



# ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Clergy House, Dillon Court, Netham Road,  
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## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Canon Gregory Grant – Parish Priest

Father Jerome Ajakaiye

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Rev Rob Easton – Deacon

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## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

9.30AM - 2pm Monday to Thursday

5.30pm - 6.15pm Saturday

## Confessions: (In the Chapel of Resurrection)

9.30am - 10.30am Monday to Thursday

5pm - 6pm - Saturday

## Rosary:

Half an hour before weekday Mass

## Sacrament of the Sick:

Every First Saturday of the month  
after 6.30pm Mass.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING**  
**SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)**

Date	Time	Intention	Donor
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	6.30pm	1) Ignacy Lomnicki (RIP 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) 2) Cordelia Okeke (RIP)	Pajak Family  Emmanuel
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	8.30am 10.00am    5.30pm	Molly Foley (RIP Anniv) 1) John & Laura Bradley (Pvt Int) 2) Cordelia Okeke (RIP 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) 3) Hannah Curnow (RIP) 4) Margaret June Rowland (RIP Anniv) Brazilian Mass	Foley Family Bex & Nash  Rose Adims & Family Curnow Family Bernard Anthony Stringer
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.00am	Paddy Furey (RIP)	Ann & Family
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>December Christmas Eve</b>	6.00pm   10.00pm	George Adims (RIP), Victoria Obi (RIP) & Cordelia Okeke (RIP) 1) Tony & Kay McGlynn (RIP) 2) Sr Maria Goretti (B'day)  3) Jim Brooks (RIP) 4) Mary Dias (RIP)	Rose Adims & Family  McGlynn Family  Salvatorian Sisters  Clara Fernandes
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas Day</b>	10.00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Brazilian Mass	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Feast of St Stephen</b>	12 noon	Angela Pilning (Pvt Int)	Ann McNama
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	12 noon	Kathleen Coll (Pvt Int)	Ann & Family

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Neil Hunter (RIP Anniv)	Holland & Hunter Families
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	8.30am	Wayne Pollock (Pvt Int) & Bernie Murphy (Pvt Int)	Liam Murphy & Family
	10.00am	1) Simon Crandon's (Pvt Int) 2) Married Couples Intentions 3) Dineen Family (Pvt Int)	Bex & Nash Mary Dineen
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING  
SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

Date		Intention	Donor
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	1) Tim Dineen Senior (RIP) 2) Sarah & Chris Brevitt (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)	Mary Dineen Holland & Hunter Families
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December <b>New Years Eve</b>	10-11pm	<b>Holy Hour</b> for Peace, Justice and Healing in War-Torn Countries	
	11.15pm	<b>Thanksgiving for 2024 and Hope for 2025</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January <b>New Years Day</b>	12 noon 5.30pm	Kath Easton (RIP) Brazilian Mass	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.00am	1) Phyllis Haynes 2) Phyllis James	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	12 noon	Marie & Dennis Grant (RIP)	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm	Frances Leventhal (RIP)	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	8.30am	Marie & Will Howie (RIP)	Christine Howie
	10.00am	Sick & Housebound	
	5.30pm	Brazilian Mass	

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## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

### MASS TIMINGS

<p>24TH DECEMBER TUESDAY <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b></p>	<p>FAMILY MASS <u>6.00PM</u> MIDNIGHT MASS <u>10PM</u></p>
<p>25TH DECEMBER WEDNESDAY <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b></p>	<p>FAMILY MASS <u>10AM</u> BRAZILIAN MASS <u>5.30PM</u></p>
<p>26TH DECEMBER THURSDAY <b>BOXING DAY</b></p>	<p>MASS <u>12 NOON</u></p>
<p>27TH DECEMBER FRIDAY</p>	<p>MASS <u>12 NOON</u></p>
<p>28TH DECEMBER SATURDAY</p>	<p>MASS <u>6:30PM</u></p>
<p>29TH DECEMBER SUNDAY</p>	<p>MASS <u>8.30AM</u> FAMILY MASS <u>10AM</u> BRAZILIAN MASS <u>5.30PM</u></p>
<p>30TH DECEMBER MONDAY</p>	<p>MASS <u>9AM</u></p>
<p>31ST DECEMBER TUESDAY <b>NEW YEARS EVE</b></p>	<p>HOLY HOUR <u>10.00PM - 11:00PM</u> MASS <u>11:15PM</u></p>
<p>1ST JANUARY WEDNESDAY <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b></p>	<p>NEW YEAR MASS <u>12 NOON</u> BRAZILIAN MASS <u>5.30PM</u></p>

## **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

The feast day of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates the divine motherhood of our Lady, on Wednesday 1st January.

