

ST BON'S BISHOPSTON NEWSLETTER

A Community of Missionary Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

Sixth Sunday of Lent and First & Second Weeks of Easter

Sunday 9th – 30th April 2017

The sun is shining, the garden is beautiful, the Friday soup was delicious, all things to give thanks for at St Bon's. The people are alright too! It is days like today that make me realise how much there is to give thanks for around here. There are so many wonderful things happening. Hopefully, the Easter holidays will give the parents, staff and children a well earned rest. There has always been a lot going on at St Bon's.

Recently I was given a pack of old photos of St Bon's with some booklets from the 1930's. It was really interesting to see who was here and what was happening then. There were six Friars, most of whom were young. I expect there was a lot for them to do. They were raising money to reorder the High Altar and there was also a project to build a parish hall. Things don't change! Here we are not quite a hundred years later trying to raise money again for a new chapter in St Bon's life. The photos show our church looking beautiful. It was clean and tidy with a simple but decorative Italianate High Altar, everything looked in good shape. Those photos are an inspiration. With our love and care we will be able to leave the parish in great shape for the decades to come. Our joy and prayer is a great platform to build on. Everyone who contributes to St Bon's helps make that happen.

Those of you who came to the Parish AGM last week will have heard that we are establishing two foundations at St Bon's: prayer with our perpetual Adoration and a financial foundation with the Business Centre. Both are essential for us moving forward. If we are prudent in the years ahead we can begin to reimagine our buildings and create some of the beauty of the past to inspire us in our Liturgy. If we listen to God's voice in prayer we will hear his call to us to serve those in our local community. While we do not want to go back to the past it would not harm us to allow our buildings, our church in particular to speak of its noble simplicity, yet to do so in a way that meets the needs of our community today.

The purpose of our parish and buildings is to glorify God. There is no time of the year when we are more grateful to God than Easter, it is when we recall Jesus' saving death and life giving resurrection that our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy. I hope the coming season of Easter will be a time of joy for you. Inspired by those who have gone before us I hope the years ahead will bring us great joy in our service of the Lord.

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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.

After Easter, St. Bonaventure's Parish will launch the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. This is a very exciting moment in the life of our Parish. Commencing on Monday 24th April at 10am parishioners will adore the Blessed Sacrament continuously until midnight on Tuesday 25th April. Each worshipper adores the Eucharist for an hour and is then replaced by another person. Every Monday and Tuesday thereafter, we will worship perpetually. 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.

The Divine Mercy celebrations on 23rd April will be our opportunity to launch our Perpetual Adoration prayer initiative. Please could all that have committed to this come to this special celebration. If you have a difficulty making this celebration, the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration meeting will begin at 4pm. You will meet the other adorers and the group leaders. We will discuss the importance of the one hour adoration and how to replace yourself if needed.

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.

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.

Congratulations to Eric & Angela Pitt: They were married at St Bon's by Fr Camillus OFM on 3rd April and have just celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary. Deo Gratias.

Lent Confession Challenge: Please note the confession times for Holy Week:

Tuesday 11th April 7.30pm-8.20pm

Wednesday 12th April 7.30pm-8.20pm

Stations of the Cross: On Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.30am and a children's Stations of the Cross at 11am. If your child or children (Year 2 and above) would like to read please contact Neta Roylance-Smith on 07980175565. Many thanks.

Good Friday Soup Lunch: There will be a soup lunch following the Children's Stations of the Cross. If you would like to help serve or are able to help with making some soup, please let Karen or Dorothy know by leaving a note for them at the Presbytery or by emailing them on: karenelson@blueyonder.co.uk dotofarrell@blueyonder.co.uk

Divine Mercy Sunday: On Sunday 23rd April we have our traditional Divine Mercy celebration starting at 2.30pm. There will be opportunity for confessions throughout the afternoon the high point of which will be prayer and veneration of the image of Divine Mercy at 3pm.

Journey in Faith Group: There will be no meetings on Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th April. We will resume on 26th April in the Presbytery Dining Room where we will continue meeting with those who are not Catholic but wish to find out more about our faith.

