

# **ST BON'S BISHOPSTON NEWSLETTER**

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

**Week 13 in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 2nd July 2017**

Last week, I went to a day with Bishop Declan and the priests of the Diocese. Bishop Declan unveiled his new pastoral plan. It is called 'A Future Full of Hope'. The plan will run for three years and will focus on three areas close to Bishop Declan's heart: mission, prayer and communion. Bishop Declan has repeatedly called for us as parishes to look at how we can more readily deepen our prayer, enable mission and build communion. The pastoral plan will give us many opportunities to grow in these areas.

The first year, which will begin in Advent, will be focused on mission. The Catholic Church has a great heritage of mission; Jesus was a missionary, St Paul was a great missionary. There have been many missionary religious orders in the life of the Church like the Jesuits for instance and more latterly the Mill Hill Fathers. Pope Paul VII wrote that the Church exists to evangelise; being missionary and evangelising go hand in hand. While this is the case, many Catholics may struggle with the idea of being evangelisers. Being missionary means taking the Gospel to places where it has not been heard. Evangelising means proclaiming the name of Jesus and his saving work to all people, those who are familiar with the message or for those to who it is new. Jesus evangelised, the apostles and the early Church evangelised. St Pope John Paul II called for the Church to undertake a 'New Evangelisation.' He wanted the Church to embark on an evangelisation for our times, which was new in its ardour and its means.

I believe that the Church over the recent decades has encouraged us to be "service station" Catholics on the whole. That we should go to Mass each week. It seems to have stopped there. There does not seem to have been much explanation about how Jesus transforms our lives, or about how we can share what he gives us with others - to evangelise. We seem to have become a Church more or less focused on our Sunday obligation and not showing that being a follower of Christ is a way of life first and then an activity. We have focused on the activity and more or less lost the argument.

Jesus is a way of life, he transforms our lives, he trades our sins for his forgiveness, our death for his life, our sorrows for his joy. If we live Jesus, we proclaim him. That is how we can live the adage of St Francis of Assisi who said that we are called to evangelise and if necessary 'use words'. His point being that our witness of life and actions are more important. If they flow from a relationship of love with Jesus, they will be authentic. Bishop Declan is inviting us in the coming year to be authentic evangelisers. The question is will we respond to his invitation generously and with courage? His call may move us out of our comfort zone but let us begin to think as a Parish how we can authentically proclaim Jesus and his message to our local community in the year ahead.

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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  
[garyaldwell@yahoo.com](mailto:garyaldwell@yahoo.com)

Becky Molloy (6pm-12am) 07761204411  
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Cecilia Browne (6am -12pm) 07812569631  
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Thank you in advance.

**Temporary Church Closure:** The Church will be locked for the period from 11am on Wednesday 5th July until 12pm on Friday 7th July. We are very sorry for this inconvenience but is to allow for the floors to be thoroughly cleaned and polished. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Krysta and Sheelagh Gaines.

**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.

**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.

**Sea Sunday 9th 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:** Unfortunately, the interest this year in the Deanery coach trip to Glastonbury has been very low and we have had to cancel the coach. We will contact those who

have booked a seat to organise reimbursement of their tickets.

**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.

**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! Please email Mary to book a car or wheelbarrow pitch, or to offer help on the day - [mcmoore@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mcmoore@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Summer Book Stall:** Thank you to all that bought a book from the Holy Family's book stall last week and to Judy & Robin for kindly running the stall.

**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.

**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.

**Care Assistants Needed:** Little Sisters of the Poor are recruiting for Care Assistants to join their dedicated team providing quality care for residents. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact 0117 973 3815 or email: [pers.bristol@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:pers.bristol@lsplondon.co.uk). Training available.

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017:** £699 per person sharing. Price includes flights from Bristol with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £60. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

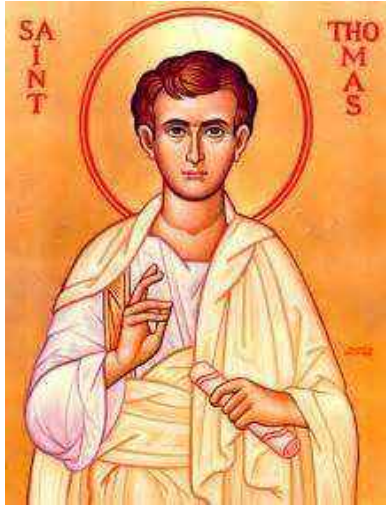
**Security within our Parish:** We will be changing the code on the entry pad to the Presbytery and installing a similar entry pad on the rear door. If you need the code, you are invited to make a request to the Parish Office, where a register of users will be established.

**Newsletter Items:** Please can any items be emailed to the Parish Office by Wednesday 12pm to ensure that they are included in that weekend's newsletter.

**Finance & Fabric:** w/e 25 June: £565.77 plus £750 Standing Orders each week  
Thank you for your generosity!

## Saint of the Week

### St Thomas



Thomas called Didymus (meaning the twin) offered to die with Jesus on the way to Bethany, but dubious both about where Christ was going and the way there. He is remembered as the apostle who refused to believe in the risen Lord, an attitude for which the ancient Fathers both blamed him for his lack of faith and thanked him for his scepticism which was the occasion for reassuring future generations. Tradition places his missionary work after Pentecost in India where he said to have been martyred with a spear near Madras.

## Liturgy Schedule

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday 2nd July – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass *Stephen Smyth R.I.P.*

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 3rd July – Feast of St Thomas

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Patricia & Philip Muston R.I.P.*

11.00am *Funeral of Joanne Sinclair-Lewin*

Tuesday 4th July – Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Joe Madden Intentions*

Wednesday 5th July – Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Catherine Hughes*

9.45am Holy Hour

Thursday 6th July – Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Friday 7th July – Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm Mass *Eileen O'Leary*

7.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 8th July – Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm (vigil) Mass *June Krysta*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday

6.00pm-6.40pm

### **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

#### **Fridays**

7.00pm Mass, 7.30pm Holy Hour

(no morning Mass)

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

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