On Friday, 3rd January, we celebrate the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

## **CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

The Diocese has introduced an annual salary (£10,800 p.a) for priests and priests are no longer entitled to receive The Christmas and The Easter offertory collections. Father Jerome and Father Rafael receive a monthly gift from the Grant Bradley Trust. The collections at all Masses for these two big occasions of the year are now your personal donation to the Parish to pay for Canon Gregory's monthly salary of £900.

All parishioners are asked to be as generous as possible to the Church over Christmas in our Offertory Collections. You may donate

A. In cash at the offertory collection

B. By Cheque – Please place in the offertory collection. Cheques made payable to St Patricks Church.

**Everyone is buying gifts at Christmas for family and friends**

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST PATRICK'S CHURCH ON YOUR GIFT LIST AND BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN.**

**THANK YOU**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The final Advent candle is lit today and on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Please see the bulletin for Mass times.

The next day is the Feast of St Stephen who, is the patron saint of Deacons and altar servers.

On Friday, we remember St John the Apostle who ended his days in Ephesus with Our Lady as his adopted mother.

On Saturday, it is the feast day of the Holy Innocents whose massacre was ordered by Herod in an attempt to kill the baby Jesus.

## **2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE**

2025 has been designated by Pope Francis as a Special Jubilee year of Hope. Bishop Bosco will inaugurate the Jubilee year in a Special Mass on 29 December at 11:15a.m in Clifton Cathedral. Full details of the Jubilee year are on the Parish website.



### **CANON GREGORY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Thank you to Father Jerome for compiling and printing a beautiful pictorial Christmas message from Canon Gregory to all Parishioners.

This lovely booklet with memories of parish activities for the last three months will be given to everyone on Christmas day.

## **WELCOME TO FATHER HENRY**

Father Henry will visit St Patrick's for his Christmas Holidays from Saturday 28 December until 2 February. We look forward to his visit. Father Stan and Father Jan have sent us all their good wishes and blessings for Christmas.

## **HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM FATHER ANTONIO IN ROME**

Christmas is a special time for reflection and gratitude. I hope this message finds you well as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. As I think back on my time in Bristol, I'm filled with so many wonderful memories. I miss you all and hope you're doing well. May the true meaning of Christmas bring you peace and joy.

May the Peace and joy of Christmas fill your hearts and homes.  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## **OFFICE OPENING OVER CHRISTMAS**

The office will be closed from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.

The three priests are about throughout this time and are available to see parishioners before and after Mass which is scheduled for each day during this period.

## **POPE FRANCIS TWEET**

May the Gospel of Jesus Christ keep your hearts open to the world. Your traditions are a treasure to be cherished and cultivated, not to isolate yourselves, but always to encounter and share them with others. Thank you all.

## **SIMON CRANDON**

Simon has been serving on the altar for 25 years. Firstly, as an altar server and then as Master of Ceremonies (MC). Simon attends all three Masses at the weekend and very often the Brazilian Mass as well.

Simon is resigning from this role after almost three decades. His last Mass as M.C is on Sunday, 29 December at 10.00am when the parish will express its appreciation for his faithful service. In January, Father Jerome will host a thanksgiving lunch and social for Simon and the altar servers.

We Thank Simon for all his volunteering in this role and for his unique time and commitment to this special task.

Father Jerome will now be in charge of the altar servers, and he is recruiting new boys, girls, men and women to this important role.

Please consider joining the Altar Servers Team and contact Father Jerome.

## **BRAZILIAN CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION**

The Brazilian Community will be hosting a Christmas Eve Dinner for their community members in the Brooks Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Eve is the traditional time for Brazilians to celebrate Christmas.

## **CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

The Brazilian Community had a Christmas Novena in Preparation for Christmas. They had candles that accompanied the groups that prayed the Novena in Preparation for Christmas.

The goal was for families to gather at home around the Word of God and share it with songs and prayers.

Following the candle Blessing the families had eight meetings in their homes, and it closed with fellowship at Church on December 15<sup>th</sup>.





## **CRIB DONATIONS - CCS ADOPTION**

We thank the sister Leenamary and sister Maria for the beautiful crib. The adoption and fostering service find permanent homes for some of the most vulnerable children in care. There will be a basket by the crib for donations. Please be as generous as you can in this season of goodwill.

## **LIVABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME TRAFFIC CHANGES**

### **Barton Hill: Lawrence Hill: Redfield: St George**

As Predicted by thousands of Locals in our area the new traffic measures are a nightmare for motorists and non-motorists alike. The changes are not yet fully implemented but have already added twenty minutes or more to many people's journeys by car around the area and in and out of town.

