

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Clergy House, Dillon Court, Netham Road, Redfield, Bristol, BS5 9PF

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Canon Gregory Grant - Parish Priest
Revs Denis Deasey & Rob Easton - Deacons

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 26th February 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

	TIME	INTENTION	DONOR
Saturday 4 March	6.30pm	Bob Dixon	Roberta & Nick Blackford
Sunday 5 March	8.30am	Frank & Michael Foley (RIP) Thanksgiving for Tanaka (Birthday)	Foley Family Chinamora Family
	10.00am	People of the Parish	
	6.00pm	Brazilian Mass	
Monday 6 March	9.00am	Victims of the Earthquakes and Rail Crash	
Tuesday 7 March	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Veronica Sollars	
Wed 8 March	9.00am	People of the Parish	
Thu 9 March	9.00am	Sick & Housebound	
Friday 10 March	12 noon	Peace in War Torn Countries	
Saturday 11 March	6.30pm	Bernard Stadden(P/int)	Sheila & Liz
Sunday March 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.30am	Mary Lynch & Family (P/Int)	Marie Holcombe (Cambridge family)
	10.00am	Hannah Curnow (RIP)	
	6.00pm	Brazilian Mass	

Rosary: Half an hour before weekday Mass
Confessions: Before all weekend Masses and **on request**
Exposition: Saturday 5.30pm followed by The Rosary a 5.45pm
 Tuesday-Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm

CURRENT NEWS/WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This week, we celebrate the feast day of **St John of God** on Wednesday, 8th March. John, the founder of the Brothers Hospitallers, was born in Portugal. When he joined the army to fight for Spain against the French, he gave up his Christian beliefs. At the age of 40, he decided to give the rest of his life to God's service and headed for Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians. After much hardship, he established a house in Spain to care for the sick and poor. Twenty years after his death, his helpers formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order. Canon Gregory's friend, Fr Aldo Tapparo, a regular visitor here in St Patricks, first trained as a nurse with the order.

On Friday, 10th March, we remember **St Dominic Savio**, the patron saint of juvenile delinquents. At the age of 12, he joined St John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin where he helped care for abandoned and neglected boys. Sadly, he died at the age of 17. He was canonized in 1956.

THE SEASON OF LENT

There are many ongoing opportunities for us as a Parish to celebrate the principal activities of Lent

PRAYER – FASTING – ALMSGIVING

- 1. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm**
- 2. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament in Church takes place from Tuesday-Friday between the hours of 9.30am – 4.30pm**
- 3. The Rosary is prayed before Mass each day**
- 4. Mass is celebrated every day in Lent. Why not come to a weekday Mass in addition to your Sunday worship**
- 5. The Poor Box in church is for “Lenten Alms”. This year all the money in The Poor Box will go to Cafod**
- 6. Service of Reconciliation celebrated by Bishop Declan on Thursday 9 March at 6.00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Grange Court Road, Westbury on Trym. All welcome.**
- 7. There will be a soup lunch served each Friday (other than on St Patrick's Day – 17th March) in The Shore Gallery at 12.30pm at a cost of £4 per person. All donations will go to Cafod. All you are able to volunteer at any of the lunches please sign the list in the Nathex.**

THE PARISH MISSION

The Parish Mission last week was a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended The Talks, The Masses and the Social Receptions. This two Mission Priests heard many confessions during the week and St Patrick's School played a great part – it was lovely to see the children joining in The Mission. Over 500 people attended the opening day of The Mission (Ash Wednesday) and over 600 attended the Sunday Masses that concluded The Mission. Our weekly church attendance has now returned to the pre-Covid numbers. The two Mission Priests really enjoyed their time in St Patrick's and we look forward to seeing them again on 17 March. Thank you to Tracy and our musicians, Diana and a huge team of catering volunteers, to Simon who took the week off from work and attended everything, taking care of our priests. Thank you to everyone for everything.

ST PATRICK'S CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Full House !!!

