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Mass Intentions for Week Commencing Sunday, 15th March 2026 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Date	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 14 th March	6.30pm	Canon Gregory – Birthday Intention	Trish
Sunday 15 th March Laetare Sunday	8.30am	Tom Kavanagh (RIP)	Loughlin Family And Andy & Maureen Gray
	10.00am	(1) Delia Keary (Anniversary) (2) Lena McNama (Anniversary) (3) Thanksgiving (4) Bernard Anthony Stringer and Margaret June Rowlands (Anniversary)	Rosie Gilboy Rosie Gilboy Denny, Riji & Olivia Phillip Stringer
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	
Tuesday 17 th March	9.15am 7.00pm 7.30pm	St Patrick's Day School Mass Stations of the Cross Professor Jack Scarisbrick MBE	
Wednesday 18 th March	9.15am 10.00am – 11.00am	Grace Strong (RIP) School Confessions	
Thursday 19 th March	9.15am	Private Intention	
Friday 20 th March	12.00 noon 1.15pm 7.00pm	Stations Of The Cross (Indian Community) Stations Of The Cross (Portuguese)	
Saturday 21 st March	6.30pm	Catherine Thomas	Blessy Mathew
Sunday 22 nd March	8.30am 10.00am 5.30pm	Thanksgiving Private Intentions Brazilian Mass	Concannon family Christine Latham

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This week, we celebrate the two saints of our parish churches - St Patrick and St Joseph. St Patrick's feast day is on Tuesday 17th March. He had a vision in the fifth century which was a call to do mission work in Ireland. We celebrate St Joseph, husband of Mary, on Thursday, 19th March. The Bible pays him the highest compliment, calling him a 'just' man - he was completely open to all God wanted him to do.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" in Latin, and Laetare Sunday provides a pause of joy and hope during the penitential season. Priests may wear rose (pink) vestments, representing a mix of the Lenten purple (penance) and the white of Easter (glory).

POPE LEO TWEET

Fasting is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the Word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. It helps us to identify and order our "appetites", keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. It teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbour.

REST IN PEACE

- Please pray for **Tom Kavanagh**, who died recently. We pray for his wife, Liz, and all the family. Tom's funeral will take place on Monday, 30th March at 12.00 noon. May he Rest in Peace.
- Please pray for **Matthew Hunter** who died recently. A close friend of Canon Gregory's and many of St Patrick's parishioners. Matthew and his wife, Clare, were strong supporters of St Patrick's activities. Canon Gregory will preside at Matthew's Requiem Mass at Corpus Christi Church in Weston-Super Mare on Monday. May he Rest in Peace.

BAPTISMS

Today, Sunday 15th March, Emmett Patrick will be baptised by Father Jerome at 1.30pm. We congratulate Emmett's parents and godparents and welcome Emmett into the House of the Lord.

The next Baptismal talk will take place on **12th April 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Holy Communion programme is in progress and 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 Saturday, 21st March 2026, and the children will present the liturgy and receive the cross at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 22nd March.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Friday 17th July 2026. Confirmation talks will take place in May and June each Tuesday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Please complete an application form which is available in the Narthex.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Stop and see, be aware. God was aware of David's adultery with Bethsheba, Uriah's wife, and how he arranged Uriah's murder to cover his sin. Amid political and business 'cover ups' in today's world, it's important to 'stop and see' – the beauty of nature, the beauty and goodness of your spouse. Don't be too busy to recall the joys you have brought to each other.

MARRIAGE MASS

The Feast of St Joseph, 19th 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, 7th - 14th February until 19th March 2026, to reflect on the central role that marriage and family life play in our Church and in wider society.

OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS PRAESIDIUM – LEGION OF MARY – ST PATRICK'S ACIES 2026

Acies is a Church function which is held annually around the Feast of the Annunciation, which is the 25th March, for all members of the Legionary to renew their consecration to Mary. You are invited to this Acies celebration and to become consecrated to Our Lady. This special event will be held on Sunday, 22nd March at 2.00pm in the church. It will begin with recitation of the Holy Rosary, followed by Mass and vows renewal. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Shore Gallery. 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 Come & See Group and next week it will be the Polish Community.

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.

WOMEN'S GROUP - NEXT MEETING

The next Women's Group meeting will take place in the Shore Gallery on Wednesday, 1st April from 7.00pm to 10.00pm.

