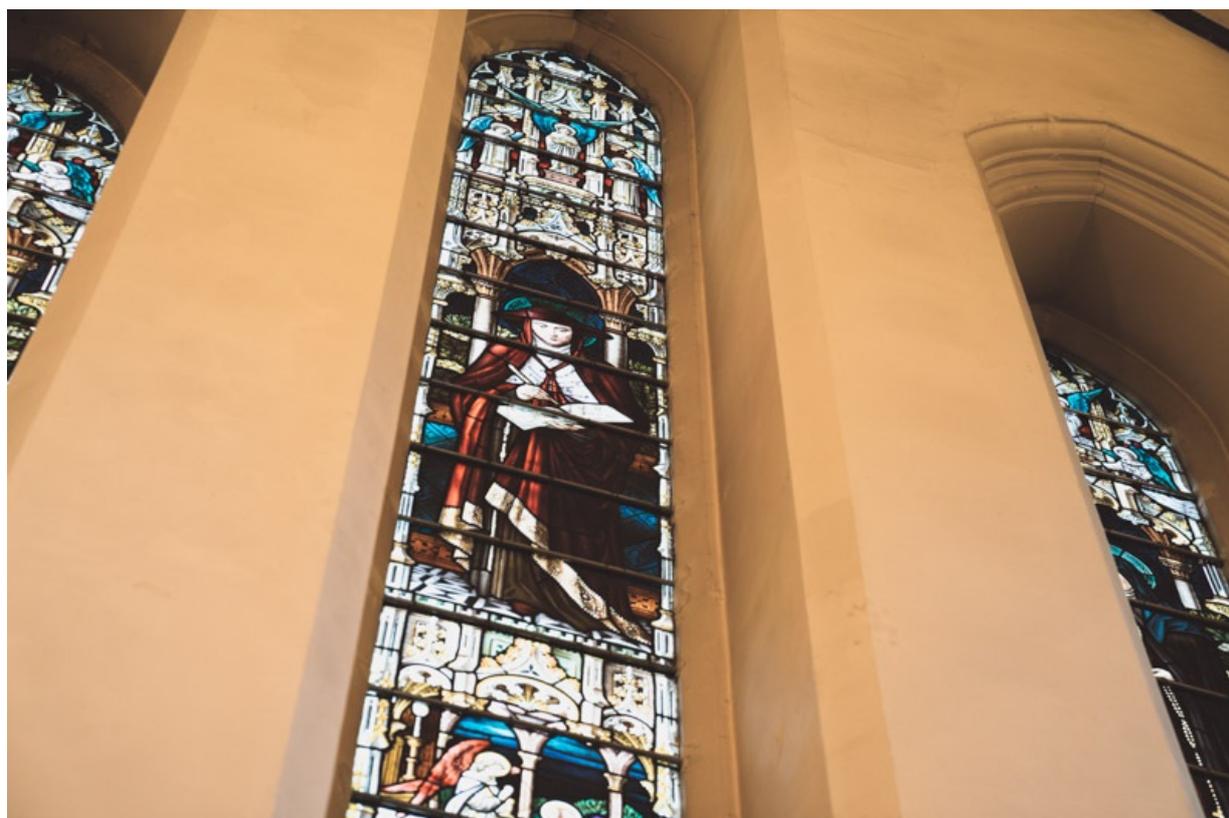


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St Bon's eNewsletter

13th August 2017

Welcome to our new newsletter bringing you Sunday's news on Friday!

A Message from Fr Tom

I am so excited about our new website. Last week I was amazed to receive an email from someone in Manchester who wants to become a catholic. They found our 'Becoming a Catholic' page on the website and got in touch via the enquiry form. One of the purposes of our website is to reach out but I hadn't expected it so soon. The other purpose is for us to grow closer as a parish. To realise both of those aims has taken months of planning.

For about a year and a half I have had people telling me that we have needed a new website. They weren't telling me anything I didn't know it was just a case of when to fit in all the work involved. After more than six months of work and planning we have a fantastic website that reflects our wonderful parish. The website celebrates who we are but at the same time it is an invitation to others to come and join us. I am hoping that the facilities provided will make it easier for people to access the parish - this is just the beginning, the beauty of a website is that you can add to it.