Over 450 people have signed up to attend our Centenary Celebration Mass at 7.00pm on Friday 17 March. There are still 50 places available. Do sign the list in the Narthex if you intend to come. It is important for organisation and catering that there are anticipated guests rather than "walk-ins". Adults and children are all welcome. It is going to be a spectacular celebration. Tracy is co-ordinating our many church choirs and over 60 will be singing in the St Patricks Community Choir. Please do also remember to sign the separate list in the Narthex if you intend to join us in the Ceilidh Dance after, where a full bar will be available for all guests. The Ceilidh is adults only.

Book today to avoid disappointment.

Generous Response

Thank you to the 75 parishioners who pledged £50 each for the Centenary Reception. This comes to £3750. We received a £2000 donation from one family. This £5750 was mostly covenant donated so we have reached our target of £7000. For those yet to make their donation could we please ask that this be paid into the church office or by DONA as soon as convenient. As we move towards our celebration in just over a week's time, it is great to know it is all paid for.

Thank you ONE and ALL.

Centenary Raffle

The Brazilian Community are organising a raffle to raise funds for the Centenary programme. Members of our Brazilian community will be selling raffle tickets after all masses this weekend and next week. Tickets are £2.50 each. The fantastic list of prizes available include personal training and a massage along with lots of other wonderful prizes.

Our celebrations on 17 March are all FREE so this is a great way of helping the Centenary Fund, Thank you to our Brazilian parishioners for organising this fund raising event

Volunteers

On the notice board in the NatheX we have four lists for volunteering for our Centenary evening. Please sign up on the list for the area in which you would like to help. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The First Holy Communion children will be enrolled at the 10am Mass on 4 March. There are enrolled in the classes our largest number ever. First Holy Communion is on Corpus Christi, Sunday 11 June.

MUSIC

This Sunday at 10am we welcome Otis Bouka-Stone who will be playing piano during the Offeratory Hymn. We welcome more soloists and if you would like to perform please contact Tracey.

ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Annual St Patrick's Day Parade organised by W.E. Irish (formerly Bristol Irish Society) takes place on Sunday 19th March. Assembling at Trinity Community Centre, Trinity Road, the parade will move off at 12.30pm and carry on to the High Street where it disperses and an afternoon of Irish entertainment takes place at Seamus O'Donnell's, Vodka Rev and the Indoor Market. Entertainment will be provided by live bands, Irish Dancing and much more.

The "Culture Fest" celebrations commence on 10th March culminating with the Parade on 19th.

For further information log on to: W.E.IRISH@W.E.IRISH or WEIRISH.ORG.UK

PARISH REGISTER

Please complete a parish census form available in the narthex. We are in the process of computerising our church members details and many offers and information will be targeted to individuals/families who fall into different groups. Examples: Children/Teenagers/Young Adults/ Young Married Couples/ Singles/ Widows/ Widowers/ Senior Citizens/ Families/ School Children. We are not starting a dating agency! Help us to keep our records up to date and to plan activities and events with **you** in mind.

CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"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 two hours a week each to reach out to the sick as volunteer chaplains.

If you are interested in this important ministry and would like to find out more about the recruitment and thorough training process, please contact Rob Morgan, Chaplaincy Team Leader, on 0117 3426795 Mon - Fri 9- 4.00pm, or email Robert.Morgan@uhbw.nhs.uk"

REST IN PEACE

1. Please pray for Veronica Sollars, Jim Shields and Bob Dixon, who died recently. May they rest in peac
2. We pray for Graham Bateman who died recently. Graham was a former caretaker at St Patrick's School. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his wife Maggie and daughter Kasia.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

‘In Lent we are called to respond to God’s gift by accepting his word, which is “living and active”. Regular listening to the Word of God makes us open and docile to his working and bears fruit in our lives.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK:

