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Mass Intentions for Week Commencing Sunday 11th January 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

Date	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 10 th January	6.30pm	Chelangara Chummar (RIP)	Chelangara Family
Sunday 11 th January	8.30am	Mrs Alena, Mr Puis, Angela Krosik	Linda Spillane
	10.00am	(1)Kath Easton RIP (2)Tony Wall RIP (3)Capt. P. U. Varghese RIP	Deacon Rob Hilary Miller Thomson & Anila Families
	12 noon	Polish Mass	
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass (Portuguese)	
Monday 12 th January	9.15am		
Tuesday 13 th January	7.30pm	K. J. Thomas (RIP)	Joby Jose
Wednesday 14 th January	9.15am		
Thursday 15 th January	9.15am		
Friday 16 th January	12 noon		
Saturday 17 th January	6.30pm		
Sunday 18 th January	8.30am		
	10.00am	(1)Alexander & Mary Alexander (2)Kathleen & Willie Coleman RIP (3)Claramma Varghese (RIP)	Alexander Family Angela Loughlin Anila Varghese
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today, Sunday, is the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord which brings to an end the season of Christmas. Jesus descended into the River Jordan to sanctify its waters and confer upon it the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: 'Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world.' Here in St Patrick's we have a beautiful illustration of Jesus with John the Baptist on the left of the Altar, and the Triptych in the narthex depicts the scene of our Feast Day.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YOU ARE MY CHOSEN ONE

Today, Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being ‘the Chosen One’ and ‘the Beloved’. So often, we are aware of the times when our partner annoys us. We need to develop a sensitivity so that, when we are tempted to be critical, we remember that this is my ‘chosen one’ and look for ways to affirm our partner, our ‘beloved’.

POPE LEO TWEET

The Jubilee reminds us that we can start anew, indeed, that we are still at the beginning and that the Lord wants his presence to grow among us as God-with-us. Thus, dear brothers and sisters, it is wonderful to become pilgrims of hope. It is wonderful for us to continue to be pilgrims together! The faithfulness of God continues to amaze us.

MISSION APPEAL

Next Sunday 18th January, there will be an appeal for the Missions preached at all Masses on behalf of The St Paul Mission Fathers. The second collection will be for the work of the Missions.

MONDAY MASS

Whilst Father Henry is with us in January, Mass will be celebrated each Monday at 9.15am.

PEACE SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026

‘Peace be with you all: towards an ‘unarmed and disarming’ peace’

‘This is a challenging but exciting goal’. Pope Leo is telling us that peace should not rely on fear, threats or weapons. Peace should have the capacity to resolve conflicts and open hearts through mutual understanding and hope.

TALKS ON THE FAITH

The Talks on the Faith have now resumed. Eight people have been attending the Talks, which are open to anybody living within the St Joseph’s and the St Patrick’s Parish Boundaries, who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The talks are held at 6.30pm on Tuesdays in the Shore Gallery.

INDIAN COMMUNITY NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Indian Community will be having a New Year’s Celebration on Saturday 10th January. We hope they enjoy their day together.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study programme continues every Friday (with the exception of the last Friday of the month) from 7.00pm at St. Joseph's Church, Fishponds. A programme is available to view in the Narthex. Please join us for an hour, for a deeper understanding of God's Word, faith enrichment and fellowship. All are welcome.

TEA & COFFEE

Tea & Coffee will be served today and every week after the 10.00am Mass and on every first Sunday of the month after 8.30am Mass. Thank you to all those who serve us. On duty this week are the Indian Community and next week it will be the Come & See Group.

BAPTISMS

(1) The next Baptismal talk will take place today, **Sunday, 11th January at 11.00am after the 10.00am Mass.** Parents must attend a talk before their child(ren) can be baptised.
(2) Proof of Catholic Baptism of one parent is required before your child can be Baptised. Also, one Godparent is required to be a Baptised Catholic.
Further information, if required, is available from the parish office.

MARRIAGE MASS

Our diocesan family will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday, 14 February** (12 noon) and Bishop Bosco is inviting all families to join us to acknowledge the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Alfred Chojnackie, Maciej Kauczynski, Grace Karimu, Debbie Redfern, Katie Cunningham, Sister Bernie, Laura Birkett, Ian Cleverly, Adam Wright, Peter Wahinya, Irene Agidee, Don Keys Massey, Tony Gilmurray, Andrew Dobbins, Gabby Sislby, Michael Stars, Angie Cortolli, Rosaleen Hourigan, Julie Priddle, Sheila Bicker, Wayne Pollock, Leanna Risdale, Darren Burges, Mark Kingston-James, Andrew Agius, Aoife Shelley, Andy Gray, Theresa Teixeira, Christopher Anstey, Dmytro Nykolyszyn, Akinade Adeniyi, John Kellaher, Maria Smith, Philip Green, John Olver, Martin Comerford, Mark Harrington, Matgorzata Krezalek.

