

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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Father Rafael Teixeira
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Rev Rob Easton - Deacon

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

9.30AM - 2PM MONDAY TO THURSDAY
5.30PM - 6.15PM SATURDAY

CONFESIONS: (IN THE CHAPEL OF RESURRECTION)

9.30AM - 10.30AM MONDAY TO THURSDAY
5PM - 6PM - SATURDAY

ROSARY:

HALF AN HOUR BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER 6.30PM MASS.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING
SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2024
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) GAUDETE SUNDAY**

Date	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 14 th December	1.00pm 6.30pm	Pan African Mass 1)Maria Oliveri (RIP 2 nd anniv) 2)Savari Cruz (RIP)	Claudia & family Cruz Family
Sunday 15 th December GAUDETE SUNDAY	8.30am 10.00am 3.00pm 5.30pm	Pajak Family (Private Int) 1)A L Chandravathi (RIP) 2)Alva Jacob (RIP 3 rd Anniv) 3)Patrick Coleman (RIP) Carol Service Brazilian Mass	Pajak Family Manoji Thomas, Gigi & Family Angela Loughlin
Monday 16 th December	9.00am	1)Pat Uren (RIP) 2)Kath Easton (RIP)	
Tuesday 17 th December	7.00pm	Usha Jose (RIP Anniv)	Alexander Family
Wednesday 18 th December	9.00am	Skyler Rodrigues Jobalia (Pvt Bday Int)	Rodrigues Jobalia Family
Thursday 19 th December	9.00am	Fr Bernard Carpenter (RIP)	
Friday 20 th December	12 noon	Maria Fernandes (Pvt Bday Int)	Rodrigues Jobalia Family
Saturday 21 st December	6.30pm	Ignacy Lomnicki (RIP 10 th Anniv)	Pajak Family
Sunday 22 nd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30am 10.00am 5.30pm	Molly Foley (RIP Anniv) 1)John & Laura Bradley (Pvt Int) 2)Cordelia Okeke (RIP 7 th Anniv) 3)Hannah Curnow (RIP) 4)Margaret June Rowland (RIP Anniv) Brazilian Mass	Foley Family Bex & Nash Rose Adims & Family Curnow Family Bernard Anthony Stringer

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

MASS TIMINGS

24TH DECEMBER TUESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE	FAMILY MASS <u>6.00PM</u> MIDNIGHT MASS <u>10PM</u>
25TH DECEMBER WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS DAY	FAMILY MASS <u>10AM</u> BRAZILIAN MASS <u>5.30PM</u>
26TH DECEMBER THURSDAY BOXING DAY	MASS <u>12 NOON</u>
27TH DECEMBER FRIDAY	MASS <u>12 NOON</u>
28TH DECEMBER SATURDAY	MASS <u>6:30PM</u>
29TH DECEMBER SUNDAY	MASS <u>8.30AM</u> FAMILY MASS <u>10AM</u> BRAZILIAN MASS <u>5.30PM</u>
30TH DECEMBER MONDAY	MASS <u>9AM</u>
31ST DECEMBER TUESDAY NEW YEARS EVE	HOLY HOUR <u>10.00PM - 11:00PM</u> MASS <u>11:15PM</u>
1ST JANUARY WEDNESDAY NEW YEARS DAY	NEW YEAR MASS <u>12 NOON</u> BRAZILIAN MASS <u>5.30PM</u>

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Diocese has introduced an annual salary (£10,800 p.a) for priests and priests are no longer entitled to receive The Christmas and The Easter offertory collections. Father Jerome and Father Rafael receive a monthly gift from the Grant Bradley Trust. The collections at all Masses for these two big occasions of the year are now your personal donation to the Parish to pay for Canon Gregory's monthly salary of £900.

All parishioners are asked to be as generous as possible to the Church over Christmas in our Offertory Collections. You may donate

- A. In cash at the offertory collection
- B. By Cheque – Please place in the offertory collection. Cheques made payable to St Patricks Church.
- C. On the Dona machine in the Narthex.