DIOCESAN ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The department has just published its 17th edition of their newsletter. You can access their information and news here [Newsletter-volume-17.pdf](#)

LGBT+ MASS

This monthly Mass takes place today at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church at 3.00pm. All welcome.

THE INDIAN COMMUNITY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent the Indian Community will be saying the Stations of the Cross, in their own language, after the Lenten Lunches at about 1.15pm if anyone would like to join them.

LENTEN TALKS

The third talk in this series by Canon Gregory will take place on Tuesday 24th March at 8.00pm.

LENTEN ALMS

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

LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION

Bishop Bosco is presiding at a service in Christ The King, Thornbury on Tuesday 24th March at 7.00pm. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. All welcome.

SAVE THE DATE! ST PATRICK'S CHURCH GALA CONCERT – MONDAY, 8TH JUNE 2026

Following a very successful and enjoyable Charity Gala Concert in July this year, Terry Maggs is planning a further event in 2026. **Please save the date – Monday, 8th June 2026** in St Patrick's Church. In the meantime, if you were unable to make this year's concert you can watch the event via this link – [St Patrick's Church Gala Concert 2025](#)

EASTER FAIR INVITATION

The Friends of Polish Scouts warmly invite all St Patrick's parishioners to their Easter Fair on Sunday 22nd March in the Narthex. Join us after Mass to browse a wonderful selection of handmade crafts, including:

- Artisan Candles and Cards
- Traditional Home-baked Biscuits
- Hand-crafted Easter Decorations
- All proceeds will go towards supporting our local scout group activities. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our community spirit.

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!

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AT ST JOSEPH'S, FISHPONDS

Mass at St Joseph's is celebrated at 5.00pm on Saturday and 10.00am and 6.00pm on Sunday. Father Jerome celebrates these Masses three weekends a month, and Canon Gregory one weekend a month.

BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will take place from 1.00pm to 4.30pm in the Brooks Hall today, Sunday 15th March. Please contact Camila Perondi for further information.

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.



RENEWAL CHOIR – FRIDAY, 17TH APRIL 2026 – ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Please join us for an inspiring and uplifting evening with the Renewal Gospel Choir. Tickets are just £10.00 (cash preferred please) and are on sale now! Please see Trish after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday or at the Parish Office (Thursday/Friday mornings). [Renewal Choir – Igniting the Passion Within](#)

THE SEASON OF LENT

- (1) Each Tuesday in Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm at St Patrick's.
- (2) Each Friday lunch time during Lent at approximately 1.15pm, Stations of the Cross will be prayed by the Indian Community at St Patrick's.
- (3) Each Friday evening at 7.00pm, Stations of the Cross will be prayed in Portuguese at St Patrick's.
- (4) Please also check out Father Jerome's daily Lenten Homily/Reflection on the St Joseph's Parish WhatsApp Group and Parish Facebook page [St Joseph's Catholic Church Bristol | Bristol | Facebook](#)

Join the St Joseph's Parish WhatsApp group by scanning the code. This will be an additional platform to share updates, news, events and more.



- Stay Connected
- Stay informed

- (5) 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. The first four lunches have already made over £700 for CAFOD. Please keep up your support for this charitable event.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, 29th March – 10.00am	Palm Sunday – Procession into church
Tuesday, 31st March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.00pm • 7.30pm 	Stations of the Cross Mass
Wednesday, 1st April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.00am • 7.00pm 	Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral St Patrick's School presents Stations of the Cross in Church

The Holy Triduum

Thursday, 2nd April – 7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper
Friday, 3rd April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.00am • 10.45am • 3.00pm 	Stations of the Cross Confession Good Friday Service
Saturday, 4th April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.00am • 6.30pm 	Blessing of Polish Baskets Easter Vigil
Sunday, 5th April - Easter Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am • 10.00am • 5.30pm 	Mass Mass Brazilian Mass

Please remember your donation on Easter Sunday is a personal gift to Canon Gregory.

THANK YOU



Canon Gregory was delighted to be the guest of our Indian Community at his surprise birthday party they hosted for him last Saturday. Canon Gregory writes: *“I was overwhelmed by the lavish celebration. It was so well organised with delicious food and entertainment. Thank you for the lovely gifts. Special thanks to Jeeshia and Nema for their organisation. The dance by the members of The Come and See Group was a real treat. Thank you one and all.”*



OFFERTORY ANALYSIS

Each month we will update parishioners on the amounts received. Thank you for your generosity.

