

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

100 YEARS

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17th MARCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 16th March	6:30pm	Jonny Enright & deceased Enright & McCarthy Families	Nora & Family
Sunday 17th March St Patrick's Day	8:30am	People of the Parish	Curnow Family
	10:00am	Margaret Buckley	
	5:30 pm	Brazilian Mass	
Monday 18th March	9.00am	(1) Souls in Purgatory (2) For the families of the Living Rosary Group	Beata
Tuesday 19th March	7:00pm 7:30pm	Robert Dragoi Intentions Stations of the Cross	
Wednesday 20th March	9:00am 12 noon	Sick & Housebound Funeral Mass for Mario Toffolo at Clifton Cathedral	
Thursday 21st March	9:00am	School Penitential Mass Peace, Justice and Healing in War-Torn Countries	
Friday 22nd March	12 noon 6.30pm	Robert Dragoi Intentions Brazilian Way of the Cross	
Saturday 23rd March	6:30pm	(1) Lena McLoughlin & Delia Keary	Rose Gilby
		(2) Chris & Jonathan Myles	Marina & John Myles
Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday	8:30pm	Joseph Pekala RIP	Christine Howie Bismy Thomas Curnow Family
	10:00am	(1) Thomas Matthew (Anniv) (2) Arthur Cambridge (3) Ebi Cole (Birthday Int)	
	3.00pm	Legion of Mary (Acies Mass)	
	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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today, Sunday, we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint – **St Patrick**. Details of his life are uncertain, but his birthday is circa 415 and he is thought to have been born in the north of the British Isles. At the age of 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves, were captured by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland where he worked as a shepherd. He escaped after six years and spent years in Auxerre, France, where he became bishop at the age of 43. He had a dream vision to return to pagan Ireland to do mission work and in a short time was sending out missionaries who were greatly responsible for Christianity in Europe.

Tuesday is the feast day of **St Joseph, Husband of Mary**. He was paid the highest compliment in the Bible where he is described as a "just man" which means he was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He is the patron saint of families and fathers and was declared Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius in 1870.

One of the 40 martyrs of England and Wales is remembered on Friday. **St Nicholas Owen** was a builder who used his skills to save the lives of many priests at a time when Catholics were punished for their faith. He was a genius at creating underground passages, small spaces between walls and hidden recesses. He was arrested and tortured to death in 1606.

REST IN PEACE

The funeral of Mario Toffolo will take place in Clifton Cathedral at twelve o'clock next Wednesday 20th March. Mario will be inurned in St Patrick's Columbarium at a later date. Please pray for Mario and for all his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS CELEBRATED ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 7TH APRIL 2024.

Please join us for a Holy Hour to venerate the Mercy of Our Lord from 3 pm to 4.15pm. During this hour the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available. A complimentary Tea will be served after the service.

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 15th 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.

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

Today, 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.**

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Let us pray for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as in Martyred Ukraine and in the Holy Land. May the hostilities that cause immense suffering to the civilian population cease as soon as possible.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

On Saturday 23rd 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
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 up to 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 24TH – MARCH 31ST

- Sunday 24th March **Palm Sunday** – Palms will be distributed at all Masses. There will be a procession at 10.00am Mass.
- Wednesday 27th March **Chrism Mass** celebrated at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am.
No Mass at St Patrick's.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

- Thursday 28th March **Mass of the Last Supper** at 7.30pm with washing of the feet, followed by exposition until 10.00pm.
- Friday 29th 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 Israel.
- Saturday 30th March **Blessing of Easter Baskets** at 11.00am (Polish Ceremony)
Easter Vigil at 6.30pm
We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord
- Sunday 31st March **Easter Sunday** - Mass at 8.30am and 10.00am
Divine Mercy Sunday 3:00pm Service of Devotion to the divine Mercy
Brazilian Mass at 5.30pm.

