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St Bon's eNewsletter

18th August 2017

A Community of Missionary Disciples with Contemplative Hearts

A Message from Fr Tom

'Twas the depths of deep August when all through the neighbourhood not a creature was stirring not even a fox'. That a lie, I saw a fox outside someone's front door on Tuesday night. It's funny how a fox is a pest and a menace in the countryside which is hunted and killed but in the city it is an urban pet with almost celebrity status. Anyway I digress. What I'm trying to say is that it is quiet, really quiet. A few people are returning from holiday but more seem to be going away, ghost town Bishopston is becoming a reality. Yet I have never known a more industrious summer in a parish I have been in. As a seminarian you get sent on summer placements and there is very little to do. In the past as a priest I have usually struggled to cope with the quiet of the summers— as all the programmes I was involved with came to a grinding halt I would actually have to think about what I needed to do. Not this summer.

There has hardly been a day when there has not been a workman in the business centre over the last few months. It has been a marvel to behold. The ruins of the club have been transformed into an executive office suite and very quickly. There have been so many components of the job. The walls, the new radiators and pipes, the cabling- which looks very complex, the flooring, the CCTV, the intruder alarm, the fire alarm, the new toilets, the decorating. There has just been so much happening and it looks fantastic. That is not to mention all the work behind the scenes. What we see now is the result of a year and a half of hard slog by many people.

We have moved from the original idea to a general plan to the proposal, to needing more grounding for the project, to a business plan to figures arguing the cost effectiveness of the project. Then we needed approval from the diocese then from the council. None of this would have mattered if we had not received the financial support of each of you. Your generosity and trust had made the business centre possible. It is, in a way, a remarkable story - the crowdfunded business centre! Once we had received the permissions and funds we were able to get started and here we are. On Tuesday, the Feast of the Assumption we signed the contract with the agent who is going to manage the Business Centre. The company we have gone with is called Bristol Space Works (BSW).

BSW are a 'not for profit' business based in Easton, founded to help local business establish themselves and to give them a chance to succeed. We love their ethics and they run a great operation over there. It is our hope that with BSW our business centre will become the go to business hub in Bishopston. We have eight small offices and our intention is to support businesses in our local community. The way BSW operates is that no one is tied into a fixed term contract so if you are starting out in your business you have the flexibility to come and go as you need. We hope it will be a huge success. Thank you for all your generosity, support and trust, we have done it!

Saint of the Week



The Queenship of Mary

Pius XII established this feast in 1954. Mary's queenship has roots in scripture. At the Annunciation, the Angel Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary 'Mother of my Lord.' As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, Mary is intimately associated with Jesus: Her Queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. The feast falls on the octave day (8th day) of the Assumption.

News and Events

Business Centre & St Bon's Development Fund: Thank you for your tremendous support and pledges. The main building works are almost complete but we do need to raise a further £20,000. This is to install a lift to the upstairs hall and make it accessible to all. It's 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.

Business Centre Open Weekend: Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported this amazing project. We would like to give you a guided tour of our new centre. This will take place after the weekend masses this

weekend and again on 23rd and 24th September. Please just pop round after mass and Tony will be there to let you in and answer your questions. The Business Centre will be blessed after the 9.30am Mass on the 24th September

Art Group: The Art Group will be meeting again on the 23rd August and after that back to the normal 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed from 3pm on Friday 21st July and will re-open after the summer holidays at 12pm on Tuesday 5th September. If there is an urgent matter, please telephone Fr Tom on 0117 9424448 or speak to him after Mass.

Our Lady of Fatima: During this centenary year of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima celebrations are taking place across the country. There is one for our diocese on Saturday 19th August from 10:30am until 4:30pm at Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym (Grange Court Road, Bristol BS9 4DR). The day will begin at 10:30am with the welcome for the statue of Our Lady and the relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta, and continue with the Rosary. Mass will be at 11:30am. After lunch (please bring a packed lunch) there will be a Holy Hour from 1:15pm and then a film at 2:30pm. The day will end with an opportunity to venerate the relics of the saints and final prayers. All are welcome to all or part of this special day.

Charity Jazz Concert in aid of Southmead Hospital & St Joseph's Home, featuring Sinead McCabe & The Park Row 5 at the Newman Hall, Grange Court Road, Westbury-on-Trym Bristol BS9 4DR Sunday 27th August 2017. Bar 6.30pm, Show 7.00pm. Tickets £12.00. Call 0117 979 2992 or 0117 947 7979.

Mass Times

Sunday 20th August - 20th Sunday in O.T

9.30am Mass *Mary cannon Ints.*

7.00pm Mass Pro Pop

Monday 21st - Memorial of St Pius X

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Margaret Madden Ints.*

Tuesday 22nd - Memorial of the Queenship of the B.V.M

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Jean Cassidy R.I.P*

Wednesday 23rd - Feria

9.00am Morning Prayer

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

9.45am - 10.45am Holy Hour

Thursday 24th

No Morning prayer or Mass

Friday 25th - Feria

7.00pm Mass *Mary and Hugh Bodey R.I.P*

7.30pm - 8.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 26th

7.00pm Mass (Vigil) *Vincent O'Leary*

Confession

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Eucharistic Exposition

Monday 10.00am - Wednesday 12.00am

Wednesday 9.45am - 10.45am

Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Please Pray For: Anita Bridges, Mary Cannon, Una Cunniffe, Celia Dolan, Monica Fletcher, Sheelagh Gaines, June Krysta, Pat Parry, Nedra Paynter, Roger Paynter, Margaret Rogers, Zygmunt Sawko, Bernard Seward, Ivy Sewell, Martin Sewell, Peter Sewell and Maria Wysocka.

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