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## St Bon's eNewsletter

13th - 20th May 2018



### A Message from Fr Tom

If you can't take the heat get out of the kitchen! That should be changed to: if you can't take the heat get out of London! I was in London for 3 days this week for two inspiring conferences. The first was the 2018 Leadership Conference run by Alpha and the Evangelical Anglican Church, Holy Trinity Brompton. The second was the Divine Renovation Conference. Divine Renovation is a programme of Parish renewal pioneered by Fr. James Mallon, a Canadian Catholic Priest.

The reason I went to these conferences is because I know that Catholic Parish life as it is does not work. 'Not work' I hear you say, what does that mean? I am convinced that as Catholic Christians we are called to do four things (probably a lot more but there are four things I believe should take priority in Parish life): 1, Bringing people to an encounter with Jesus. 2, Helping people follow Jesus more intentionally - to be a Disciple. 3, The care for and service of the poor. 4, Service of our local community. These are my four main hopes for any Parish and for ours in particular. How much we do these is, for me, a measure of how authentically Christian we are.

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Saint of the Week

## SAINT MATTHIAS

The first act of the Apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. The criteria being that the replacement had to be a Disciple from the beginning and be baptised by John. Matthias was chosen by lot to be the 12th Apostle.

His calling as an Apostle is unique, in that his appointment was not made personally by Jesus, who had already ascended into heaven, and it was also made before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church. It is generally believed that Matthias ministered in Judaea and then carried out missions to foreign lands.

### Picture of the Week



Taken by Fr Tom at the Alpha Leadership Conference 2018 in the Royal Albert Hall with 4000 Christians!

### Tweet of the Week



**Pope Francis** ✓

@Pontifex

Following



The Ascension of the Risen Jesus contains the promise that we too will participate in the fullness of life with God.

3:15 am - 10 May 2018

1,492 Retweets 6,536 Likes



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## YEAR OF MISSION

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Communications Sunday offers us a clear and obvious reminder of all that we are called be in this Year of Mission. We are to communicate the gospel to others. We do that, not simply by what we say or what we write, but by who we are and how we live. This last week has seen us celebrate the Ascension and hearing the call of Jesus to go out to the whole world and proclaim good news. Today's Gospel seems to pick up something of what we have already heard over Easter... 'as you sent me so I send them'. This is Jesus' mission living on in the disciple. That's us! We're in that time of praying, thirsting and waiting for the outpouring of the Spirit. This week, find yourself praying 'Come, Holy Spirit' and pray for the courage and the strength, the wisdom, the discernment and the understanding to be caught up in the mission Jesus to proclaim the Father's love and to touch the world with the power of Jesus' healing and compassion. That's a good news worth proclaiming!

## NOVENA FOR PENTECOST

The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

Novena for Pentecost begins on Ascension Thursday, please pray on the 9 days leading up to Pentecost:

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.**

**And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

**Let us pray.**

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise & ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

# News and Events

## PARISH MATTERS

**Special Collection 13th May:** World Communications Sunday – leaflets are at the back of Church.

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Celebration:** There will be First Year celebratory get-together and thank-you on Sunday 13th May for all Adorers and other Parishioners who may be interested in joining the Adoration group. A short adoration from 4.00pm until 4.30pm will be followed by tea and cake in the presbytery.

**Healing Mass:** Father Fernando Suarez will hold a healing Mass at St. Bons on Mon 25 June at 7pm.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** We are planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land during the February 2019 half term (16th—23rd February 2019). Cost will be approximately £1,500 per person, including flights, accommodation, meals on a half-board basis (breakfast and dinner), a professional English speaking guide, transport in the Holy Land and all entrance fees. Fr Paul from Pilgrimage People will be coming on Weds 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm to give a talk in the Dining Room of the Presbytery.

**St Bon's Fundraising Charity Gig:** Ad Hoc will be playing a gig to raise funds for the Church on Saturday 12th May from 7.30pm until 11.30pm. Tickets £5 on the door. The 4 piece band will play covers from Stevie Wonder to The Jam, including Van Morrison and Bruce Springsteen etc. Venue is the Church Hall and please feel free to bring your own drinks.

## OUR COMMUNITY

**Mass for the Newly Baptised and Received:** Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass on Sat 19 May at 10.30am in our Cathedral with those who were baptised this Easter or received into full Communion with the Church plus sponsors & godparents. Refreshments in Apostle Room after.

**Diocesan Day Formation for Liturgical Ministries:** 30 June at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, will be offering particular streams of formation for both EMHC and for Readers. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**Reception Teacher Vacancy at St Bons School:** St Bons School are seeking to appoint a Reception Class Teacher from September to cover Maternity leave. Please contact the school for details.

**Open Gardens:** Rod & Sue Jones are opening their garden at 16 Montroy Close, Henleaze, BS9 4RS again this year, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 2 -5.30 pm. Adults £3.50, children free, with teas and plants for sale. All proceeds to the National Garden Scheme's cancer and hospice charities.

## OTHER NEWS

**Pilgrimage to Knock 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018:** Poster at back of Church. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**Live Simply Thought for the Week:** Pope Francis calls on us all to make simple daily gestures to care for people living in poverty, for future generations and for the earth. Modern washing powders work just as well at 30 degrees C. Washing a load of laundry at 30 degrees instead of 40 saves 100g of CO2. An average family drying 200 washloads on a line rather than a tumble drier, would save nearly half a tonne in a year.

**CAFOD Fast Day:** A total of £1380.38 was raised! Thank you for your support and generosity.

**CELEBRATE Bristol 27-28th Oct 2018:** A Conference for the whole family! A non-residential weekend for all ages. There will be speakers, workshops, seminars, praise and worship, prayer ministry, Holy Mass, and Confession. The event is hosted at St Bede's College.

## Mass Times

Sunday 13th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am Mass Michael Fitzsimons R.I.P.

7.00pm Mass Pro Pop

**Monday 14th May**  
**Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle**  
9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.15am Mass Alison Tucker R.I.P.

**Tuesday 15th May**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.15am Mass

**Wednesday 16th May**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.15am Mass Private Intention  
9:45am Holy Hour

**Thursday 17th May**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
9.15am Mass  
7.00pm Mass

**Friday 18th May**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
7.00pm Mass Richard Beswick R.I.P.  
7.30pm Holy Hour

**Saturday 19th May**  
**Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday**  
7.00pm (Vigil)

#### 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:** Geoff Barrett, Anita Bridges, Christopher Browne, Monica Fletcher, Sheelagh Gaines, Pat Parry, Nedra Paynter, Roger Paynter, Zygmunt Sawko, Bernard Seward, Ivy Sewell, Martin Sewell, Peter Sewell, Kathleen Ward and Maria Wysocka.

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