

ST BON'S BISHOPSTON NEWSLETTER

A Community of Missionary Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th June 2017

'Give thanks to the Lord for his great love is without end' - these were the first words of morning prayer that I recited on Friday morning. They could not have been more meaningful on a morning clouded in national chaos and confusion. They made me realise that for us as Christians our hope is firmly rooted in the Lord, in our identity as children of God not in politics. Many in the nation are feeling elation that their party did far better than expected and others great frustration and sorrow that their parties did far worse than expected. But what seems to be a common feeling is one of chaos and confusion; a sense of fatigue and fear at what our new situation will mean. Pundits said the election campaign showed a return to two party politics but the results seem to point to a divided country. More divided than many have seen in their lives. The divides are diverse: leave versus remain, young versus old, capitalist versus socialist, north versus south, urban versus rural, educated versus blue collar. Often an election result gives a clear picture and a direction of travel for the nation. The clear picture this election campaign has revealed is that there is no clear picture and more importantly no clear direction of travel.

'Brenda from Bristol' who is now a national icon expressed a sentiment felt by many on the day the election was announced; not another election. People's appetite for this election seemed to be weak although turn out has shown great voter participation especially for the first time noticeably among the young. It seems that we are in an era, not unlike others, where politics does not seem to offer hope although some would say that is why they voted for their party- it offered hope. As followers of Christ, how do we respond to the political quagmire we find ourselves in? I feel that as British Catholics we often hide our light under a bushel. We get very involved in society- many of our parishioners work in hospitals and schools but on the whole we seem reluctant to talk about the most important person in our lives- Jesus. He is the one who offers true hope. He is the answer to our deepest longings and yearnings.

If we can offer our society Jesus we are offering true hope, peace, deep joy and love. No political system can offer those things to anyone. In capitalism, people often the poor are reduced to being instruments of capital and production. In socialism and communism, people become reduced to being instruments of the state. In neither system are people respected for their true dignity, as children of God—that each of us is precious in God's eyes. In God's eyes we are not reduced to being instruments of something else like capital or the state. Only by introducing people to Jesus do they get the chance to experience true happiness, true peace, joy and love. Do you proclaim Jesus to your friends and family? Do you tell them of the hope he gives to your life? He relies on each of us to share his love and maybe among the confusion and anxiety many are now feeling, there will be a real openness to hear the message of true hope.

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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration starts each Monday at 10am after Mass and continues in hourly intervals until midnight on Tuesday. The launch of Adoration in our Parish has been successful and for those involved it has been an uplifting spiritual experience. It is the intention of the Parish that Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration will be extended beyond Tuesdays, however, in order to make the current system run more smoothly we could do with the following help:

- Additional volunteers to support people who would prefer to be in a pair.
- Volunteers to agree to be added to an 'occasional Adoration' list to cover times when the permanent Adorers are unable to attend, e.g. appointments, illness or holidays.

Please if you are interested in either of these roles could you contact one of the team leaders:

Ray Gunning (12pm-6pm) 07792892839
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Thank you in advance.

Sick and Housebound: Please pray for Una Cunniffe, Ivy Sewell, Maria Wysocka, Monica Fletcher, Zygmunt Sawko, Pat Parry, Nedra Paynter, Brendan Woodhouse, Margaret Rogers, Celia Dolan and June Krysta.

R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joanne Sinclair-Lewin, Norman Edwards and Helen Charnley née Dunmore who have died recently.

First Holy Communion: We will be celebrating the First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 17th June at 2.30pm and Sunday 18th June at 11.30am. Congratulations to all our wonderful children and thank you to all who have helped, particularly Sharon, Sylvia and all the team.

Parish Visits: If you know of someone who lives alone or may be housebound and would welcome a visit from a Parish Visitor, please contact Linda Spong via the Parish Office. If you know of someone who suffers with a mental health condition who would welcome a visit please speak to Fr. Tom.

Priests' Retirement—Trinity Sunday 11th June: There will be a special collection during the weekend of 10th/11th June. Leaflets and envelopes are at the back of Church. Thank you for your continued support, which is much appreciated by our retired priests.

Altar Wine: To support Christians in the Holy Land, please note that we will soon be changing the Altar Wine to a special wine produced and bottled by the Cistercian Monks in the Latrun Trappist Monastery, Palestine.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage: A Deanery coach has been booked to take pilgrims on the Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage on Sunday 9th July. The coach will leave St Bon's at 11.30am and then collect from St Teresa's, Filton and Holy Family, Patchway at approximately 11.45am/12pm respectively. We will leave Glastonbury at 5pm after the Mass. £12 per person. Seats on the coach must be booked in advance. Please put your payment in an envelope marked "Glastonbury Pilgrimage" including your name and contact details and hand it in to the Parish Office (if outside office hours please put it under the office door) to be allocated a seat.

Business Centre & St Bons Development Fund: Thank you for your tremendous support and pledges towards the proposed Business Centre. Your generosity has been incredible. We do still need your pledges and donations so if you are able to help please do contact

the Parish Office.

