

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 15th February 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 14 th February	6.30pm		
Sunday 15 th February	8.30am		
	10.00am	Kath Easton (RIP)	Deacon Rob
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	
Tuesday 17 th February	7.30pm		
Wednesday 18 th February	11.30am	The funeral of Grace Strong. Ashes distributed at the end of Mass	
	7.30pm	ASH Wednesday Mass Don Keys-Massey (RIP)	
Thursday 19 th February	9.15am	Rosary Group	Beata
Friday 20 th February	12.00 Noon		
Saturday 21 st February	6.30pm	Harry and Jean Easton (RIP) Tony Walsh (RIP) – 4th anniversary	Deacon Rob Katie Robson
Sunday 22 nd February	8.30am	Grace Strong (RIP)	Christine Howie
	10.00am	Liz Adams (Birthday Mass)	John & Family
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 6

Ash Wednesday on 18th February, is the Church's solemn call to keep the season of Lent. Lent is not simply a time of personal devotion and renewal; it is a time of community renewal as we seek to renew hearts and souls together. The 18th February is also the feast day of an Italian artist, Blessed John of Fiesole, who joined the Dominicans at the age of 20 and earned the nickname 'Fra Angelico' because of the heavenly beauty of his paintings.

POPE LEO TWEET

Praying with Scripture opens the door for an intimate relationship with God who through these sacred writings invites us into conversation with Him. I encourage you to read and contemplate the inspired word of God daily. May the Word of God nourish our hearts and minds and lead us to the fullness of life.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Don Keys-Massey who has been on our sick list for a long time. Don died recently and we offer our sympathy and prayers to his wife Jackie and all his family. May he Rest in Peace.

BAPTISMS

On Sunday 15th February, Saiorse Rebecca Palmer will be baptised at 11.15am and on Monday 16th February, Norah Raine's granddaughter, Emmy, will be baptised at 2.00pm. We congratulate their parents, godparents, family and friends and welcome them both into the House of God.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18TH FEBRUARY 2026

There are two Masses on Ash Wednesday:

1. Grace Strong's Requiem Mass at 11.30am. At the end of the Mass at approximately 12.30pm the ashes will be distributed in the Chapel of the Resurrection.
2. Mass at 7.30pm.

Note: There is no 9.15am Mass as the school children will be on their half term holiday.

THE SEASON OF LENT

- (1) Each Tuesday in Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm.
- (2) Each Friday evening at 7.00pm, Stations of the Cross will be prayed in Portuguese.

LENTEN ALMS

The Poor Box next to St Anthony's statue will be for donations to CAFOD throughout Lent.

LENTEN LUNCHES FOR CAFOD 12.30PM

Each Friday during Lent, we organise a lunch following the midday Mass. Proceeds will go to CAFOD. Thank you to all the parishioners who have volunteered to help including the Womens Group, who are very kindly covering 20th February, 6th March and 20th March. Volunteers are please asked to:

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

Menu

- Soup and bread
- Fresh Fruit
- Cheese and biscuits
- Tea and coffee
- Cost £7

LENTEN TALKS

Canon Gregory will give three half-hour talks during Lent on the topic “Sin and how to overcome it”. These talks will take place on:

- Tuesday 24th February
- Tuesday 3rd March
- Tuesday 24th March

The talks will follow the 7.30pm Mass in church from 8.00pm – 8.30pm. The talks will be based on the Chaplet Novena of St Michael the Archangel. Free copies of the Chaplet are available in the Narthex.

INDUCTION AS PARISH PRIEST

“Induction” is a religious commissioning ceremony. Canon Gregory will be inducted as Parish Priest of St Joseph’s by the Dean, Reverend James Finan, on Sunday 15th February during the evening Mass at 6.00pm.

DONA MACHINE

There are some technical difficulties with the Dona Machine so it is not in use this weekend. We hope it will be repaired by next weekend. Some parishioners made a payment and were charged more than once. Please check your bank account and report any overpayments to the Parish Office for a refund – Bristol.stpatrick@cliftondiocese.com

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for veneration and prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Holy Communion programme starts on Saturday 21st February at 10.00am when Canon Gregory will talk to the children. The children will be enrolled at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 22nd February and will receive a special Blessing. The classes continue every Saturday from 10.00am -11.45am during term time.