Some brave souls from the locality are steadfastly protesting each day to reverse the changes.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP**

Please sign the Online petition asking for the Scheme to be reversed. Go to:

[Petition · Halt the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme - Bristol, United Kingdom · Change.org](#)

The council will reconsider the review if more than 3500 people sign the petition. So far over 5000 have signed opposing the traffic changes. Please add your name to the list.

**The controversial Bus Gate has been suspended until January because of road works nearby. Please check the city council website for details and ensure that the yellow sign is NOT switched on before driving through.**

## **MISSIO RED BOXES**

"December is the month when I complete the returns to Missio for the Red Box donations throughout the year. If anyone has a box that they would like me to empty, please bring it in the next couple of weeks, and either hand it to me at 6:30 Saturday Mass or leave it in the Parish office, where I shall collect it. May thanks, on behalf of Missio, for your continued support."

Colin Gale

## **300 CLUB BIG CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS**

The 300 Club December Big Draw took place after the 10.00am Mass last Sunday. The winners are as follows:

£500 - Allyson Davis, £100 - Andriena Smith, £50 - Rodrigues Children - Savia, £50 - Rose Adims, £50 - O & N McDonnell, £25 - John Byrne, £25 - Stephen Gachango, £25 - Red Flower Barrow, £25 - Cieran Goles, £10 - J & M Robbins, £10 - Andrew Patterson, £10 - Teresa Gee, £10 - Glen Grant, £10 - Jismon Jose, Bonus £100 - Ebi Cole

We have spare numbers looking for a good home. It costs just £1 per week, per number payable monthly/quarterly/ half yearly/yearly advance. Membership can be paid in cash/cheque, quarterly standing order. This is a good way to support the parish as funds not paid out in winnings goes to the parish funds. You have to be in it to win it. This year the 300 club will donate over £5000 to the parish. We Thank Nick Finan for organizing this Fundraising activity.

### **WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE**

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

***Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote) to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.***

## **THE CHAPEL OF RESURRECTION**

Reserve a vault in St Patrick's Columbarium. This Unique Chapel gives a permanent dignified final resting place for the ashes of the deceased. The cost is £3000 for a 99-year lease for **two** caskets. The price includes the caskets and an inurnment ceremony. Many parishioners reserve vaults as part of their funeral plan. Please see the parish office for details.

## **BIRTHDAY BUS TRAVEL**

Did you know everyone is entitled to free Bus travel in Bristol for the whole month of their Birthday. Go online, the month before your birthday and apply for the whole month of your birthday. Young people under the age of 21 get two months free travel!!

## **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FOODBANK IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

**The Foodbank Collections Box is now located inside the Parish office.**

Please drop your donations, during office hours, inside the office and over the weekend, outside the parish office door. Anyone needing assistance from the donations box is welcome to come and help themselves during these hours.

**Donations are requested from parishioners to assist those in Need.**

**The Parish has given a cash gift to 25 families in the school to ensure they enjoy a special Christmas lunch. Thank you for all your donations.**

## **VOLUNTEERTING AT UHBW**

"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 2.5 hours a week each to reach out to the sick as chaplaincy volunteers.**

If you are interested in this important ministry, and would like to find out more about the recruitment and our thorough training process, please contact Rob Morgan, Lead Chaplain, on 0117 3426795 Mon - Fri 9 - 4:00, or email [Robert.Morgan@uhbw.nhs.uk](mailto:Robert.Morgan@uhbw.nhs.uk) before 31st December 2024."

## **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL**

The school closed for Christmas last Friday. The school reopens on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January; Monday 6<sup>th</sup> is an inset day. We hope all the staff, governors and pupils have a happy and Holy Christmas.

## **SIGNATURE SPORTS**

Signature sports will be running four fun days over the Christmas period. On 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> January from 9.00am – 3.00pm in the Brooks Hall. Fun days can be booked by visiting <https://www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk/category/st.patricks-primary-school>

## **RADIO MARIA ENGLAND**

### **Keep Christ in Your Christmas with Radio Maria England**

Tune in for uplifting programmes that celebrate His Coming, guide your daily prayers, and help you live the joy of the Christmas season well into 2025. You can listen to Radio Maria on DAB+ in many areas, online at [www.RadioMariaEngland.uk](http://www.RadioMariaEngland.uk), via the Radio Maria Play mobile phone app, or by saying “Play Radio Maria England” to your smart speaker. Stay connected to Christ and His Church—wherever you are, whenever you need it!

## **TEA AND COFFEE**

Tea & Coffee will be hosted **Every First Sunday of the Month after the 8.30am Mass**. Parishioners who attend this Mass are encouraged to come together and meet.

Tea and Coffee after the 10am Mass will be served today by the Indian Community.