Parish General Meeting: Thank you to the members of the Parish Finance Council for running the meeting last Sunday and to all that attended. It was a great success and we hope that everyone who attended found it informative.

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.

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.

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.

Petitions for Lourdes: We wish HCPT Group 176 a very happy and joyful pilgrimage. If you would like them to take your personal petitions to Lourdes please place them in an envelope clearly marked LOURDES PETITIONS and leave them on the sideboard in the Presbytery or give them to Angela Parry before Good Friday. Thank you.

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.

Parish Finance Council Treasurer: The members of the Parish Finance Council would like to give special thanks to Charmaine Lander, who has recently stepped down as Treasurer after many years of service to our Council. Her diligence and dedication to the role has been greatly appreciated and she will be missed. We would like to welcome Clare Gallagher as our new Treasurer and wish her all the very best with her new role.

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).

Parish Office: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed over Easter from 3pm on Friday 7th April re-opening on Tuesday 25th April. As a result of the changes to the Mass times, the Parish Office hours will also change after the Easter holidays to: Tuesdays 12-3pm, Wednesdays 9am -12pm and Fridays 12-3pm.

Finance and Fabric: Many thanks!
w/e 2nd April: £630.70
Plus £750 Standing Order each week

IMPORTANT

Changes to WEEKDAY Mass Times

After Easter, Fr Tom will be changing his day off. Mass times with effect from Monday 24th April will, therefore, be as follows:

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

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.



Holy Week Mass Times

Maundy Thursday 13th April

8pm Mass

Good Friday 14th April

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

9.30am Stations of the Cross

11am Children's Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 15th April

9pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 16th April

9.30am Mass

7pm Mass

Liturgy Schedule - First Week of Easter (A)

Sunday 16th April – Sunday of the Resurrection

9.30am Mass *Special Intention*

7.00pm Mass *Olga Henning Barry*

Monday 17th April – Monday within the Octave of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday 18th April – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7.00pm Mass *Paul Wallace R.I.P.*

7.30pm Holy Hour

Wednesday 19th April – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Amy Halls R.I.P.*

Thursday 20th April – Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Mary Ruane R.I.P.*

Friday 21st April – Friday within the Octave of Easter

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Leslie & Betty Taylor R.I.P.*

Saturday 22nd April – Saturday within the Octave of Easter

7.00pm (vigil) Mass *Pro Pop*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 6.00pm-6.40pm

Liturgy Schedule - Sixth Sunday of Lent (A)

Sunday 9th April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.30am Mass *Pro Pop*

7.00pm Mass *Tom & Irene Loftus R.I.P.*

Monday 10th April – Monday of Holy Week

No Mass

Tuesday 11th April – Tuesday of Holy Week

7.00pm Mass *Thanksgiving Mass*

7.30pm Holy Hour

Wednesday 12th April – Wednesday of Holy Week

No Morning Prayer or Mass

11.00am Chrism Mass @ the Cathedral

7.00pm Mass *Alan & Mary Taylor*

Thursday 13th April – Maundy Thursday

No Morning Prayer or Mass

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Watching until Midnight)

Friday 14th April – Friday of the Passion of the Lord

9.30am Stations of the Cross

11.00am Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Saturday 15th April – Holy Saturday

9.00pm (vigil) Mass Pro Pop

No Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday

Liturgy Schedule - Second Week of Easter (A)

Sunday 23rd April – Divine Mercy Sunday

9.30am Mass *William Connor R.I.P.*

2.30pm Divine Mercy Celebrations

7.00pm Mass *Victor & Joan Tucker*

Monday 24th April – Solemnity of St George

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass

Tuesday 25th April – Feast of St Mark

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Michael Cooney Intentions*

Wednesday 26th April – Weekday of Easter

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Family & Relatives of the Cooney & Shannon families*

Thursday 27th April – Weekday of Easter

No Mass

Friday 28th April – Weekday of Easter

No Mass

Saturday 29th April – Feast of St Catherine of Siena

7.00pm (vigil) Mass *Christopher & Taylor Willmer*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 6.00pm-6.40pm