Bernadette Newton, Gracy Mathew, Fergal Treanor, Patrick Smith, Mick Lewis, Mary Dias, Alfred Chojnackie, Elinor Agius, John Caherty, Paula Delves, Maciej Kauczynski, James Brown, Helena Irena Boucher, Johnny Enright, Anne Dillon, Maggie Cronin, Grace Karimu, Debbie Redfern, Irene Agidee & Angela Wahinya & family, Marian Speirs, Katie Cunningham, Fiona Bradley, Stephen Bradley, Geraldine Dewfall, Sister Bidy, Jim Brooks, Grace Strong, Laura Birkett, Gwen White, Bernard Stadden, Canon Frank Birmingham, Ian Cleverly, Cecile McFarling, Graham Tiley, Angela O’Leary, Maggie Smith, Jim Robbins, Mario Toffolo, Jean Marc Guillaume, Sean Olver and Canon Frank Birmingham.

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

COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

Tea and Coffee will be served after the 8.30am and 10.00am Mass today by the African Community. Next week the Indian community will be on duty.

FOODBANK COORDINATOR – ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO PARISH, BRISTOL

St Nick’s is a lively and diverse parish community with a lot going on and with a priority for serving its local area. Our Food Bank was established during the pandemic and we are now seeking a Coordinator to manage day to day operations, lead our team of volunteers and maintain and develop relationships with our stakeholders. Previous experience of leading or managing volunteers in a paid or unpaid role is essential. 22.5 hours per week, Salary £25k FTE, 2 year FTC. For full details please contact: bristol.stnicholasoftolentino@cliftdiocese.com telephone 0117 909 0419 or <https://tolentino.org.uk> Closing date 6th March 2023.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR – ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO PARISH, BRISTOL

We are looking for a Coordinator to provide administrative support to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and its buildings. To welcome visitors, offer pastoral support and lead a team of volunteers. Good standard of literacy and numeracy required. 14 hours per week £20,950 FTE, 2 year FTC. For full details please contact: bristol.stnicholasoftolentino@cliftdiocese.com Telephone 0117 909 0419 or <https://tolentino.org.uk> Closing date 6th March 2023.

Both the above roles could be offered to an appropriate candidate.

ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL FOOD SUPPORT

St Patrick’s School has set up a mini food bank to support families in our school with the rising cost of living. They are happy to receive any donations towards this food bank. Please send/take your items of food to the school office or bring them to Church on Sunday and place them in the **donation box in the Narthex**. Any surplus donations go to the Julian Trust. **We especially need washing powder and toilet rolls**. Thank you for your continued support.

EDUCATION AND FORMATION

BAPTISMS

(1) Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11.30am (after the 10.00am Mass). The next talk is Sunday March 12th.

Parents must attend two Talks A and B before their child(ren) can be baptised. The Talks take place in the church on the second Sunday of each month at 11.00am.

(2) This Sunday 5th March, Seamus River Palmer and Maya Elizabeth Dagnall will be Baptised. We congratulate their parents and godparents and welcome into the family of God.

THE LENT ENCOUNTER

Sign up for free daily Lent reflections from the Bible Society, to enrich your journey through Lent this year. Sign up at: www.biblesociety.org.uk/lent23

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2023 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins
- 8.30am Deacon Denis, Bridget Hemmings
- 10.00am Deacons Rob and Denis

READERS

- 6.30pm Joanna Deasey, Colin Gale
- 8.30am Sister Leenamary, Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk
- 10.00am Yetunde Ajakaiye, Sharon King

BIDDING PRAYERS: Sister Leenamary

WELCOMERS:

- 6.30pm Volunteers
- 8.30am Sally Page, Eleanor Beasley-Suffolk
- 10.00am Teresa Smaka, Jim McCormack

- Church Cleaners:** Team One: Kay, Terry, Sarah, Ron & Elizabeth
- Offertory Counters:** Team Three: Pauline & Mark Humphrey
- Tea & Coffee Rota:** Come and See Group
- Children's Liturgy:** Will take place on 12th and 19th March

