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St Bon's eNewsletter

15th September 2017

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

A Message from Fr Tom

The other week, I was sat alone in adoration. Being alone in adoration is such a special experience. I think it is wonderful that so many people come to adoration—for example, one Monday night I was in the church at 11.30pm with seven other people; only one had signed up for that hour. It is truly wonderful to be in church with others in adoration but there is nothing as special as being in the church alone with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Our parish commitment to adoration means that for 36 hours we offer a prayer chain — each person a vital link in that chain. We each come to adoration for different reasons. Some come for the peace and to reflect, others come with some set prayers, others to pray for loved ones, others still to have some space to sort their lives out and talk with God. Maybe each week we come with a different reason but we also come because we have committed to be a link in the chain of parish prayer. When you are in adoration alone you realise that you are an essential link in that chain, you are keeping the parish prayer apostolate alive in that hour and it is a great joy.

I found myself alone because, in the hour I went, there should have been two other people both friends, but they have both been very ill and have been in hospital so I happily covered their slot. It was also a way for me to pray for them and be in solidarity with them. One of these friends has cancer and it was especially

meaningful to be in that hour with them in prayer.

When we pray before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament we are the closest to heaven we can be on earth. If we take the vision of heaven presented in the Book of Revelation: that the heavenly hosts are gathered around the lamb, acclaiming him for eternity then in adoration we are gathered before the same lamb, present in the Blessed Sacrament. We are doing on earth what the angels and saints are doing in heaven. By being in adoration, we are in communion with the angels and saints worshipping the same God who is present both in heaven and on earth simultaneously. That is awesome.

If you have not yet been to adoration I invite and encourage you to come for an hour, you will not be disappointed. At first it may seem challenging, sitting for an hour in silence, who does that these days!? But once you come you will find that the hour passes very quickly, especially if you open your heart. It is a very graced and privileged time of prayer, why not come and let Jesus work his grace in your heart. Adoration runs every Monday from 10am through to Tuesday at midnight.

Fr Tom

Saint of the Week



St Pius of Pietrelcina

'Padre Pio' was born in 1887 in Pietrelcina. He joined the Capuchin Friars at sixteen and was ordained a priest seven years later. For fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo he was a much sought after spiritual advisor, confessor and intercessor whose life was devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. In 1918 he became the first priest to receive the stigmata. He died in 1968 and was canonised in 2001.

News and Events

Second Collection: This Sunday 17th September - Home Mission Sunday. Thank you.

New Web Site: Giovanni Maniglia and Fr Tom have worked for the last 6 months with our fantastic web designers, All Things Web, to create a fresh and vibrant site that reflects the life of our community. Please paste www.stbonsbristol.co.uk into your browser and have a look for yourself. Accompanying our website is a new eNewsletter, which you can subscribe to via the website. All feedback is greatly welcomed.

Perpetual Adoration Adorers Afternoon Tea: 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.

Business Centre & St Bon's Development Fund: Thank you for your tremendous support and pledges. The main building works are now 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 is 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.

Car Boot & Wheelbarrow Sale: The next sale will be on Saturday 14th October 2-4pm in St Bon's car park. It costs just £5 for cars £3 for wheelbarrows to have a pitch - you keep all the takings! We will be serving tea, coffee and cakes. Helpers will be needed and donations of cakes. Please contact Mary Moore mcmoore@blueyonder.co.uk, 07929 399907, Veronica Swann veronica.swann@hotmail.co.uk or Hilary Farey hilary@farey.org for a car/barrow pitch or to offer help.

Friday Soup Group: The Soup Group has now started back. All very welcome. 12pm onwards every Friday.

Collection Box Holders: The old £1 coin is only legal tender until 15th October so please hand in your collection boxes or anything else you may have with old £1 coins before then please.

Voluntary Mission Movement (VMM): VMM will be coming on the 23rd and 24th September to make a Missions appeal. If you are interested in learning about opportunities in mission volunteer work, please contact them on 0151 291 3438 or via email at vmm@hope.ac.uk.

Praying the Rosary: The monthly Parish Rosary Revival Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday October 3rd at 2pm in the Dining Room in St Bon'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.

Starting School: Parents of children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 must apply now for a school place for September 2018 onwards. Application forms are available from Bristol City Council or you can apply online. You must apply by 15 January 2018. For St Bonaventure's Primary School Catholic children you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the School. Please ensure you do not miss the closing date.

St Bede's Catholic College Open Evening: Thursday 28th September 6.30pm-8.30pm for parents of pupils eligible to transfer to St Bede's Catholic College in September 2018 and 2019. Further details can be found on the Parish notice board.

Mass Times

Sunday 17th September - 24th Sunday in O.T

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 18th September - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Gaspar Viegas R.I.P.*

Tuesday 19th September - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass

Wednesday 20th September - Memorial of Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass *Deacon James*
9.45am Holy Hour

Thursday 21st September - Feast of St Matthew

No Morning prayer or Mass

Friday 22nd September - Feria - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm Mass
7.30pm - 8.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 23rd September - Feria - Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina

7.00pm Mass (Vigil) *Mary Silverton R.I.P.*

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

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