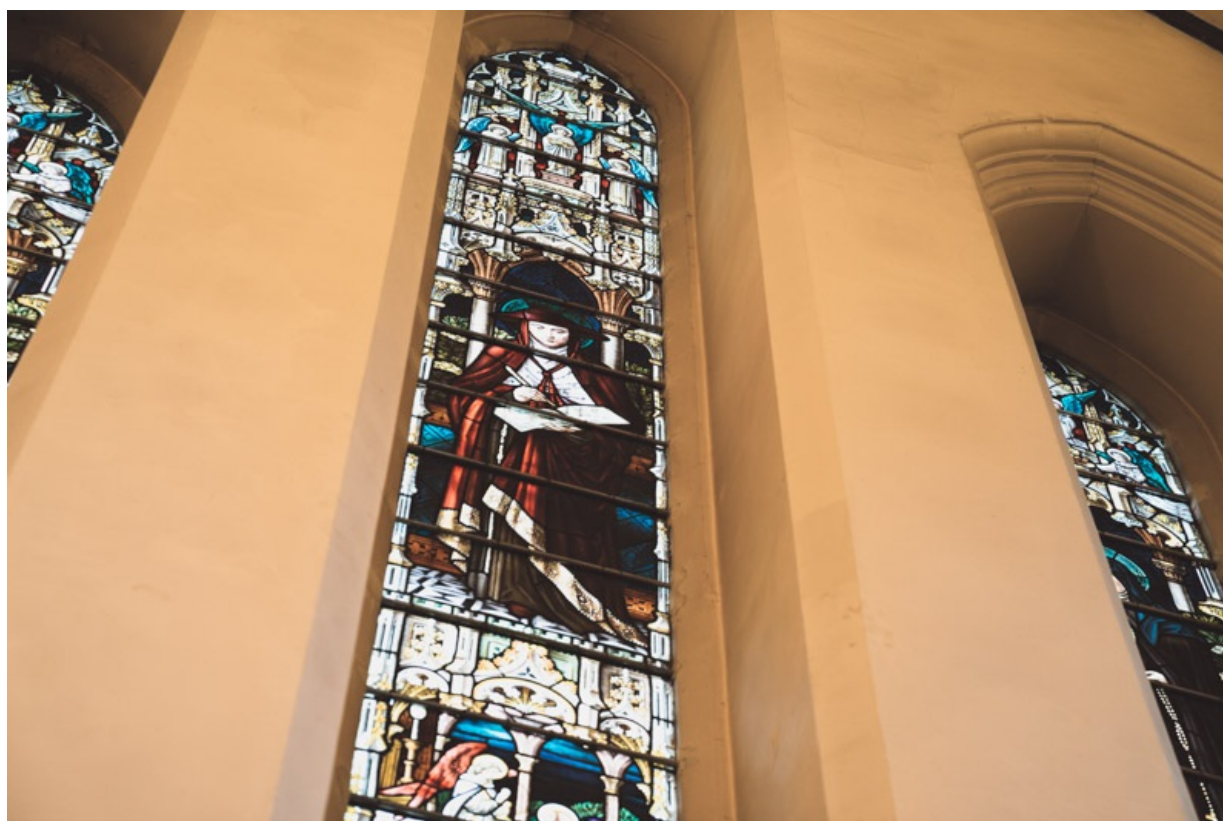


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St Bon's eNewsletter

8th September 2017

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

A Message from Fr Tom

If you went somewhere hot and sunny in Europe on holiday please don't come back and complain it was hot. You went somewhere sunny, it was meant to be hot, just because it was hotter than was comfortable is beside the point. For most of the school holiday, it rained here. Please don't say you were cold when you got back, that you had to turn the heating on, there will be no sympathy, but it is good to have you back and those of us who endured the wet August will wrap you in cotton wool and give you a hot chocolate and welcome you back to the club! Yes, welcome back to the 'you live in Britain' club, where it is not usually hot or tremendously sunny. What's more you live in Bristol, which seems to fluctuate between being quite nice and sunny to being very wet. Welcome home!

