

# ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

## 100 YEARS

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

### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Canon Gregory Grant – Parish Priest  
 Revs Denis Deasey & Rob Easton – Deacons  
 Pastoral Assistant – Mrs Amelia Dunford  
 Parish Administrator – Chris Boateng  
 Parish Secretary – Savia Rodrigues  
 Parish Treasurer – Fiona Bradley

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### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10th MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY

Date	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 9th March Laetare Sunday	1.00pm	Ghana Independence Mass	Pam & Phil Greene & Family Anish & Alex Ecole Family
	6:30pm	Robert Dragoi Intentions Arthur & Elsie O'Hara	
	8.00pm	Thanksgiving for Anish & Alex Agidee Shakleton Jesus Youth retreat	
Sunday 10th March	8:30am	Thanksgiving	Boateng Family Shiny & Laiju Family Curnow & Family  Maria Betuker & Family
	10:00am	Private Intention  Hannah Curnow Ebi Cole Birthday	
	5:30 pm	Thanksgiving Brazilian Mass	
Monday 11th March	9.00am	Robert Dragoi Intentions	
Tuesday 12th March	7:00pm	Souls in Purgatory	
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Wednesday 13th March	9:00am	Peace, Justice and Healing in War-Torn Countries	
Thursday 14th March	9:00am	Robert Dragoi Intentions	
Friday 15th March	9.15	School Mass for St Patrick's Day	
	12 Noon	Sick & Housebound	
	6:30pm	Brazilian Way of the Cross	
Saturday 16th March	6:30pm	Jonny Enright & deceased Enright & McCarthy Families	Nora & Family
Sunday 17th March St Patrick's Day	8:30pm	People of the Parish	Curnow Family
	10:00am	Margaret Buckley	
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	

**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 at 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.**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY**

Today is **Laetare Sunday**, meaning “Rejoice!”. Known as Joyful Sunday, the priest wears a pink vestment and Lenten fasting is relaxed.

It is also **Mothering Sunday** because Christians historically visited their Mother Church on this day and servants were allowed the day off to go to church.

Today is also the feast day of **St Dominic Savio** who was born in Riva, Italy, in 1842. As a youngster, he said: “I can’t do big things, but I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God”. He was aged 15 when he died and is the patron saint of juvenile delinquents.

**Blessed Angela Salawa** who was born in Siepraw, near Krakow, is remembered tomorrow, Monday. During World War I she helped prisoners of war of any nationality or religion.

### **MOTHER’S DAY**

Today is Mother’s Day and we wish all the mothers and grandmothers a very happy day and hope they will be spoiled by their families. We also remember all deceased mothers and grandmothers.

### **FATHER ALDO**

We welcome Father Aldo to our parish this weekend and hope he enjoys his visit to Canon Gregory and St Patrick’s.

### **THE CLEANING OF THE CHURCH**

The appeal for cleaners for the church rotas last week was a tremendous success. Seventeen new volunteers joined the four rotas bringing our total number of volunteers to 21. Canon Gregory expresses his appreciation that his request for volunteers received such an immediate response. The new rotas begin on Friday 15 March. One or two of the retired cleaners will be present to give the new cleaners an induction on where everything is located, what to do and how to do it. Thank you to all our new church cleaning teams.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Congratulations to Daniel Beasley-Suffolk who will be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister during the 8.30 am Mass this Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March.

### **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.

### **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

### **LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES**

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.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN**

There is a meeting for the First Holy Communicants Parents on Saturday 16th March at 10.00 am, in the Shore Gallery where a short talk will be given by Canon Gregory. On Sunday 17th March, First Holy Communicants will present their Reconciliation Mass and will receive a cross during Mass.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00pm – 11.00pm.

### **POPE FRANCIS TWEET**

We are invited during Lent to stop for a moment. We should pause in prayer, in order to welcome the Word of God, and pause like the Good Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are a single love.

### **GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK**

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the Vigil of Palm Sunday, 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](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)  
**Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth.**

**Cards are available on the Narthex table to request that your M.P votes to lower the permitted time in which abortion is legal. In Britain, abortion is allowed upto 24 weeks. In most European counties, it is 12 weeks.**

## SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies.

Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>

Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March      **Palm Sunday** – Palms will be distributed at all Masses. There will be a procession at 10.00am Mass.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March      **Chrism Mass** celebrated at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am. No Mass at St Patrick's.

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March      **Mass of the Last Supper** at 7.30pm with washing of the feet, followed by exposition until 10.00pm.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March      **Stations of the Cross** at 10.00am  
**Good Friday Worship** at 3.00pm  
The Reading of the Passion  
The Veneration of the Cross  
Holy Communion  
Collection for the Holy Shrines in Jerusalem and Isreal.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March      **Blessing of Easter Baskets** at 11.00am  
**Easter Vigil** at 6.30pm  
We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March      **Easter Sunday** - Mass at 8.30am and 10.00am  
Brazilian Mass at 5.30pm.


### EASTER OFFERING

The collection at the Easter Sunday Masses is your personal gift to Canon Gregory and Father Antonio



*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

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VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE

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APPLE TART WITH ICE CREAM & CREAM

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SOFT DRINKS INCLUDED

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ALCOHOLIC DRINKS  
(BAR AVAILABLE OR BYO)

## SCHOOL NEWS

St Patrick's School are celebrating St Patrick's Day starting with Mass on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am.

### BAPTISMS

(1) Next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March Lara Bienne Bonifach will be baptised. We congratulate her parents and godparents and welcome her into the family of God.

(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 is today, Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

(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 9.00am – 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. Email: [info@stjamespriory.org.uk](mailto:info@stjamespriory.org.uk) to express an interest.

## **LEGION OF MARY**

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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! 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **300 CLUB WINNER FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

Congratulations to our February winners. We are always looking for new members. **If you would like to become a member, please contact the parish office or Nick Finan.**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – £50 Lesley Lee, £20 Jim & Lyn Robbins, £10 Canon Gregory, £10 Susan Fox, £10 Katrina White. **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – £50 John Olver, £20 Joan Strong, £10 Gerry Curnow, £10 Mandy Curnow, £10 Sharon King. **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February** – £50 Terry Coggins, £20

Margaret Nooney, £10 Red Flower Barrow, £10 Anne Byrne, £10 Allyson Davies. **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – £50 Allyson Davies, £20 Terry Rooker, £10 Lee Smith, 310 Geraldine Dewfall, 310 Darren Smith.

**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 Sislby, 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 **Polish Community**. Next week the **Women's Group** will be hosting.

**THE CATENIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2024**

3.00pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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. An 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 17th MARCH.**  
**2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins  
8.30am Sister Leenamary, Bridget Hemmings  
10.00am Deacon Rob, Yetunde Ajakaiye

**READERS**

6.30pm Colin Gale, Luca Gilardoni  
8.30am Maria & Edmond Beasley Suffolk  
10.00am First Holy Communion, First Holy Communion

**BIDDING PRAYER** Edmond Beasley-Suffolk

**WELCOMERS:**

6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed  
8.30am Eleanor Beasley-Suffolk  
10.00am Lisa & Simon Peck

**Church Cleaners:** Team Three - Friday: Andrea Dragoi, Stephanie McBride-Coogan,  
Wadga Bessa, Laisa Oliveira

**Offertory Counters:** Team Two: Simon & Lisa Peck

**Children's Liturgy** March 17, 24

**Tea & Coffee:** Women's Group