

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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9.45am - 10.00am Monday to Thursday. 6.00pm on Saturday

Mass Intentions for Week Commencing Sunday 1st February 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday of the Word of God

| Date | Time | Intention | Donor |
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| Saturday 31st January | 6.30pm | | |
| Sunday 1 st February | 8.30am | (1)Marie Howie 25 th Anniversary (2)V C Joseph 10 th Anniversary (RIP) | Christine Howie George Kalathara |
| | 10.00am | K J Jose (RIP) | Joby Jose |
| | 5.30pm | Brazilian Mass | |
| Tuesday 3 rd February | 7.30pm | | |
| Wednesday 4 th February | 9.15am | (1)School Mass Reception - Years 1&2 | Shiny & Family |
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| Thursday 5 th February | 9.15am | Benjamin Obi (RIP) | Rose Adims & Family |
| Friday 6 th February | 12 noon | Primus Nkuo Anniversary | Mary Funkuin & Family |
| Saturday 7 th February | 6.30pm | | |
| Sunday 8th February | 8.30am | | |
| | 10.00am | (1)Terasa Thomas Anniversary (2)Primus Nkuo Anniversary (3)Bernie McGinn (RIP) | Alexander Family Mary Funkuin & Family Amelia & Family |
| | 5.30pm | Brazilian Mass | |

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 4

Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of The Lord. Forty days after his birth, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna, who acknowledged the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Simeon burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at the end of the day, the Nunc Dimittis - 'now you let depart'. It follows a promise from the Holy Spirit that Simeon would not die before seeing the Messiah.

FATHER HENRY AND FATHER RAFAEL

Please pray for Father Henry, who returned to Poland on Saturday. We look forward to seeing him again in the Summer.

Please continue to pray for Father Rafael, who continues to look after his mother in Brazil during her treatment for cancer. We remember Theresa in our prayers.

ROME PILGRIMAGE

St Joseph's Parish are exploring the idea of a 7-day pilgrimage to Rome in September 2026 (flying from Bristol – morning flight - on Tuesday 22nd September and returning on Monday 28th September). **At this stage, we're simply gathering the names of those who might be interested to see if it's viable to progress our plans further.** Below is an estimated sliding scale of prices per person, sharing accommodation at a 4* hotel within 30 minutes driving distance from the Vatican including Breakfast and Dinner (*prices do not include airfare. We cannot guarantee a price for this element until we confirm the booking as this will be dependent on group size.*). Final prices will depend on the number of participants:

Minimum 45 People - £898 + airfare

Minimum 40 People - £958 + airfare

Minimum 35 People - £988 + airfare

Minimum 30 People - £1018 + airfare

If you would like to be kept informed as details develop, please register your interest in joining us by emailing Bristol.stpatrick@cliftondiocese.com (for the attention of Trish) by **Sunday 8th February 2026.**

TALKS ON THE FAITH

The Talks on the Faith have now resumed. The talks are held at 6.30pm on Tuesdays in the Shore Gallery. People living within the boundaries of St Joseph's and St Patrick's parishes, who wish to become Catholic or wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, are all invited.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study programme continues every Friday (with the exception of the last Friday of each 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 Pan-African Community and next week it will be the Indian Community.

BAPTISMS

The next Baptismal talk will take place on, **Sunday, 8th February at 11.00am after the 10.00am Mass.** Parents must attend a talk before their child(ren) can be baptised.

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.

WOMAN'S GROUP

On Wednesday 4th February at 7.30pm, the Women's Group will be having a talk by Garry Atterton about the Cotton Mills in Barton Hill.

LENTEN LUNCHES FOR CAFOD

Each Friday during Lent, we organise a lunch following the midday Mass. Proceeds will go to CAFOD. We are looking for volunteers, each week, to:

1. Arrive at 11.30am to set up the Shore Gallery.
2. Serve the food and tea and coffee at 12.30. There is no cooking involved (other than warming the soup).
3. Wash up and tidy up.
4. Departure time 2.00pm.

The Women's Group has volunteered to do three Fridays – 20th February, 6th March and 20th March. If you can be part of a team one week, please sign your name on the list in the Narthex. Anyone over the age of 18 can volunteer to help.

MISSION APPEAL

Father Mark, who gave the recent Mission Appeal has written to thank us for our generosity. His letter is on the notice board.

MARRIAGE MASS

The Feast of St Joseph, 19 March 2026, will be the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* – “On Love in the Family.” To prepare for this anniversary, we invite you from the beginning of National Marriage Week, 7-14 February until 19 March 2026, to reflect on the central role that marriage and family life play in our Church and in wider society. 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, 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, Terry Rooker.

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

DIOCESAN ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

This Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Bosco McDonald with the Catholic Association of Lourdes UK.