2025

	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Total
Standing Orders with Gift Aid	£1,650	£2,015	£2,125	£1,943	£1,606	£1,611	£1,528	£1,518	£1,670	£1,704	£1,719	£1,761	£20,849
Standing Orders no Gift Aid	£250	£300	£352	£288	£288	£263	£303	£298	£323	£428	£351	£353	£3,797
DONA with Gift Aid	£207	£410	£352	£582	£170	£412	£556	£221	£308	£501	£583	£639	£4,941
DONA no Gift Aid	£81	£307	£1,691	£501	£632	£602	£501	£248	£692	£386	£453	£1,073	£7,163
Cash on Plate	£790	£1,004	£1,388	£1,831	£1,685	£1,760	£1,535	£1,778	£1,463	£1,911	£1,916	£869	£17,930
Total	£2,978	£4,036	£5,908	£5,144	£4,380	£4,648	£4,422	£4,063	£2,786	£4,929	£5,022	£4,694	£54,681

2026

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Total
Standing orders with Gift Aid	£1,799	£1,803	£3,602
Standing Orders no Gift Aid	£328	£302	£630
DONA with Gift Aid	£446	£403	£849
DONA no Gift Aid	£637	£578	£1,215
Offertory Plate	£1,294	£1,495	£2,788
Total	£4,504	£4,581	£9,084

Second Collection Analysis

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Total
Donations for parish overdraft	£656	£560	£1,485
CAFOD		£156	£1,253
Total	£656	£716	£2,739

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, Mark Harrington, Matgorzata Krezalek, Terry Rooker, Derek Griffin. **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 March.

Cyril Hope, Alfred Herring, Margarita Roberts, Ellen Pibworth, Arthur O'Hara, Emily Lambe, Teresa Hunt, Alice Brook, Charles Williams, Hilda Thompson, Teresa Payne, Raymond Miles, Patrick Hennessey, George Donovan, Ryan & Pearce Families, Mary Hennessy, William Field, Michael Foly, Florence Batt, William O'Neil, Johanna Lynch, William McDonnell, Brian Robbins, John Shore, Pat Shore, Gwen Burns, Mulhall & O'Neil Families, Alice Cosgrove, Phillis James, Emma Williams, Vera Wilkinson, Peter Alsop, Ellen Mary Mullens, Nelson Green, Marjory Creech, Sheila Harper, Alicia & Joseph Harrison, Ellen Whelan, Louise Williams, Patrick O'Brien, Lesley Power, Frank Foley, James Adams, Amy Concannon, James Farrelly, Dino Dinon, Teresa & Winifred Simpson, Canon Owen Devanney, Joseph Harrison, Maureen John Ryan.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH: NEW CENTURY – NEW CHALICE

Next Thursday 19th March is the first year commemoration of the second century of St Joseph's Parish. To celebrate St Joseph's feast day and this milestone, Canon Gregory presented Father Jerome with a Silver Chalice and Paten to be used in St Joseph's Church. These items were gifted to Canon by one of his parishioners, Mrs Phyllis Haynes (RIP). Please remember Phyllis and her parents, Alice and Ernest Edwards, in your prayers.



ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

As you may have seen in the media, Lord Falconer and other assisted suicide campaigners are now lobbying MPs to try to use the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords and force the assisted suicide Bill into law in the next Parliamentary session.

Taking this route would be unprecedented and profoundly inappropriate.

It would be the first time ever that the Parliament Acts were used for a Private Members' Bill – and polling published this week confirms that the public does not support this approach.

TAKE ACTION

Assisted suicide pressure group, *Dignity in Dying*, is currently flooding MPs' inboxes with emails urging them to back this attempt to bypass the House of Lords and force this dangerous bill into law.

It is vital that MPs also hear from constituents who do not support this – and that they must oppose it.

Please take action now. Click the button below, it takes 30 seconds to contact your MP, using the *EasyAction tool* we have just launched, and ask them to oppose attempts to force the assisted suicide Bill into law by bypassing the House of Lords.

to <https://righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026> (right click and select open hyperlink)

[Act now - Ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law](https://righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026)

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Catherine Robinson

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