Everyone is buying gifts at Christmas for family and friends

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST PATRICK'S CHURCH ON YOUR GIFT LIST
AND BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN.**

THANK YOU

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is Gaudete Sunday and the pink candle is lit on the Advent wreath. The priest wears pink robes instead of purple, also to signify the celebration of the arrival of the birth of Jesus that is shortly to happen. Gaudete means Rejoice and we are asked to rejoice and be glad midway through the season of Advent.

OFFICE OPENING OVER CHRISTMAS

The office will be closed from Monday 22nd December until January. The office will reopen on Tuesday 7th January at 9am.

The three priests are about throughout this time and are available to see parishioners before and after Mass which is scheduled for each day during this period.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Today is a good day to decide to make a good Confession. If you can't go today, then do it sometime this week, before next Sunday; open your heart – the Lord forgives everything, everything, everything. And so, in Mary's hands, we will be happier.

SIMON CRANDON

Simon has been serving on the altar for 25 years. Firstly, as an altar server and then as Master of Ceremonies (MC). Simon attends all three Masses at the weekend and very often the Brazilian Mass as well.

Simon is resigning from this role after almost three decades. His last Mass as M.C is on Sunday 29 December at 10.00am when the parish will express its appreciation for his faithful service. In January, Father Jerome will host a thanksgiving lunch and social for Simon and the altar servers.

We Thank Simon for all his volunteering in this role and for his unique time and commitment to this special task.

Father Jerome will now be in charge of the altar servers, and he is recruiting new boys, girls, men and women to this important role.

Please consider joining the Altar Servers Team and contact Father Jerome.

OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Next Friday Savia and Father Jerome will host a Christmas lunch for all the parish office volunteers in the Shore Gallery.

Father Jerome now works alongside Savia in the parish office each day for many hours. We Thank the Volunteers who every week, give some voluntary hours to the administration of the Parish.

We Thank: Nick & Monica Finan, Philomena & John Olver, Amelia Dunford, Emmanuel Edmund, Donald Antony, Tracy McNama, Fiona Bradley, Aidan Best, Pauline Humphrey, Susanne Slane, Zuzanna Njoku, Georgio Giannetti, Manojo Koralege, Diane McGuinness, Fr. Jerome Ajakaiye, Fr Rafael & Savia Rodrigues.

PAN-AFRICAN COMMUNITY

We hope the Pan-African Community enjoyed their End of Year get together yesterday in the Brooks Hall.

BRAZILIAN CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

The Brazilian Community will be hosting a Christmas Eve Dinner for their community members in the Brooks Hall on 24th December. Christmas Eve is the traditional time for Brazilians to celebrate Christmas.

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

Next **Saturday 21st at 10.00am** there will be an altar servers practice in the church and social gathering in the Shore Gallery totalling about two hours. Old and new members welcome (after having made their First Communion).

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

The Brazilian Community had a Christmas Novena in Preparation for Christmas. They had candles that accompanied the groups that prayed the Novena in Preparation for Christmas.

The goal was for families to gather at home around the Word of God and share it with songs and prayers.

Following the candle Blessing the families had eight meetings in their homes, and it closed with fellowship at Church on December 15th.



LIVABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME TRAFFIC CHANGES

Barton Hill: Lawrence Hill: Redfield: St George

As Predicted by thousands of Locals in our area the new traffic measures are a nightmare for motorists and non-motorists alike. The changes are not yet fully implemented but have already added twenty minutes or more to many people's journeys by car around the area and in and out of town.

Some brave souls from the locality are steadfastly protesting each day to reverse the changes. A heated exchange between Councillors and locals took place last Monday at City Hall.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Please sign the Online petition asking for the Scheme to be reversed. Go to:

[Petition · Halt the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme - Bristol, United Kingdom · Change.org](https://www.change.org/petitions/halt-the-east-bristol-liveable-neighbourhood-scheme-bristol-united-kingdom)

The council will reconsider the review if more than 3500 people sign the petition. So far over 5000 have signed opposing the traffic changes. Please add your name to the list.

300 CLUB BIG CHRISTMAS DRAW TODAY

The 300 Club December Big Draw will take place after the 10.00am Mass today, Sunday 15th December. All members must be paid up to date to be eligible for entry into the draw. First prize £500: Second prize £100: Third/Fourth/Fifth prizes £50 each: Sixth/Seventh/Eighth/ Ninth £25 each. Remaining five prizes £10 each. Bonus prize £100.