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 January.

Mabel O'Connor, Alice Withers, Pat Shore, Edna Whiting, Florence Packer, Edward & Celina Counsell, Paul Andrews, William Fryer, Margaret O' Brien, Olive Wiltshire, Marion Wiltshire, Mary & Owen Gilmurray, Alice & Ernest Edwards, Paul Massey, Rose Donaghy, Michael Rutherford, Iris NykolysHyn, John McCormack, Mavis Wade, James Hiney OBE, Fred Dollin, Mary & Joseph Ryan, Mary McEwan-Gibb, Robert McEwan, Peter Hughes, Bridget & Owen Boyle, Peter Berry, Patrick Power, Fred Withers, Jack Creed, Ted & Mary Green, Lester & Price Families, Bernard Finan, Owen McCague, Mabel Wilson, Christina Albertina, Richard Deasey, Kitty & Nora O'Sullivan, Hannah Taylerson, Stephen Rose, John Barton, Brian McCoy, Stephen & Catherine Butler, Clarice Blackford, Clarice Bendrey, Mary McEwan, Joseph Joseph, Patricia Robbins, Mary Weir, Willie Crawley, Gwen Burns, Father Frank Cama, Jean Power, Louisa Shepherd, Christopher Blackford, James Farrelly, Bill Shepherd, Ellen Gilchrest, Betty Groves, Jenny Rose, Colin Wiltshire, Ron & Elizabeth Grant, Frank Grant, Ray & Pat Marrigle.

RETRouveAILLE

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026.

www.retrouveaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

JESUS YOUTH (AGED 13-17)

Jesus Youth is an international Catholic movement. GenJ (Generation Jesus) is a monthly gathering for Catholic teens (ages 13–17) in the Bristol area. They run events on the first Friday of every month at St Patrick's Catholic Church, an initiative that began in September last year. GenJ is a youth-led missional programme helping young people to grow in prayer, holiness and joyful discipleship through fellowship together with interactive talks, Q&A, praise & worship and fun activities. **The next meeting will be Friday 6th February.**

300 CLUB WINNERS – DECEMBER

£500 – Winnie Dunford, £200 – Anne Watkins, £100 Fr Jerome, £100 F & G Walsh, £100 Anna Musarurwa. If you would like to become a member of the 300 Club, please contact Nick Finan at the Parish Office. It costs £1.00 a week for a number.

POLISH MASS

This Sunday at 12.00 noon there will be a Mass celebrated in Polish.

PART TIME POSITIONS

The parish is seeking to recruit for two part time positions:-

1. Cleaner/Housekeeper – 9 hours a week.
2. Parish Book-Keeper – 8 hours a week.

Details of these posts can be viewed on the parish noticeboard.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

£500 was donated in the Christmas Crib offertory basket (one parishioner donated £400). We have sent £250 to the Clifton Children's Society and £250 to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Thank you for your donations.

MISSIO (RED BOXES)

My thanks (from both Colin and the Clergy) to all the Red Box holders who contributed last year. We raised £685.80, which will be put to good use by Missio for spreading the Gospel around the world and enabling them to undertake various charitable enterprises. Please continue the good work and if anybody would like to have their box emptied, please either hand it to Colin at the Saturday 6.30pm Mass or leave it at the Parish Office. Colin will return the boxes and leave them on the table in the Narthex.

APPLY NOW FOR A PLACE AT ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL!

If your child was born between **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**, it's time to apply for a **September 2026** primary school place.

How to Apply

- Complete the application form available from your local **school admissions team**.
- If you are applying for a Catholic school and your child has been baptised, please provide a copy of their **baptism certificate** directly to the school.

Important! Applications close on 15th January 2026 — don't miss the deadline!

Join a caring, faith-filled community where every child is supported to shine.

SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Church, and all those with a role within it, have a duty of care to ensure that children and adults are safe from harm. This duty spans from ensuring people are safe within our premises and care to protecting those who may be at risk of harm or abuse within their home, community or other settings. There is a copy of the Level 1 safeguarding leaflet attached to this bulletin and also a copy on the noticeboard. **May I please ask everyone to ensure that they take the opportunity to read it.** Thank you.