

# **ST BON'S BISHOPSTON NEWSLETTER**

**A Community of Missionary Disciples With Contemplative Hearts**

## **Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 25th June 2017**

Not everyone has enjoyed the beautiful sunshine that has been beating down on us. I have loved it but I have to admit that it was a bit stifling, that moment when you open the window and warmer air comes into your already stuffy house! Maybe that's Summer over now so I hope you did enjoy it. Sunshine makes me delusional. Every time the Summer comes, I always feel that the pace of life in the Parish should slow down but just like last year my sun induced hopes have not been borne out, Parish life is as exciting as ever.

A first for me, and maybe for the Parish, was having Stephen come to stay. Stephen, if you missed him, is a second year seminarian at St John's College, Womersley in Surrey. He is one of eight seminarians for our Diocese. Stephen was great company and really got stuck into the life of the Parish, visiting the sick, assisting at every Mass and shadowing me throughout the weeks. I was quite glad that for one of the weeks he was here I had the hospital pager. A small number of priests in Bristol volunteer to take the pager and answer emergency calls at the BRI and Southmead Hospital. It went off 5 times and it was great to be able to take Stephen with me to visit and assist the sick.

It was also good for Stephen to be part of our First Holy Communion Masses. It was a time of great joy for our children when they received Jesus for the first time. We had two extra Masses for the weekend and, including our usual Masses, we had almost nine hundred people in the Church last weekend. It was wonderful to welcome so many visitors. I would like to extend a special thanks to Sharon Harris who has coordinated the First Holy Communion programme over the last 5 years, she had decided to step down after doing a sterling job over the years.

While all these things have been taking place, plans for the Business Centre have been progressing. The building is almost halfway complete and we are now firming up our arrangements with our managing agent. This aspect has been quite complicated and challenging, more than I had expected. But we are confident that the Centre will be ready to open in mid July. It is a testament to your generosity and support that this project has gone ahead, well done!

As I pop into Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays and Tuesdays I am always bowled over by the number of people in the Church at any given moment. Adoration has created a new sense of life in the Parish, it is a profound expression of faith which is bringing parishioners together in Church for an activity which is not Mass. That is truly wonderful! Thank you to everyone who is supporting this amazing prayer apostolate.

Summer may or may not be over but life at St Bon's is certainly very lively, thanks be to God!

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

**Parish Priest: Fr. Tom Smith**

**Parish Administrator: Caroline Evans**

## **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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Gary Aldwell (1am- 6am) 07807095234  
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Cecilia Browne (6am -12pm) 07812569631  
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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, Margaret Rogers, Celia Dolan and June Krysta.

**R.I.P:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Percy Cook who has died recently and for David Woodhouse and Joe Breen whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Baptisms:** Our congratulations go to Rocco Fasulo, Charlotte Green, Edward Lavington and Dominic Seaman who are all being baptised and brought into God's family at St Bon's this week.

**Holy Day of Obligation:** Thursday 29th June is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul. There will be a 9.15am Mass with the School and a Mass at 7pm.

**Altar Wine:** To support Christians in the Holy Land, we have now introduced a special Altar Wine produced and bottled by the Cistercian Monks in the Latrun Trappist Monastery, Palestine.

**Anointing of the Sick Mass Saturday 8th July 2pm:** The Sacrament of the Sick is often thought to be only for those who are dying but the Church has renewed its understanding of the sacrament and it is for all people who are ill and in need of strength. It is a very powerful experience where Jesus visits the sick person with his divine strength and it is a wonderfully moving Mass. All are welcome for this special sacrament. After the Mass there will be the opportunity to meet up in the Presbytery for a chat and a cup of tea. We rely on the generosity of parishioners to offer lifts to the frail and housebound and if you can help please contact Linda Spong through 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.

**Sea Sunday 2nd July** Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to sea farers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Business Centre & St Bons Development Fund:** Thank you for your tremendous support and pledges towards this development. The building works are progressing well but we do need to raise a further £20,000 preferably in donations to install a lift to the upstairs hall and make it accessible to all. If you have been thinking of supporting us, it is not too late to help shape the future of St Bon's so please do contact Fr Tom, Peter Ingham or Tony Nelson who will be happy to discuss ways in which you can help.

**Vintage Tea Party 2nd July:** We have sadly had to cancel this event but if you would be interested in attending in the future please do let the Parish Office know.

**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!

**Summer Book Stall:** Please look out for Holy Family's book stall here at St Bon's after each Mass this weekend and find yourself a good read for the Summer holidays.

**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.

**CAFOD Climate Campaign:** There will be a short talk after the Masses on the weekend of 8-9th July to learn about CAFOD's campaign to promote small-scale renewable energy development in poor countries, with postcards to sign. It will also be an opportunity to plan more actions to maintain St Bon's status as a "live simply" Parish.

**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. The day begins 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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com).

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

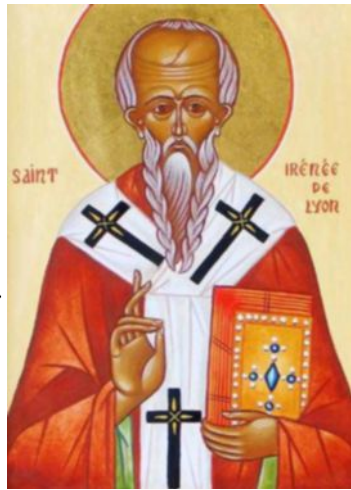
**Security within our Parish:** We will be changing the code on the entry pad to the Presbytery and installing a similar entry pad on the rear door. If you need the code, you are invited to make a request to the Parish Office, where a register of users will be established.

**Finance & Fabric:** w/e 18 June: £590.73 plus £750 Standing Orders each week. Thank you!

## Saints of the Week

### St Irenaeus

Born around 130, Irenaeus became Bishop of Lyon (France). His writing and preaching was mainly directed against gnosticism, emphasising that God wished all to be saved, and is freely revealed in Jesus his Son. Irenaeus proved himself to be an important theologian. His significance, however, was only fully realised in the 20th century. Irenaeus strongly emphasised the importance of Tradition in the apostolic succession of the episcopate and in formation of the Canon of Scripture, where authority of the Four Gospels, completing each other, is supreme. Tradition has it that he was martyred around the year 200.



## Liturgy Schedule Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday 25th June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass *Abbey O'Leary*

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 26th June – Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Ernesto Ruiz R.I.P.*

Tuesday 27th June – Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Oliver Dolan R.I.P.*

Wednesday 28th June – Memorial of St Irenaeus

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Paddy Joe Conlon R.I.P.*

9.45am Holy Hour

Thursday 29th June – Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul—Holy Day of Obligation

9.15am Mass *Ss Peter & Paul Feast Day*

*Mass with St Bonaventure's Primary School*

7pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Friday 30th June – Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Ss Peter & Paul

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 1st July – Memorial of St Oliver Plunket

7.00pm (vigil) Mass *June Krysta*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday

6.00pm-6.40pm

## **IMPORTANT**

### **Changes to WEEKDAY Mass Times**

Please note the new Mass times below (see weekly Liturgy Schedule for any changes):

#### **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

(except see Thursday 29th June)

#### **Fridays**

7.00pm Mass, 7.30pm Holy Hour

(no morning Mass)

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