beasley Suffolk
10.00am Yetunde Ajakaiye, Molline Nderemani

BIDDING PRAYER

Sister Leenamary

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Alice Ndira, Volunteer
8.30am Sally Page
10.00am Munashe Musarurwa, Jim McCormack

Church Cleaners: Volunteers

Offertory Counters: Team One: Laura and John Bradley

Children's Liturgy March 10, 17, 24

Tea & Coffee: Pan-African Community

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