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St Bon's eNewsletter

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

A Message from Fr Tom

Life is for Living,

I expect many people were moved by the heart warming images of, seven-month-old, Pasquale Marmolo being pulled alive from the rubble of the Ischia earthquake. He had been buried for ten hours along with his brothers who were also found alive. It is images like this that confirm the power and force of life, the will to live can be something remarkable indeed.

For some of us the will to live might involve more having and doing than it does just living. For instance, today it seems that being a child is, for some children, akin to a professional career. The lives of some children seem so organised and full of activities and objectives. If you would permit me, I would like to idealistically reflect back to the good old 1980's. This was a time when parents just let their children go off and play. I assume that was many parents way of getting 'me time' but it was a great way of socialising their children and also wearing them out. I remember getting up to all kinds of mischief but there was no CCTV and of course the idea of suing if you hurt your self while trespassing was totally alien. There was little purpose to the playing other than to play and have fun. There was no thought of achieving anything or ticking off an experience box. Now we live in a time where there is so much pressure to get on and achieve it seems that the joy of just living and experiencing things for their own sake can be lost.

If I seek to have stuff and achieve things I will never be happy. Trust me I know. I sometimes think that if I had a few million pounds, I would buy a really beautiful Yacht but instead of being happy with it and enjoying it, I would become envious of someone with a bigger and more beautiful yacht! If we live our lives wanting things and trying to tick off boxes we will be trapped in a materialistic prison, never having enough to satisfy ourselves. But if we are attentive to God's plan and purpose for our lives we will learn a freedom that we did not think possible.

St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians tell them 'Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God'. (10:31). He is saying, live your life for the purpose it has been created: To glorify God. We can do this by being grateful for the small and beautiful things of life. It sounds straight forward but somehow we seem to complicate it. For many of us it might mean letting go of the materialistic mind-set we have accepted as normal and living with a deeper sense of gratitude for the things we already have.

There are many in the world whose lives are filled with very little or who have to struggle to stay alive, like little Pasquale Marmolo, that is a daily achievement. In a strange sense although they have less than us, maybe they have more

Saint of the Week



St Margaret Clitherow

was born in York and raised a Protestant. In 1571 she married a Protestant, John Clitherow and three years later she became a Catholic. She harboured priests against the penal law whilst her husband turned a blind eye. Margaret was convicted of harbouring priests and she was crushed to death in York on 25 March 1586 aged 30 years.

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 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 24th September

Perpetual Adoration Adorers Afternoon Tea: On Sunday 24th September at 4.00pm 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.

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.

Art Group: The Art Group will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

HCPT 200 Club: Congratulations to the winners of the July draw: £60 Eileen Foley 77, £25 Frank Farrell 193, £15 Malcolm Mc Donald 158.

Catechists' course: starts October 2017, designed for the formation of the catechists of our diocese. The formation course is aimed at forming new catechists as well as supporting and refreshing existing and "well-seasoned" catechists. This series is to be hosted at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol. [Read More.](#)

Mass Times

Sunday 27th August - 21st Sunday in O.T

9.30am Mass
7.00am Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 28th - Memorial of St Augustine

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass

Tuesday 29th - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass *Mary Ward R.I.P*

Wednesday 30th - St Margaret Clitherow

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass *John O'Leary*

Thursday 31st - St Aidan

No Morning prayer or Mass

Friday 1st September - Feria

7.00pm Mass *Mike and Rachel ints.*
7.30pm - 8.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 2nd - Feria

7.00pm Mass (Vigil) *John and June Krysta*

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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