

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

100 YEARS

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 3 rd Feb	6:30pm	Ouseph Chacko Father Bela Karoly (RIP)	Shiny and Family
	7:30pm	Sacrament of the Sick	
Sunday 4 th Feb	8:30am	Peace and Justice in War-torn Countries	Rose Adims & Family Amelia & Family
	10:00am	Benjamin Obi	
	5:30 pm	Bernie McGinn (Anniversary) Brazilian Mass	
Monday 5 th Feb	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday 6 th Feb	7:00pm	Primus Nkuo (1 st Anniversary)	Mary & Family
Wednesday 7 th Feb	9:00am	People of the parish	
Thursday 8 th Feb	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory	
Friday 9 th Feb	12 Noon	Deceased members of the Grant Family	
Saturday 10 th Feb	6:30pm	Father Bela Loriscz Karoly Jim Brooks	Pam & Phil Greene &Family
Sunday 11th Feb	8:30pm	Marie Howie (Anniversary)	Christine Howie Rob & Kath Mary & Family
	10:00am	Jim Shields 1 st Anniversary Primus Nkuo (1 st Anniversary)	
	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
The Sacrament of the Sick is available after mass.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Marriage Week is celebrated from 7th to 14th February to encourage people to focus on building a culture of life and love by promoting and supporting marriage and family life. Today is the feast day of **St Joseph of Leonissa** who was born in the kingdom of Naples, Italy. He gave up a comfortable lifestyle to join the Capuchins and in 1587 went to Constantinople to care for Christian galley slaves. He was imprisoned twice by their Turkish masters but miraculously released.

St Agatha is remembered on Monday, February 5th. She was a wealthy young girl when she was martyred during the persecution of Emperor Decius. She died in Sicily in 251 and is the patron saint of miners and of nurses.

On Saturday, we remember **St Scholastica**, the twin sister of St Benedict. They both established religious communities in Italy within a few miles of each other and met once a year in a farmhouse to discuss spiritual matters as Scholastica was not allowed inside the monastery.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Steve Reidlinger, Community Outreach for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), will be visiting the parish to appeal at all Masses today 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. A retiring collection for their work will be taken at all masses. You may also donate on the Dona machine.

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.

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](#)

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)
29 March	Maintenance of Christian Shrine in The Holy Land	Good Friday

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 fast 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 closes this Friday 9th February for half-term and reopens on Tuesday 20th February, as Monday is an inset day. We hope all the staff and pupils enjoy their week’s holiday.

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.

OUR LADY OF APARECIDA

A new statue was installed in St Patrick’s Church last 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, 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. Did you know 180 million people in Brazil are baptised Catholics.

The statue in St Patrick’s will be placed close to St Joseph. Please take time to look and say a prayer at the statue.

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, you can find events, rehearsals Mass intentions etc.

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

www.bristol.gov.uk/east-bristol-liveable-neighbourhood-tro

Please copy your letters of complaint to:

The Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak

10 Downing Street

London

The consultation ends on Tuesday 20th February 2024.

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 mid-day 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.

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 y

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](http://Lourdes|CliftonDiocese) 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. Thank you.

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.

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 the Sunday, 11th February.**

(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.

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 arrangements later.
May they both rest in peace.

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.

(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 Wednesday, 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.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET In this “Year of Prayer” we are invited to make room for prayer that flows from the Holy Spirit. He knows how to place in our hearts and on our lips the right words in order to be heard by the Father.

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, Andrew Dobbins

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

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.

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 Pan-African Community. Next week the Polish 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 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>

THE GOODCOUNSEL NETWORK On Saturday 10th February, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com"

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 11TH FEBRUARY.

2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Joanna Deasey
8.30am Bridget Hemmings, Maria Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Deacon Rob, Natasha Mulvihill

READERS

6.30pm Joanna Deasey, Colin Gale
8.30am Rebecca & Daniel Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Mollie Nderemani, Dona Jiji

BIDDING PRAYERS

Joanna Deasey

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Alice Ndira, Volunteer
8.30am Jan Lewis
10.00am Yetunde & Jerome Ajakaiye

Church Cleaners: Team Two: Caroline, Victoria, Beata, Martha
Offertory Counters: Team Three: Pauline & Mark Humphrey
Children's Liturgy February 18th, 25th
Tea & Coffee: Polish Community