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St Bon's eNewsletter

27th October 2017

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

A Message from Fr Tom

On Monday a small group gathered in the Business Centre for the official 'Business' opening event. Councillor Tom Brook (Bishopston and Ashley Down) joined me in cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of the business Centre and us handing it over to Bristol Space Works. It is a very exciting and strange moment. We have spent almost two years working on the project and to 'hand it over' is very sad but also very good. The other night I saw it with all the lights on and wondered who was in it and then reminded myself that it wasn't my concern! [Read More...](#)

Saint of the Week



St Winifirde

Winefride lived in the 6th or 7th century near Treffynon (Holywell) in Clwyd. According to one version of her life, she was beheaded by a prince whose advances she refused, and springs of water sprang up at the place of her martyrdom. She was, however, restored to life by her uncle, St Beuno, and lived the rest of her days as a nun. Holywell has remained a place of healing and pilgrimage through penal times to the present day.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 7th November
Modern Day Slavery Presentation

Friday 17th November 7pm
St Bon's Quiz Night, Parish Hall

Sunday 26th November 12pm
New Parishioners Lunch, Parish Hall

Sunday 3rd December after 9.30am Mass
Volunteers Thank You Party, Parish Hall

Sunday 10th December 12pm
Senior Citizens Anointing the Sick Mass and Christmas Party, Church & Presbytery

News and Events

October Month of our Lady: The Rosary will be said every week day after Mass in October.

Holy Day of Obligation: Wednesday is the Solemnity of All Saints, there will be masses at 7pm Tuesday evening, 9.15am Wednesday morning and 7.00pm Wednesday evening.

All Souls: The Commemoration of All souls falls on Thursday. There will be mass at 9.15am (No morning prayer).

Baby Corner: We now have a baby corner next to the font. This area is for toddlers ages 0-2 yrs accompanied by their parents. We hope it will be a little sign of how much we value and welcome the youngest members of our parish community to mass. Thank you to Rachel and Niels Moffat for organising it.

Modern Day Slavery: We are hoping to form a group at St Bon's to look at and work against MDS. It is a very topical at the moment. There will be a film presentation on Tuesday 7th November at 7.00pm in the Dining Room at St Bon's. The evening is being organised by a parishioner, Caroline Virgo, whose work involves raising awareness of MDS.

Parish Visits: If you know of someone who lives alone or may be housebound and would welcome a visit from a Parish Visitor, please contact Linda Spong via the Parish Office. If you know of someone who suffers with a mental health condition who would welcome a visit please speak to Fr. Tom.

Volunteers Thank You Party: There will be a bring & share brunch after Mass on Sunday 3rd December for all who volunteer at St Bon's and their families. Please do come along and if you can help please contact Neta Roylance-Smith: email: neta_pourhosseini@hotmail.com or call 07980175565.

Year of Mission: Bishop Declan invites you all on Wednesday 29th November 7pm to gather in the Cathedral for a celebration of Evening Prayer, launching our Diocese into a Year of Mission.

200 Club: Congratulations to the winners of the October draw: £60 Josie Wilmer 12, £25 Mary Miskella 106 and £15 Bob and Ann James 147. Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the 200 Club this year. Profits raised from the Club go to HCPT - The Children's Pilgrimage Trust, enabling children with special needs to visit Lourdes at Easter. Membership now needs to be renewed. Representatives from the Club will be at all Masses this weekend to collect subscriptions. Its £24 per year. Cheques should be made payable to "St Bonaventures 200 Club" please. Alternatively, please leave your cheque in an envelope in the Presbytery, clearly marked FAO Angela Parry - 200 Club. New members welcome!

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.

Starting School: Parents of children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st 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 15th January 2018. For St Bonaventure's Primary School Catholic children you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the School.

Mentor Me Training: Mentor Me supports ex-offenders and is looking for volunteers who, driven by their faith, can help offer the unique services of friendship, hospitality, encouragement, support, care and a patient listening ear to those leaving prison or who have already done so and who wish to make positive changes to their lives. Are you interested? Training with a view to becoming a mentor is now taking place Contact alison@mentormeuk.org or on 0117 403 7905 for more information.

CAFOD school volunteers needed: Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for volunteers to cover the Gloucester/Cheltenham and Salisbury/Yeovil areas to visit Catholic schools and parish groups. For further information please contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton on 01179 428 328 or email clifton@cafod.org.uk

Little Hearts Toddler Group: Little Hearts runs every Wednesday morning during term time from 10am - 11.45am in the Newman Hall, Westbury on Trym. We are a very friendly group with lots of toys to keep young and old amused and provide home-made cake as well as tea, coffee, biscuits and fruit for the little ones. Just £1 per family - please come along and say hello!

"Romero—Heartbeat of El Salvador—The Play": Rise Theatre will be performing this play about a great modern martyr, who courageously spoke truth to power and defended the poor of his land at the cost of his own life, at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church (Lawford's Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE) on Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm. Suitable for children 11+. Tickets £10.00 (family tickets £25.00). Please contact Margaret Ulloa (07533880523) or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre. Free parking in church car park accessed on Pennywell Road.

Catholic Youth Group: A new youth group for Catholic children aged 7-12 meets weekly during term time at Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym. All welcome. Sundays from 4pm to 5.30pm. In the parish rooms on the ground floor of the Presbytery.

Newsletter Items: Please can any items be emailed to the Parish Office by Wednesday 10am to ensure that they are included in that weekend's newsletter.

Mass Times

Sunday 29th October - 30th Sunday in O.T

9.30am Mass *Alfredo Pereira R.I.P*

7.00am Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 30th October - Weekday in O.T

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Private Intention*

Tuesday 31st October - Weekday in O.T

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass

7.00pm Mass (Vigil for All Saints) *Pro Pop*

Wednesday 1st November - Solemnity of All Saints
Holy Day of Obligation

9.15am Mass *Nick Heron R.I.P*

7.00pm Mass

Thursday 2nd November - All Souls

9.15am Mass

Friday 3rd November - St Winifride

7.00pm Mass *Peter Sewell ints.*

7.30pm - 8.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo

7.00pm Mass (Vigil) *Robert & Margaret Bennett 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: Anita Bridges, 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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