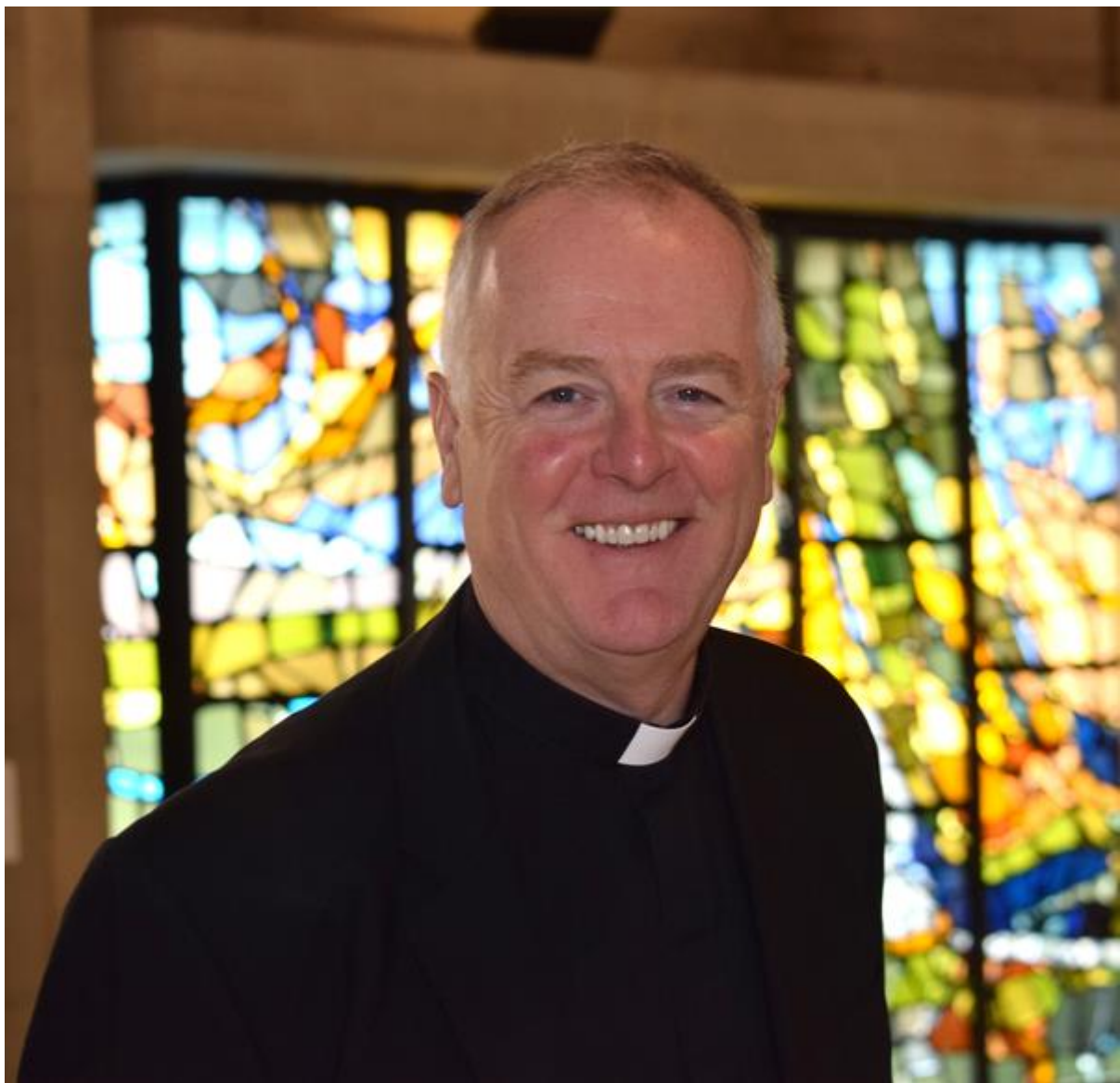
EASTER OFFERING

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

RESIGNATION OF THE BISHOP OF CLIFTON AND APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BISHOP

Today, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has accepted the resignation of the Right Reverend Declan Lang as Bishop of Clifton. Bishop Declan was ordained the ninth Bishop of Clifton on 28th March 2001 and has served the Diocese for 23 years as its bishop.

The Holy Father has appointed Rev. Canon Bosco MacDonald, a priest of the Diocese of Clifton, until now Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bristol, as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Clifton.



POLISH BASKETS BLESSING

Święconka "the blessing of the Easter baskets", is one of the most enduring and beloved Eastern European traditions on Holy Saturday. People bring decorated baskets of the food they will eat on Easter Sunday morning to the church for it to be blessed.

Święconka in St Patrick's will take place at 11 a.m. on Holy Saturday, 30th March. All are welcome.



SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday 21st March, Year 3 & 4 are performing the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm – 8.00pm for the parents. We congratulate the children and their teachers for all the preparation. All parishioners are welcome.

SIGNATURE SPORTS

Ben Harris will be running his activity and sports scheme during the Easter holidays from Tuesday April 2nd – Friday April 5th and Monday April 8th – Thursday April 11th from 9.00am – 3.00pm

BAPTISMS

(1) This Sunday, 17th 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 April 14th.**

(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 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.

MARRIED COUPLES GROUP

The original married couple's group are meeting in the Shore Gallery at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st March.

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 4th February – £50 Lesley Lee, £20 Jim & Lyn Robbins, £10 Canon Gregory, £10 Susan Fox, £10 Katrina White. **Sunday 11th February** – £50 John Olver, £20 Joan Strong, £10 Gerry Curnow, £10 Mandy Curnow, £10 Sharon King. **Sunday 18th February** – £50 Terry Coggins, £20 Margaret Nooney, £10 Red Flower Barrow, £10 Anne Byrne, £10 Allyson Davies. **Sunday 25th 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.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24th MARCH.

2024 – PALM SUNDAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins
8.30am Sister Leenamary, Paul Gaiger
10.00am Deacon Rob, Teresa O'Brien

READERS

6.30pm Luca Gilardoni, Joanna Deasey
THE PASSION Canon Gregory, Deacon Denis, Colin Gale
8.30am Daniel & Maria Beasley Suffolk
THE PASSION Canon Gregory, Edmond and Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Lisa & Simon Peck
THE PASSION Canon Gregory, Deacon Rob, John Bradley.

BIDDING PRAYER Sister Leenamary

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Alice Ndira
8.30am Eleanor Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Jim McCormack, Volunteer

Church Cleaners: Team Four - Saturday: Louis Laiju, Alvaro Martinez, Clare Stone, Natasha & Erin, Cashimiro Dias, Patricia

Offertory Counters: Team Three: Pauline & Mark Humphrey

Children's Liturgy March 17, 24

Tea & Coffee: Women's Group

NO TEA AND COFFEE ON EASTER SUNDAY