

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Canon Gregory Grant – Parish Priest

Father Jerome Ajakaiye

Father Rafael Teixeira

Rev Denis Deasey - Deacon

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 12th JANURARY 2025
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Date		Intention	Donor
Saturday 11 th January	6.30pm	Agata Page (RIP) (2 nd Anniv)	Friends & Family
Sunday 12 th January Baptism of our Lord	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon 5.30pm	Sick & Housebound Peace in war-torn countries Polish Mass Brazilian Mass	
Monday 13 th January	9.00am	Kath Easton (RIP)	
Tuesday 14 th January	7.00pm	Peter Bradley (RIP)	
Wednesday 15 th January	9.00a.m	Living Rosary Group and Families	Beata
Thursday 16 th January	9.00a.m	Ray Langston (RIP)	
Friday 17 th January	12 noon	John Ansell (RIP)	Sister Paula
Saturday 18 th January	6.30pm	Avira Alexander (RIP)	Alexander Family
Sunday 19 th January Peace Sunday	8.30am 10.00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish 1)Claranma Varghese (P/Int) 2)Kathleen & Willie Coleman (RIP) Brazilian Mass	Thomson Varghese Angela Louglin

2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

2025 has been designated by Pope Francis as a Special Jubilee Year of Hope. Full details of the Jubilee Year are on the Parish website.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
May the *faith* you have given us
In your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
In our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom

May your grace transform us
Into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*.
A yearning for the treasures of Heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

PARISH OFFICE OPENING

The office hours are Tuesday - Friday 9am – 4pm.

POLISH MASS

Fr Henry will be celebrating Polish Mass with Polish Carols at **12 noon today 12th of January. Everyone is Welcome.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th – 25th JANUARY

The week of prayer for Christian Unity offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians. The theme for the week is “Do you Believe this” (v.26) takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Even in the darkest nights, a star shines. It is the star of Jesus, who comes to care for our fragile humanity. Let us set out towards him. Let us not give apathy and resignation the power to trap us in the sadness of a flat life.

FATHER JEROME AND FATHER RAFAEL

We hope Father Jerome enjoys his break in Nigeria, we look forward to his return on 21st January. Please pray for Father Rafael as he resumes his English Language studies this week, in preparation for his exam next month. Father Henry is on Holiday at St Patrick’s until 1st February. We hope he enjoys his stay.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The four Christmas Masses were attended by 1200 people and it was lovely to see the Church so full. The New Years Eve Holy Hour and Mid-Night Mass was attended by 200 people. Thank you to everyone for their participation, their good wishes and their gifts to the priests, deacons and sisters. It was wonderful to see so many parish groups enjoy Christmas parties and get together over the holidays.

Canon Gregory, Father Jerome, Father Rafael. Father Henry, Deacon Rob, Deacon Denis and our parish Sisters wish everyone a Very Happy and Holy New Year.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The parish has sent the Society for the protection of Unborn Children a gift of £200 to assist them in their fight to protect the most Vulnerable in our Society.

JESUS YOUTH

This organisation for young adults is growing and we are pleased that they promote their mission at St Patrick's Church. Father Jerome attends their prayer meeting each Thursday at St Nicholas. They are having two events at St Patrick's this month and are beginning weekly prayer sessions for families each Friday from 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

- 1) 11th January – Night Vigil in the Church after the 6.30pm Mass
- 2) 24th January – Family Prayer meeting in Church from 7pm – 9pm
- 3) 25th January – Jesus Youth Family Gathering in Brooks Hall

BAPTISMS

- (1) Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11.30 am (after the 10.00 am Mass).
- (2) **Proof of Catholic Baptism of one parent and one Godparent is required before your child can be Baptised.** Further information, if required, is available from the parish office which is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00 am – 4 pm.

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 11.00 am. **There will be a talk today at 11.00am. The next talk will take place on February 9th.**

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.

THE PASTORAL AREA OF SAINT EDMUND OF ABINGDON

All the Parishes in the Diocese have been allocated membership of a Pastoral Area. St Patrick's is in the Area of St Edmund of Abingdon. There are 14 parishes over the pastoral area. The Dean presides over the pastoral area. Our dean is Father Eugene Campbell, Parish Priest of the Holy Family Church, Patchway.

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 Pan-African Community**. Next week the **Women's Group** will be on duty.



BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH: TWO NEW CHILDREN OF GOD

Our parish received two new members in the last two weekends through the sacrament of baptism. The children Olívia and Mateus were baptized and are now part of the Brazilian community in our parish. May these children continue to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace before God and His Church.

ST JOSPEHS - PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

22nd - 27th Sept 2025 join parishioners from St Joseph's church in fishponds on a pilgrimage to Fatima this autumn. approx. £700 for 4 nights full board accommodation, including flights and tour programme.

Please contact the parish office

bristol.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com for further details.

CLEARANCE ITEMS

There are tables in the Narthex and the Shore Gallery hallway with items leftover from the Charity Shop and early Spring Cleaning. Please help yourself. **ALL ITEMS ARE FREE.**

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 to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

CLIFTON DIOCESE - COURSES OF INTEREST

Clifton Diocese is organising three courses for all adults on these topics:

- 1) Beyond the Threshold
- 2) The Happy Life of Virtue
- 3) Essential Training for Catechists

Details of these courses are available on the diocesan website and by emailing at adult.education@Cliftondiocese.com where you can sign up for the courses on Zoom.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – ACN (UK)

ACN (UK) has launched an Open Letter campaign calling on the Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>.

RECORDING A NAME IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

You may have the name of a loved one as a permanent remembrance of their life. Parishioners pray for the souls of those recorded. **Forms are available in Book of Remembrance cabinet, its cost £50 -£75 to record a name. You may choose their date of birth or death or a special anniversary.**

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

Please pray for the following in the month of January. Mabel O'Connor, Alice Withers, Pat Shore, Edna Whiting, Florence Packer, Edward & Celina Counsell, Paul Andrews, William Fryer, Margaret O'Brien, Olive Wiltshire, Marion Wiltshire, Mary & Owen Gilmurray, Alice & Ernest Edwards, Paul Massey, Rose Donaghy, Michael Rutherford, Iris NykolysHyn, John McCormack, Mavis Wade, James Hiney OBE, Fred Dollin, Mary & Joseph Ryan, Mary McEwan-Gibb, Robert McEwan, Peter Hughes, Bridget & Owen Boyle, Peter Berry, Patrick Power, Fred Withers, Jack Creed, Ted & Mary Green, Lester & Price Families, Bernard Finan, Owen McCague, Mabel Wilson, Christina Albertina, Richard Deasey, Kitty & Nora O'Sullivan, Hannah Taylerson, Stephen Rose, John Barton, Brian McCoy, Stephen & Catherine Butler, Clarice Blackford, Clarice Bendrey, Mary McEwan, Joseph Joseph, Patricia Robbins, Mary Weir, Willie Crawley, Gwen Burns, Father Frank Cama, Jean Power, Louisa Shepherd, Christopher Blackford, James Farrelly, Bill Shepherd, Ellen Gilchrest, Betty Groves, Jenny Rose, Colin Wiltshire.

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, Julie Priddle, Peter Auret, Sheila Bicker, Bernie Murphy, Liam Murphy, Damien McGinn, Christine King, Wayne Pollock, Liesolotte Hanks, Mark Coleman.

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

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 WEEK COMMENCING
SUNDAY - 19th JANUARY 2025
PEACE SUNDAY - CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

6.30pm Deacon Denis, Elizabeth Magorimbo
8.30am Rebecca and Maria Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Deacon Rob, Dona Jiji

READERS:

6.30pm Luca Gilardoni, Colin Gale
8.30am Helen Jones, Daniel Beasley-Suffolk
10.00am Laura Bradley, Yetunde Ajakaiye

BIDDING PRAYERS: Helen Jones

WELCOMERS:

6.30pm Terry Rooker, Maureen Speed
8.30am Sally Page
10.00am Jim McCormack, Teresa O'Brien

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

Tea & Coffee: Women's Group

Children's Liturgy 12th/19th/26th January

JESUS YOUTH INVITES OUR PARISHONERS,
YOUNG FAMILIES, ELDER & OLDER FAMILIES

FOR A

FAMILY PRAYER MEETING

**EVERY FRIDAY EVENING FROM
29TH JANUARY
IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH**

7 PM - 9PM

This initiative will provide a meaningful platform for spiritual growth, fellowship, and community bonding among families in our parish and beyond.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.