**There will be no tea & coffee served on 29<sup>th</sup> December.**

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025**

**We Request Parents that would like to Enrol their Children for the FHC programme next year to contact Sr. Leenamary or the Parish Office at the earliest to register.**

**Classes will start on Saturday 01<sup>st</sup> March 2025.**

The children will be enrolled and receive a special blessing on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March during the 10.00am Mass.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and First Holy Communion will be on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

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

Mick Lewis, Alfred Chojnackie, Maciej Kauczynski, Grace Karimu, Debbie Redfern, Katie Cunningham, Sisters Bernie and Biddie Arscott, Grace Strong, Laura Birkett, Gwyn White, Bernard Stadden, Ian Cleverly, Graham Tiley, Angela O'Leary, Jim Robbins, Adam Wright, Libby Nykolyszyn, Philip Green, David Griffiths, Peter Wahinya, Irene Agidee, Don Keys Massey, Liz Coventry, Janet Smart, Tony Gilmurray, Andrew Dobbins, Gabby Sislby, Michael Stars, Terry Rooker, Steve Jackson, Angie Cortolli, Rosaleen Hourigan, Graham Parker, Kim Parker, Charlotte Priddle, Julie Priddle, Peter Auret, Sheila Bicker, Bernie Murphy, Liam Murphy, Damien McGinn, Christine King, Wayne Pollock.

**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 December.**

Con Kennedy, Michael Beck, Jack King, Edward Hogan, Carol Jenkins, Terence Barry, Hilda & William Davies, Nellie & Arthur Pearce, Peter Hunt, Charles Pibworth, Karl Randles, Ann & Nelson Driscoll, Ellen & Michael Comerford, Tom Lynch, Geoffrey Preston, Joyce Holbrook, Dorothy Richards, Vera Shapcott, Dennis Parker, Sister Marilyn, Nellie Morgan, Edith Moore, George Haskins, Molly Foley, Arthur Robbins, Catherine Groves, Leon Figurski, Rita Phillips, Ivan Plettell, The Salvatorian Sisters, Harry McEntee, Hilda Deacon: The Dee, Richards, Cosgrove, Haberbosch, Reutens, James, Haynes, Pritchard and McCarthy Families, Myra & Tom Jennings, Peter Bradley, Emmet Locke, Brumby Family, Stephen Nosi, Johanna Nosi, Mary Joyce, Marie Grant, Joan King, Neil Hunter, Stephen Wren, Alison Paskell, Leslie Nelson, William Commons, Christine Hale, Nancy & Jim Gibbons, Matthew O'Leary, Ron Stone, Clarice & Walter Blackford, Mary Davies, Rosemary Walker, Antonietta Lagana, Jenny Rose, Ellen Morgan, Nkechi Cordelia Okeke, Robert Bernard McGuinness, Muriel Gaiger, Fredrick Joseph and Stella Violet May.

## **PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP**

We have a parish WhatsApp Group solely **for information and updates ONLY**. Scan the QR code below or on the advert on the notice board and link yourself to any news and updates regarding the parish. The parishioners are encouraged to join.



**MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH FOR**  
**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

6.00pm Deacon Rob, Daniel Beasley-Suffolk,  
10.00pm Deacon Denis, Volunteer

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.00am John Bradley, Teresa O'Brien

**FEAST OF ST STEPHEN**

12noon Munashe Musarurwa

**READERS:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

6.00pm Dona Jiji, Luca Gilardoni  
10.00pm Volunteer, Teresa Smaka

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.00am Fiona & Laura Bradley

**FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN**

12 noon John Bradley – only one reading

**BIDDING PRAYERS:** Deacon Denis

**WELCOMERS:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**


6.00pm Mary Kearney-Knowles  
10.00pm Sally Page, Volunteer

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.00am Teresa O'Brien, Volunteer

**FEAST OF ST STEPHEN**

12noon Volunteer, John Bradley



MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK  
COMMENCING SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER 2024  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND  
JOSEPH

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Terry Coggins  
8.30am Helen Jones, Rebecca Beasley-Suffolk  
10.00am Deacon Rob, Jerome Ajakaiye

**READERS:**

6.30pm Colin Gale, Joanna Deasey  
8.30am Edmond Beasley-Suffolk, Hannah Gilardoni  
10.00am Trish Godfrey, Rebecca Musarurwa

**BIDDING PRAYERS:** Sister Leena Mary

**WELCOMERS:**

6.30pm Alice Ndira, Volunteer  
8.30am Sally Page  
10.00am Munashe Musarurwa, John Bradley

**Church Cleaners:** Team Four – Patricia, Clare,  
Natasha, Erin, Cashimiro, Louis

**Children's Liturgy** 22nd December

**Tea & Coffee:** No Tea & Coffee this week