So much has been happening while you have been away. It has been a very busy Summer in the Parish. What have you missed? The build for the business centre is complete. Weeks and weeks of constant labour have finally come to an end and our top class office space is ready. We also signed the deal with our new managing agent, Bristol Space Works (BSW). BSW are a not for profit company who run Easton Business Park and other properties around Bristol. They have a great ethic and vibe and we look forward to working with them in the years ahead. Then there is the new Parish website. You might be reading this on the website or the new e-Newsletter, if so you can ignore the next paragraph!

After months of hard work, our new website went live at the end of July. It is fantastic, it is one of the best church websites I have seen, in the UK anyway. Now it is live and tweaked we will be able to use it to do so many things. Already you can make enquiries to the office through it. You can use it to book a mass and leave a donation! You can also make donations to the development fund on the fundraising page. There is a lot to look at and it will keep changing. If you have not signed up for our new e-Newsletter, please have a look and subscribe today! There are even some videos to watch too.

As a Parish, we are in a great position and hopefully all the wonderful things we have in place will help us grow in the years ahead. We have perpetual adoration to give us our spiritual foundation, the business centre to secure our financial future and the website to share the message of the gospel beyond our boundaries. Thank you to all of you that have helped to make this possible.

Saint of the Week



Our Lady of Sorrows

The title, 'Our Lady of Sorrows,' given to Mary focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised 'the seven dolours' or 'seven sorrows' of Mary, which were foretold by the priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, 'This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare' (Luke 2:34-35). These seven sorrows of Mary included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial.

News and Events

Those who have died recently: It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the sudden death of Simon Mayhew, who grew up in St Bon's and still worked here in Bristol. We have assured Simon's family, who moved to Cornwall a few years ago that we shall be asking you all to keep Simon and his family in your prayers. Details of the funeral arrangements will be advised as soon as we know.

Fr Tom Annual Leave Cover: Please extend a very warm welcome to the priests covering Fr Tom's annual leave. Canon Vincent Ryan will generously be covering the weekday masses but please do check the liturgy schedule as there are some changes. Fr Christopher and Fr Michael Fountain will be covering the weekend masses. Fr Tom is very grateful to them for enabling him to take his leave.

Second Collection: This Sunday 10th September for the Catholic Education Service. 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.

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 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.

Friday Soup Group: The group returns on Friday 15th September 12pm. All very welcome.

Red Missio Box Holders: Please collect the Autumn edition of 'Mission Today' from the table in the porch.

HCPT 200 Club: Congratulations to the winners of the August and September draws: £60 Eileen Agnew 119, £25 Mary Wall 182, £15 Maria Hanley 17, £60 Ann Kennard 23, £25 Eric and Angela Pitt 141 and £15 Jim Jenkins 42.

Fr Tom Finnegan: There will be a farewell party for Fr. Tom Finnegan on Friday 15th September at St. Teresa's Social Centre, 71 Gloucester Road BS34 7PL. 7pm till late! All welcome. We wish Fr Tom all the very best with his new Parish in Trowbridge.

CAFOD: Please come along to hear about CAFOD's work in El Salvador for this Harvest Fast Day— Saturday 16th September 2-4pm at St Mary's Our Lady St Mary, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury BA6 9EJ or Wednesday 20th September 7.30-9pm— St Bonaventure's Parish, Egerton Road, Bristol BS7 8HP. Contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD to book: 01179 428328 or email ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk.

Mass Times

Sunday 10th September - 23rd Sunday in O.T

9.30am Mass
7.00am Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 11th September - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass

Tuesday 12th September - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass

Wednesday 13th September - Memorial of St John Chrysostom

9.00am No Morning Prayer or Holy Hour
10.00am Requiem Mass *Mary Ward R.I.P.*

Thursday 14th September - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

No Morning Prayer or Mass

Friday 15th September - Feria - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

No Morning Prayer
9.15am St Bonaventure's School Mass
7.00pm-8.00pm Holy Hour commencing with Evening Prayer (no evening Mass)

Saturday 16th September - Feria - Memorial of Ss Cornelius and Cyprian

7.00pm Mass (Vigil)

Confession

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Eucharistic Exposition

Monday 10.00am - Wednesday 12.00am

Friday 7.00pm - 8.00pm

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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