We have spare numbers looking for a good home. It costs just £1 per week, per number payable monthly/quarterly/ half yearly/yearly advance. Membership can be paid in cash/cheque, quarterly standing order. This is a good way to support the parish as funds not paid out in winnings goes to the parish funds. You have to be in it to win it. This year the 300 club will donate over £5000 to the parish. We Thank Nick Finan for organizing this Fundraising activity.

NOVEMBER 300 CLUB WINNERS

Sunday 3rd: Teresa Gee, Patsy McCarthy, Ebi Cole, Maria Beasley-Suffolk, S & N McGuiness. **Sunday 10th:** Stephen Gachango, Carmel Virgo, Donald Spiers, Joanna Deasey, Emmanuel Edmond. **Sunday 17th:** Charlie Williams, Dave Hale, Savia Rodrigues, John Olver, Rose Adims. **Sunday 24th:** Debbie Hanks, Jim McCormack, Canon Gregory, Ronnie Reeves, CC Cleaning.

MISSIO RED BOXES

"December is month when I complete the returns to Missio for the Red Box donations throughout the year. If anyone has a box that they would like me to empty, please bring it in the next couple of weeks, and either hand it to me at 6:30 Saturday Mass or leave it in the Parish office, where I shall collect it. May thanks, on behalf of Missio, for your continued support."

Colin Gale

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit www.rightright.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

THE CHAPEL OF RESURRECTION

Reserve a vault in St Patrick's Columbarium. This Unique Chapel gives a permanent dignified final resting place for the ashes of the deceased. The cost is £3000 for a 99-year lease for **two** caskets. The price includes the caskets and an inurnment ceremony. Many parishioners reserve vaults as part of their funeral plan. Please see the parish office for details.

BIRTHDAY BUS TRAVEL

Did you know everyone is entitled to free Bus travel in Bristol for the whole month of their Birthday. Go online, the month before your birthday and apply for the whole month of your birthday. Young people under the age of 21 get two months free travel!!

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FOODBANK IN THE PARISH OFFICE

The Foodbank Collections Box is now located inside the Parish office. Please drop your donations, during office hours, inside the office and over the weekend, outside the parish office door. Anyone needing assistance from the donations box is welcome to come and help themselves during these hours.

Donations are requested from parishioners to assist those in Need.

All donations need to be in the office by the morning of Wednesday 18th so, they can be distributed before Christmas.

VOLUNTEERTING AT UHBW

"I was sick, and you visited me..."(Mt 25:36)

The Department of Spiritual and Pastoral Care of the central Bristol Hospitals (University Hospitals Bristol and Weston) is looking for people to give up 2.5 hours a week each to reach out to the sick as chaplaincy volunteers.

If you are interested in this important ministry, and would like to find out more about the recruitment and our thorough training process, please contact Rob Morgan, Lead Chaplain, on 0117 3426795 Mon - Fri 9 - 4:00, or email Robert.Morgan@uhbw.nhs.uk before 31st December 2024."

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

The school children will be performing in their Christmas Plays this week for their families, Y1 & Y2 on Wednesday 18th at 2pm and there will be a Piano Concert at 3.30. There is a Carol Concert at 2.30pm on Thursday 19th, all are in the school hall.

The school closes for Christmas at 3.20pm on Friday 20th December. The school reopens on Tuesday 7th January; Monday 6th is an inset day. We hope all the staff, governors and pupils have a happy and holy Christmas.

RADIO MARIA ENGLAND

Keep Christ in Your Christmas with Radio Maria England

Tune in for uplifting programmes that celebrate His Coming, guide your daily prayers, and help you live the joy of the Christmas season well into 2025. You can listen to Radio Maria on DAB+ in many areas, online at

www.RadioMariaEngland.uk, via the Radio Maria Play mobile phone app, or by saying "Play Radio Maria England" to your smart speaker.

Stay connected to Christ and His Church—wherever you are, whenever you need it!

TEA AND COFFEE

Tea & Coffee will be hosted **Every First Sunday of the Month after the 8.30am Mass.** Parishioners who attend this Mass are encouraged to come together and meet.

