

ST BON'S BISHOPSTON NEWSLETTER

A Community of Missionary Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th June 2017

The image of Grenfell Tower engulfed by flames, lighting up the night sky, will stay in our minds forever. Seeing pictures of people trapped inside unable to escape tears our hearts apart. Knowing that many people had to sit it out and wait for the smoke or flames to take them is gut wrenching. Now only days later anger is growing as questions are asked of the organisations responsible for the refit of the tower block. This disaster will be etched into the national consciousness. It is emotionally harder as it comes less than two weeks since the Borough Market terrorist attack.

Britain feels like it is in a strange place and it seems hard to know how we got here. Many attribute our woes to the financial crash of 2008. From that point onwards many things changed. Public trust in the banks collapsed but also public confidence in politicians to regulate and control the banking sector was eroded. Even worse is the impression that the solution to the crash is not to punish those who caused it but to penalise the "little people" who suffered from it in the first place. Many who have savings find that they can no longer make money from them, something that was a given years ago. Now wages are squeezed, inflation is high and the cost of living is going through the roof. We are all paying the price of the financial crash but we didn't cause it. The rich who caused it seem immune to the consequences of austerity but the ordinary person is paying the price. This has caused a deep national anger that seems to be repeatedly vented against politicians of any party. Throw Brexit into the mix and social discourse has become more confrontational than ever. This all comes against a back drop of institutional failure from the Church and the BBC with child abuse and cover-ups, with MPs and their expenses scandal - public confidence in institutional authority is at an all time low. The Grenfell disaster taps into our emotions already worn down by institutional failure and the global threat of terror.

What is clear from our TV screens is that Grenfell Tower was full of poorer people, the people we have heard called the "just about managing". Time and again they complained about safety in their block and every time it seemed to fall on deaf ears. Grenfell is not just a tragedy, it could point to a dereliction of duty by the "haves" to care for the "have nots". Again the poor and ordinary were ignored and again the poor and ordinary have paid the price of someone else's recklessness. How much longer can the public tolerate the inequality that this highlights—where those with nothing pay the price for those who should know better and act responsibly?

As with the London terror attacks stories of heroism are appearing and the effort put in by the local community in North Kensington witnesses the generosity and kindness of the human spirit. Let us hold on to the image of those working tirelessly to assist the afflicted because that represents the country we are. As followers of Christ we have to ask ourselves, are we doing enough to show the light and love of Christ to those around us who so desperately need his hope and joy at this time?

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Parish Office Hours (term time only): Tuesdays 12-3pm, Wednesdays 9am -12pm, Fridays 1-3pm

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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 soul of Kathleen Tucker who has died recently.

Day for Life Sunday 18th June: There will be special collection to support the crucial work of

Day for Life. Prayer leaflets are also available at the back of Church.

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.

Parent Ambassadors: Strengthening the bond between the church and our primary school is vital to the growth of our Parish and community and we would love a parent/carer from each year group to be a link with other parents at school to help us spread the word about the varied events that are put on during the year. If you would be willing to help, please contact Fr Tom or the Parish Office.

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.

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. We are nearly there but need to raise £20,000 more ideally in donations so please if you are able to help, we would really

appreciate anything you can possibly spare.

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. We are also planning a drinks reception, weather permitting, in the garden of the Presbytery after the 7pm Mass.

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. For further information please ring Penny on 9622653 or Catherine 9241671.

Diocesan Family Day: Bishop Declan invites you to join him in celebrating our Diocesan family at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Bristol on Saturday 1st July 2017. Keynote speakers, workshops and sessions for all ages. The day be-

gins at 10.15am and concludes with Mass at 4pm. Please note that they need to know numbers so telephone 01179025595 or e-mail adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

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.

Red Missio Box Holders: The summer edition of 'Mission Today' is now available. Please take a copy from the table in the Church Porch.

200 Club: Congratulations to the winners of the June draw: £60 Mr S Garry 58, £25 Penny Millar 9 and £15 Joyce Screen 28.

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 11 June: £563.55
plus £750 Standing Orders each week
Thank you for your generosity!

Saints of the Week

St John Fisher & St Thomas More



John Fisher (1469-1535), a distinguished scholar (Chancellor of Cambridge University) whose theological works influenced the Council of Trent, was Bishop of Rochester. A pastoral bishop, charitable to the poor, a man of prayer and a persistent opponent of the errors of the Protestant Reformation, his high reputation made him an obvious choice as confessor to Henry VIII's queen Catharine of Aragon. He maintained the validity of Henry's marriage to Catherine. John refused to take the Oath of Supremacy and died a martyr, pardoning his executioner and declaring he was dying for Christ's holy Catholic Church. Whilst in prison John Fisher was made a cardinal by Pope Paul III. Thomas More (1478-1535), the son of a judge, became a barrister and after holding various public offices he later became Lord Chancellor of England. Becoming embroiled, like John Fisher, in the controversy over Henry's marriage, he resigned the Chancellorship. The final crisis with the king came over the Act of Succession. Opposing the Act was deemed high treason and Thomas was imprisoned before being executed on 6th July 1535, his last words being that he died for the faith of the Holy Catholic Church and was the 'king's good servant, but God's first'.

IMPORTANT

Changes to WEEKDAY Mass Times

Please note the new Mass times 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).

Liturgy Schedule **Eleventh Sunday in** **Ordinary Time (A)**

Sunday 18th June – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9.30am Mass *Kathleen Reilly R.I.P.*

11.30am First Holy Communion Mass

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 19th June – Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Sean Callaghan*

Tuesday 20th June – Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Vincent O'Leary*

Wednesday 21st June – Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Juan Mondragon R.I.P.*

9.45am Holy Hour

Thursday 22nd June – Fest of Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

No Mass

Friday 23rd June – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 24th June – Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

7.00pm (vigil) Mass *Carol Condron R.I.P.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday

6.00pm-6.40pm