There will be a talk for the Parents with Canon Gregory in the Shore Gallery on the 21st March 2026.

Please contact the parish office or Sister Leenamary before 21st February, if you would like your child to be enrolled on the programme.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

The school reopens on Monday 23rd February following half-term. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Canon Gregory wishes to hold a Parish Council Meeting next Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday) at 8.15pm in the Shore Gallery. The meeting will last 45 minutes. Canon Gregory is seeking advice on how to respond to Mr Ian Yarrow's letter which has been circulated to Council members this week.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL - PLACES AVAILABLE!

We are delighted to let you know that we still have places available in several year groups at our school.

With a strong history of academic success, consistently in line with or above the national average, and an excellent reputation for pastoral care, we offer a nurturing environment where every child is known, valued and encouraged to thrive.

Children are welcome to join us mid-year, and we can accept pupils transferring from other schools where there is a space in their year group.

If you would like to find out more or arrange a visit, please contact the school office on **0117 377 2387** or email **office@stp.newmancatholictrust.com**

We would be very pleased to hear from you!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

On Friday 27th February, we celebrate Family Fast Day. CAFOD (Catholic Aid for Overseas Development) has sent donation envelopes. Please place your gift for the poor in the envelope and bring to Church over the next two weeks. The second collection on Sunday 29th February is for CAFOD.

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 Come and See Group and next week it will be the Polish Community.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

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

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.

POPPY APPEAL

The British Legion has informed us that the contents of our collection box amounted to £238.08. Thank you all for your generosity.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meet in Church every Wednesday at 7.15pm for an hour. If you would like to join us, please come along to find out how we can bring God's love to others in everyday acts of kindness.

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 Sisby, 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 Kellaheer, 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.

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 Mc Ewan, 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.

THE RITE OF ELECTION

This ceremony welcomes enquirers of the faith at a formal reception ceremony during which their names are recorded by the Bishop who presides at the ceremony.

It is taking place at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 21st February at 11.00am. The following enquirers from St Patrick's are taking part in the ceremony:

**Vivienne Richards, Tamas Farago, Beatrice Phiri, Tyler C Phelps and
Carley Luckett**

Please pray for them.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

1. Mass with St Patrick's School will be celebrated at 9.15am.
2. There will be a school concert at 1.30pm in Church.
3. There will be a Parish Supper and Social in the Shore Gallery at 7.00pm on Saturday, 14th March 2026.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH SUPPER – SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2026

There will be a Parish Supper/Social in the Shore Gallery on Saturday, 14th March 2026 at 7.00pm for 40/50 people. The price will be £25.00 per head to include wine, beer and soft drinks. If you would like to attend, please email Bristol.stpatrick@cliftondiocese.com with your name and contact number, and pop into the Parish Office with your payment by Friday 6th March 2026. Please indicate whether a vegetarian option is required. Final numbers must be provided to the caterers one week prior to the event. The menu will be as follows:

Mains

Roast Beef

Roast and Mashed Potatoes

Yorkshire Pudding

Cauliflower Cheese

Mixed Vegetables

Mains

Vegetarian Option

Dessert

Apple Crumble and Custard

DIOCESAN DAY 2026

Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him on **4th July** for our Diocesan Day celebration entitled: 'The Joy of Love' at **Downside School & Abbey**. We will have **Patti Boulaye OBE** as our keynote speaker, as well as a children's & young people's programme. Arrivals/refreshments from 10am. A hot lunch will be provided (a lunch box for the children). Our Diocesan Day Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3.30pm, with the day ending around 4.30pm. **There will be a maximum of 400 tickets. If you would like to join us for the day, please register via: <https://joyoflove.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket.** For the catering/safeguarding requirements, booking through Eventbrite is essential. **The closing date for tickets is 24th June unless fully booked beforehand.**

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 next 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.