FRIDAY 21st – FRIDAY 28th August 2026

Including Airport transfers from Bristol to Birmingham Airport, Flights to Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrenees Airport, hotel transfers.

Full pilgrimage programme, including visits to the Grotto of the Apparitions, Mass each day, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Sacrament of Reconciliation, visits to sites related to St Bernadette, Open air Mass in the Cite-San-Pierre, Water Gesture, Station of the Cross. Diocesan Day Trip to Bartres (extra charge).

Please email lourdes@cliftondiocese.com to declare an interest.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick after Mass on Saturday 7th February.

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE NIGHT

This will take place on Saturday 31st January in the Brooks Hall; we hope everyone has an enjoyable time.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

Please pray for the following in the month of February:

John Duggan, Luciano Toffolo, Anna & Julian Staffieri, Sante & Lucia Maddalena, Sister Mary Pegler, Teresa & Tom Raine, Francis Lambe, Joseph Browne, John Hiney, Charles Delany, James Hazard, Ernestine Wright, James Whelan, Benjamin Obi, Robert Penney, William Fryer, Dennis Freeman, Elizabeth & Dick Scanlan, Julia & Stanislaw Bosowski, Raymond Finan, Ellen McEwan-Wylie, Robert McEwan, Roger & Annie Fitzgerald, Vassallo Family, Mike Harlin, Bridget Kelly, Mary O' Leary, Guiseppe Micciche, Anna Looney, John Cosgrove, Edwina Pegler, Mark Leventhal, Peter Bradley, Elsie Shaw, Cecilia Browne, Mary McEwan, John Tooze, John Moran, Hilda Nelson, Nora Breddy, Flo Windmill, Roger Ford, Madge Grant, John Farrelly, Christopher Blackford, William and Catherine Brew, Clarice & Walter Blackford, Vivienne Palmor Cooper, Jackie Andy Wylie, Elizabeth Adams, Robert Roger Ford.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Holy Communion programme starts on Saturday 21st February at 10am when Canon Gregory will talk to parents. The children will be enrolled at the 10am Mass on Sunday 22nd February. The classes continue every Saturday from 10.00am - 11.30am during term time.

Please contact the parish office or Sister Leenamary if you would like your child to be enrolled on the programme.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

The school closes for half-term on Friday 13th February. Friday is an inset day for pupils. The school reopens on Monday 23rd February. We hope the staff and pupils have an enjoyable week.

SIGNATURE SPORTS

Ben Harris will be running his activity and sports scheme during half-term; this will take place on the parish field and in the Brooks Hall. For more information, please contact Ben on 07889 943178.

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 and worship and fun activities. **The next meeting will take place on Friday 6th February.**

BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

This will take place on Sunday 8 February from 1.00pm – 4.30pm in the Brooks Hall.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

The next meeting of Altar Servers will take place on Saturday 28th February from 9.00am – 12.00noon in the Brooks Hall.

RETROUVAILLE

Last call for online marriage programme. Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust?

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

Next date: **12th February 2026.**

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

KEY SAFE BOX

A reminder to parish groups who have access to the key safe box, to remember to scramble the numbers before closing the box. There have been occasions recently when this hasn't been done which then poses a significant security risk.

POPE LEO TWEET

The Gospel calls us to dare to trust, for God is at work at all times. Every moment is “God’s time,” even when we do not feel ready or when the situation seems unfavourable.

PTA GAMES NIGHT

On Saturday 7th February the PTA are hosting a Games Night in the Brooks Hall. We hope everyone enjoys the event.

ASH WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2026

The ashes will be distributed at 9.15am Mass and 7.30pm Mass, and also after Grace Strong’s funeral Mass (11.30am) at approximately 12.30pm.

REST IN PEACE

Grace Strong, the oldest parishioner in St Patrick's, has died aged 104.

Grace was born in the house lived in by her parents off Church Road, Redfield. When she married her husband, Gilbert, she held her wedding party at her home and died peacefully in her sleep there last week. She is survived by her son, David, his wife Joan and their children - Anthony and Annmarie.

Canon Gregory said: "Grace was an integral part of life in St Patrick's. Her family was the first to attend Mass here when the church was built in 1923, she was one of the first pupils at the school when it opened in 1933 and she worked in St Patrick's Charity Shop for 25 years.

Her nickname was 'Apple Pie Grace' because of the hundreds of pies she baked over the years to support Christmas and Summer fairs. She will be remembered with love and affection."



Grace's body will be brought into St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 17th February at 4.30pm. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 18th February at 11.30am, followed by committal at Westerleigh Woodland Chapel at 1.00pm. May Grace Rest in Peace.

Grace is pictured in Church with singer Daniel O'Donnell, on the 100th anniversary of the church in 2023.

