

ST BON'S BISHOPSTON NEWSLETTER

A Community of Missionary Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

Third & Fourth Weeks of Easter

Sunday 30th April 2017–Sunday 14th May 2017

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped make Easter such a wonderful occasion. The Triduum was a very moving experience. On a personal note, I think I enjoyed it more this year as I had last year's experience to work on and was more prepared! The simple, even mournful, tones of the Good Friday hymns and reproaches set the mood perfectly. At the Vigil, the beautiful psalm tones accompanied by an almost haunting tenor recorder were truly moving. Many people helped in many other ways from the cleaning team, the altar servers, the flower arrangers who excelled themselves, the sacristans, the extraordinary ministers, the readers and there was even children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday morning. The musicians worked so hard over Holy Week too. When we pull together as a community we are at our strongest and we can do great things and I thank you all so much for everything you do for this parish.

I would also like to thank you all for your generosity in the Easter collection this year. Whilst it shouldn't matter, it is nice to be appreciated! You really are a fantastic congregation and your kindness does really mean a lot to me.

I know a lot of people were away for Easter, I hope you had a lovely holiday and found it restful. For those you who stayed in Bristol, I hope you found some peace and rest too!

Last week our perpetual adoration started. This is a great blessing for our parish. Where the Lord is adored graces abound and miracles happen. Those who spend time with Jesus in adoration receive great blessings in their own lives. I pray that this prayer initiative will go from strength to strength in our community and bear great fruit. We are getting to a nail biting time with the business centre and we hope to hear from the city planners this week. Please keep the centre in your prayers. If we can get planning permission, I believe that the business centre will be truly transformative for our parish. It will bring an extra sense of life and an engagement with our local community but it will also bring the income we need to get on and restore our site to the condition it deserves. The months ahead promise to be very exciting and full of grace!

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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is a way of being witness to our love for Jesus who in His great love remains with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament.

Thank you to all that supported and helped with the launch of our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration prayer initiative and to all those who have already signed up to be involved.

This is a very exciting moment in the life of our Parish. Every Monday and Tuesday, parishioners will adore the Blessed Sacrament continuously from Monday morning until midnight on the Tuesday. Each worshipper adores the Eucharist for an hour and is then replaced by another person. If more people volunteer then, we will extend the days. Prayer can be a very challenging activity. Often in the silence of prayer we are confronted by ourselves but this opportunity for prayer is very powerful and one that you will not regret! Adoration prolongs and intensifies what is celebrated in the Mass. Do fill in a form from the back of the Church or email the Parish Office to join our Adoration Group.

Fr Tom , Gary Aldwell, Cecilia Browne, Felicity Cook, Ray Gunning and Becky Molloy.

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

Baptisms: Our congratulations go to Amelie Dudding, Theodore Kidd, Nia Norris and Romeo Zerial who were all baptised and brought into God's family at St Bon's this April.

R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Hackwell who has died recently.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kevin Spong and Vincenzo Ventura.

Rosary Month of May: The rosary will be recited every weekday after Mass during May.

Praying the Rosary: The monthly Parish Rosary Revival Prayer Group will meet on Tues-

day 2nd May at 2pm in the Dining Room in St Bonaventure'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.

Divine Mercy Sunday: A massive thank you to everyone who helped organise and who supported this wonderful event. There was a fantastic turn out and many graces were received.

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.

Journey in Faith Group: If you are not Catholic but interested to learn more about the Catholic faith, Journey in Faith is for you. We welcome all at St Bon's and would love for you to come to our group on Wednesdays 7.15pm to 9pm in the Presbytery.

Friday Soup Social: We have a thriving group of senior citizens who meet each week to share a simple lunch and have fun together. Please do come along on Fridays at 12pm in the Presbytery. A donation is made to charity.

Children's Liturgy: On those Sundays when the children preparing for First Communion have their own group at 9.30am Mass, there will be pre-school/Reception and Year 1&2 liturgy groups as usual, but not an older group. Children in Year 4 & above should stay in church with their families. This will apply on 7th, 14th & 21st May.

CAFOD Cake Sale: First Holy Communion groups will be holding a cake sale after the Sunday 9.30am Mass on 7th May in the Presbytery. All proceeds will go to CAFOD.

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.

Bristol 10k Sponsorship: A group of parishioners are running in the Bristol 10k on Sunday 7th May. If you would like to sponsor them, a sponsor form is on the notice board in the Church porch. All proceeds to the business centre development fund. Thank you in advance for your support.