Tea and Coffee after the 10am Mass will be served today by the **Women's Group.**

Next week the tea and coffee will be served by the Indian Community. There will be No tea & coffee served on 29th December.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

We Request Parents that would like to Enrol their Children for the FHC programme next year to contact Sr. Leenamary or the Parish Office at the earliest to register.

Classes will start on Saturday 01st March 2025.

The children will be enrolled and receive a special blessing on **Sunday 2nd March during the 10.00am Mass.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be on **24th May 2025** and **First Holy Communion** will be on **14th June 2025.**

BEYOND THE THRESHOLD

Creating safe spaces for people to find out who we are, what we believe and what we're like! A day for all! On Saturday 18 January we will explore the key principles that we need to employ before we embark on any specific programme of catechesis. Our day at St Brendan's College, Brislington, will start at 10am (9.30am refreshments) and will be led by International Speaker and Author, David Wells as our keynote speaker. In addition, there will be a series of workshops to look at how we apply the principles of creating a safe space, enabling others to know who we are, what we believe and what we are like! **To register for the day please go to the Eventbrite link:**

<https://beyondthethreshold.eventbrite.co.uk>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK

Mick Lewis, Alfred Chojnackie, Maciej Kauczynski, Grace Karimu, Debbie Redfern, Katie Cunningham, Sisters Bernie and Biddie Arscott, Grace Strong, Laura Birkett, Gwyn White, Bernard Stadden, Ian Cleverly, Graham Tiley, Angela O'Leary, Jim Robbins, Adam Wright, Libby Nykolyszn, Philip Green, David Griffiths, Peter Wahinya, Irene Agidee, Don Keys Massey, Liz Coventry, Janet Smart, Tony Gilmurray, Andrew Dobbins, Gabby Sislby, Michael Stars, Terry Rooker, Steve Jackson, Angie Cortolli, Rosaleen Hourigan, Graham Parker, Kim Parker, Charlotte Priddle, Julie Priddle, Peter Auret, Sheila Bicker, Bernie Murphy, Liam Murphy, Damien McGinn, Christine King.

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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. Please pray for the following in the month of December.

Con Kennedy, Michael Beck, Jack King, Edward Hogan, Carol Jenkins, Terence Barry, Hilda & William Davies, Nellie & Arthur Pearce, Peter Hunt, Charles Pibworth, Karl Randles, Ann & Nelson Driscoll, Ellen & Michael Comerford, Tom Lynch, Geoffrey Preston, Joyce Holbrook, Dorothy Richards, Vera Shapcott, Dennis Parker, Sister Marilyn, Nellie Morgan, Edith Moore, George Haskins, Molly Foley, Arthur Robbins, Catherine Groves, Leon Figurski, Rita Phillips, Ivan Plettell, The Salvatorian Sisters, Harry McEntee, Hilda Deacon: The Dee, Richards, Cosgrove, Haberbosch, Reutens, James, Haynes, Pritchard and McCarthy Families, Myra & Tom Jennings, Peter Bradley, Emmet Locke, Brumby Family, Stephen Nosi, Johanna Nosi, Mary Joyce, Marie Grant, Joan King, Neil Hunter, Stephen Wren, Alison Paskell, Leslie Nelson, William Commons, Christine Hale, Nancy & Jim Gibbons, Matthew O'Leary, Ron Stone, Clarice & Walter Blackford, Mary Davies, Rosemary Walker, Antonietta Lagana, Jenny Rose, Ellen Morgan, Nkechi Cordelia Okeke, Robert Bernard McGuinness, Muriel Gaiger, Fredrick Joseph and Stella Violet May.

PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP

We have a parish WhatsApp Group solely **for information and updates ONLY**. Scan the QR code below or on the advert on the notice board and link yourself to any news and updates regarding the parish. The parishioners are encouraged to join.



**MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK
COMMENCING SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

READERS:

6.30pm Luca Gilardoni, Joanna Deasey
8.30am Daniel & Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Dona Jiji, Moline Nderemani

BIDDING PRAYERS: Joanna Deasey

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed
8.30am Volunteer, Volunteer
10.00am Suzanne Slane, Jim McCormack

Church Cleaners: : Team Three – Patricia, Clare,
Natasha, Erin, Cashimiro
Louis

Children's Liturgy 22nd December

Tea & Coffee: Indian Community