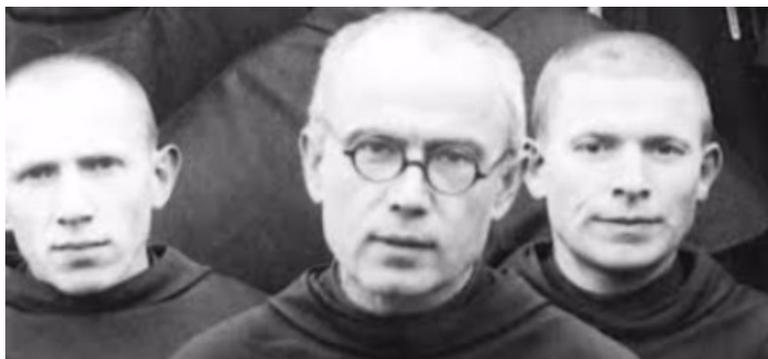
So what can you use it for? Firstly you will be able to read the newsletter on it but now you can also subscribe to our new eNewsletter. This will contain similar information to the paper version currently on offer at the back of church but in a much more vibrant and colourful way. You can now make enquiries through the website to the parish office; you can enquire about a baptism or wedding or about becoming a catholic.

You can now even book a mass and make a donation for it using the enquiry form and Paypal donate button. You can make a donation to our Development Fund on the fundraising page! You can access our venue hire and contact the necessary people directly. The website will provide you and others who use it with so much more than we have already had. But as I mentioned above its other purpose is to reach out to people beyond our neighbourhood.

The second important aspect of the website will be to reach out to those who have never heard of Christ, to others who are searching, to those who want to find out more about Catholicism. It will give us the opportunity to develop an online community with people we could not reach another way. My hope is we can upload video and audio content and to help people understand the Catholic Christian faith more. It will be an exciting way for our parish to move forward and open up to new people. It is just a beginning!

I would like to extend a big thank you to Toni, Jonny and the team at 'All Things Web' who have given us a great service and tons of support on very reasonable terms. I would also like to thank Giovanni Maniglia who has worked so hard in helping to develop the site. Our website looks really good, we have great photos with all of you in!

Saint of the Week



St Maximilian Mary kolbe

Maximilian became a Franciscan in 1907. He dedicated his life to fostering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a priest, a publisher and the founder of the 'City of the Immaculate.' Sentenced to hard manual labour at Auschwitz, he offered his life in exchange for that of an innocent man. He is remembered for his prophetic words, 'Hatred is not a creative force. Only love is a creative power.'

News and Events

Holy Day of Obligation: Next Tuesday is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two masses in the Parish; 9.15am and 7.00pm.

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 on the 19th and 20th August, just pop round after mass and Tony will be there to let you in and answer your questions.

Calling all Perpetual Adoration Adorers! On Sunday 24th September at 4pm there will be a whole group short adoration in the church followed by tea and cakes in the presbytery. It would be wonderful if you could join us and if you are able to make a contribution of a cake or biscuits to share that would be much appreciated.

Art Group: The Art Group will be meeting again on the 23rd August 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 & the Little Sisters of the Poor (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.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in Ireland, 17th September next. £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 anytime on 01268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Mass Times

Sunday 13th August - 19th Sunday in O.T

9.30am Mass *Guisepe and Rosa Coiro R.I.P*

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 14th - St. Maximilian Kolbe

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Wilf Woolley R.I.P*

Tuesday 15th - The Assumption of the B.V.M
Holy Day of Obligation

9.15am Mass *In Thanksgiving*

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Wednesday 16th - Feria

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Maria Kabulo Ints*

Thursday 17th

No Morning prayer or Mass

Friday 18th - Feria

7.00pm Mass *In Thanksgiving*

7.30pm - 8.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 19th

7.00pm Mass *Christina Mannion R.I.P (First Mass of Sunday)*

Confession

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 10.00am - Wednesday 12.00am

Wednesday 9.45am - 10.45am

Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

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