Car Boot and Wheelbarrow Sale Saturday 13th May 2-4pm St Bon's Car Park: Please come along and help raise money for the business centre development. It costs just £5 for cars and £3 for wheelbarrows to have a pitch - you keep all the takings! We will be serving drinks and cakes. Helpers will be needed and donations of cakes. Please contact Mary Moore mcmoore@blueyonder.co.uk, 07929 399907, or Hilary Farey hilary@farey.org or Veronica Swann veronica.swann@hotmail.co.uk for a car/barrow or to offer help.

St. Bons Charity Gig Saturday 20th May: Ad Hoc return to our Parish Hall with a new set list, including covers of Bruce Springsteen, Roy Orbison, Maroon 5 and Madness songs. Tickets are £5 on the door - all proceeds go to the Church funds. Please bring your own drinks. 7.30pm to 11.30pm.

St Bon's Bakes: St Bon's School has created a recipe book, St Bons Bakes, filled with delicious recipes for cakes, biscuits and sweet treats. All profits from sales of the book go to CAFOD. The book is professionally printed and bound, in a wipe clean format. The book costs £8 to buy (cash or cheque payable to St Bonaventure's PTFA) and nearly half of the purchase price will go directly to CAFOD. If you would like to buy a copy, please contact the Parish Office.

Bristol Male Voice Choir Concert with special guests the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir: This is taking place at St Bon's Church on Thursday 4th May at 7.30pm. Please see the poster at the back of Church for further details.

HCPT 200 Club: Congratulations to the winners of the April draw:
£60 Mario Toffolo 57

£25 Fr Tom Finnegan 78

£15 Linda Spong 46

Red Missio Box Holders: If you wish your box to be emptied, please bring it to the Sacristy before or after a weekend Mass, so it can be put in a safe place. Please make sure that it has your name on it. Thank you, in advance, for your contributions.

Clifton Cathedral Junior Choir: Membership of the choir offers children the opportunity to develop their musical and vocal skills, particularly sight-singing, and to make new friends with similar interests whilst having fun and performing a wide choral repertoire to a high standard. Rehearsals will take place once a week at the Cathedral on Fridays from 4.15pm – 5.45pm. Enthusiastic boys and girls aged 7-12 (in years 3-7 at school) are invited to become members. Potential new choristers will have a four-week probationary period before an audition, in order to become full members of the choir. The first rehearsal for this new choir will be on Friday 5th May. For further details contact cathedraljuniorchoir@cliftondiocese.com.

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).

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 and Fabric: Many thanks!
w/e 9th April: £636.16
w/e 23 April: £604.54
plus £750 Standing Order each week.

Saint of the Week

St Philip and St James

Philip, an apostle, came from Bethsaida and after following John the Baptist became an early follower of Jesus. He persuaded Nathaniel (probably Bartholomew) to follow Jesus too.



When the Greeks wanted to meet Jesus they approached Philip first. Tradition has him preaching the Gospel in Phrygia and dying in Hierapolis. James, son of Alphaeus is sometimes identified with the James whose mother stood by Jesus on the cross. Also he is often called the first bishop of Jerusalem and identified with the author of the Epistle of St. James, otherwise nothing is known with certainty about him. His traditional iconographic emblem is a fuller's club because he was believed to have been beaten to death with it, after being sentenced by the Sanhedrin in AD62 to be stoned.

Liturgy Schedule - Third Week of Easter (A)

Sunday 30th April – Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Mass *Ciss Honeyfield R.I.P.*

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 1st May – Weekday of Easter

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass

Tuesday 2nd May – Memorial of St Athanasius

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Mary Sewell*

Wednesday 3rd May – Feast of Ss Philip & James

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Imelda's Intentions*

Thursday 4th May – Feast of the English Martyrs

No Mass

Friday 5th May – Weekday of Easter

No Mass

Saturday 6th May – Weekday of Easter

7.00pm (vigil) Mass *John Hanley R.I.P.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 6.00pm-6.40pm

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

Thursdays

No Mass

Fridays (except 5th May—no Mass)

7.00pm Mass, 7.30pm Holy Hour
(no morning Mass)

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

We hope that we have managed to speak to all those directly affected already but if you do have any queries, please do speak to Fr Tom. Thank you as always for your support.

Liturgy Schedule - Fourth Week of Easter (A)

Sunday 7th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Mass *Bob Honeyfield R.I.P.*

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 8th May – Weekday of Easter

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Kevin Spong R.I.P.*

Tuesday 9th May – Weekday of Easter

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Deceased Members of the Dolan Family*

Wednesday 10th May – Weekday of Easter

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Louis Twesige*

11.00am *Funeral of Patrick Hackwell*

Thursday 11th May – Weekday of Easter

No Mass

Friday 12th May – Weekday of Easter

7.00pm Mass *Sewell Family Intentions*

7.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 13th May – Weekday of Easter

7.00pm (vigil) Mass *Maureen Deeley R.I.P.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 6.00pm-6.40pm