Vintage Tea Party 2nd July 4-6pm: Please join us in the salons of St Bon's Presbytery for our inaugural Vintage Tea Party. £7 per adult and £5 per child. Price includes two warm scones baked on the premises with cream and jam, a slice of home made fresh fruit tart, a slice of home made cake (lemon, fruit, banana, apple) and as much tea (or milk for children) as wanted. Tickets are limited so please do purchase them as soon as possible from the back of Church at the weekend Masses.

Car Boot and Wheelbarrow Sale: The next sale will be on the afternoon of Saturday 15th July so please put that date in your diaries and start getting together items to sell and do come along and pick up a bargain and some yummy cakes and refreshments too!

St Bonaventure's Feast Day: We will be offering bacon butties etc. on Sunday 16th July after the 9.30am Mass to celebrate our Feast Day and raise funds for the Development Fund. Help would be greatly appreciated so please contact Neta Roylance-Smith on 07980175565.

Praying the Rosary: The monthly Parish Rosary Revival Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 4th July at 2pm in the Dining Room in St Bon's Presbytery. We will pray and discuss the rosary and have a cup of tea. Contact Chris Searle 07771161259. All welcome. Prayer requests most welcome.

St Bon's Art Group: This group is open to anyone who enjoys drawing or painting. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday morning of each month from 10am to 12 noon. Beginners are very welcome. We bring our own materials. Coffee and biscuits are provided. For further information please ring Penny on 9622653 or Catherine 9241671.

MentorMe: MentorMe are looking for volunteers to mentor those who have been through the prison system but who want positive change as they return to life outside. MentorMe's staff team provide free, fun, engaging, high quality training and supervision to ensure that each mentor feels well supported and part of a team.

If you are interested, please look for the flyers in the porch at the back of Church.

Open Garden: Rod and Sue Jones would like to thank all those who visited their garden last Sunday. In spite of some heavy rain during the afternoon 170 people went round the garden, with many of them stopping for tea and cake and to buy plants. As a result a profit was made of £996.06, which is going to the National Garden Scheme's cancer and hospice charities.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Pilgrimage to Lourdes: If you are a young person aged 16+ in August, come and join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a young helper, serving and accompanying the pilgrimage. 17th-25th August 2017. Cost £490pp with funding support available. Visit www.cliftondiocese.com/youth ministry for more details and to register your place.

Gift Aid: All parishioners who have signed Gift Aid Declarations are reminded to check that they are paying sufficient Income Tax to cover the amount reclaimed from HMRC on their giving. The Diocese, on behalf of the Parish, claims 25p on every £1 given under Gift Aid, and so donating £5 per week requires minimum tax paid of £65 per annum, £10 requires £130 of tax to be paid, and £20 requires £260 etc. All tax paying parishioners are encouraged to give their weekly offering under Gift Aid, forms are available in the Parish Office and further advice can be sought from Peter Ingham our Gift Aid Secretary (01179 243011).

Security within our Parish: As previously advised, we will be changing the code on the entry pad to the Presbytery and installing a similar entry pad on the rear door. The Finance Council understands that this will have an obvious impact on all accessing the Church for the Parish. If you need the code, you are invited to make a request to the Parish Office, where a register of users will be established.

Finance and Fabric:

w/e 28 May: 499.22

w/e 4 June: £608.76

plus £750 Standing Orders each week

Thank you for your generosity!

Saint of the Week

St Anthony of Padua



Anthony (c.1193-1231) was born in Lisbon, Portugal as Ferdinand de Bulhoes, he was a Franciscan known for his profound knowledge of theology and for his rhetorical skill. His preaching carried him from the North of Africa to Italy and France. He became a member of the commission sent to Rome to discuss with the papacy the rule of St Francis. He is known as the Evangelical Doctor because he based all that he said on the texts of the gospels. He died in Padua.

IMPORTANT

Changes to WEEKDAY Mass Times

Fr Tom's day off has now changed. The new Mass times are below:

Mondays

9.00am Morning Prayer, 9.15am Mass

Tuesdays

9.00am Morning Prayer, 9.15am Mass

Wednesdays

9.00am Morning Prayer, 9.15am Mass

9.45am Holy Hour

Thursdays

No Mass

Fridays

7.00pm Mass, 7.30pm Holy Hour

(no morning Mass)

The weekend Masses will remain unchanged (Saturday 7pm, Sunday 9.30am and 7pm).

Thank you as always for your support.

Liturgy Schedule

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday 11th June – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

9.30am Mass *Pro Pop*

7.00pm Mass *Violet Crumlish & Mary McCann*

Monday 12th June – Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Stephen Smyth & Maria Latham*

Tuesday 13th June – Memorial of St Anthony of Padua

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Fr Paul Brandon (intentions)*

Wednesday 14th June – Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Irais & Jack (for Sister Teresa)*

9.45am Holy Hour

Thursday 15th June – Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Friday 16th June – Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.00am *Funeral of Norman Edwards*

7.00pm Mass *June Krysta (sick)*

7.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 17th June – Weekday in Ordinary Time

2.00pm First Holy Communion Mass

7.00pm (vigil) Mass *Celia Dolan (sick)*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday
6.00pm-6.40pm