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St Bon's eNewsletter

20th - 27th May 2018



A Message from Fr Tom

In ten years time will you remember where you were when Harry and Meghan got married? I remember where I was when Diana died and when pope Benedict and Francis were elected, but I don't remember clearly where I was for William and Kate's wedding. If you are a mega Royalist, you will have had this wedding in your diary for months, you may even have a party planned and bunting out. If you are not a Royalist, you might remember this wedding more for the circus that has ensued in the run up to the big day; what the media are dubbing the 'Markle debacle'. Unfortunately for the Windsor's and Meghan, the debacle has involved her family whom she appears to be quite distant from. As the media focus in on this, it could be easy to forget what brought Harry and Meghan together and what makes them such an impressive couple.

At the heart of who they are is their work for countless charities. Harry has been instrumental in setting up the Invictus games to help injured servicemen, like my cousin who had his leg blown off in Afghanistan. He also helped William and Kate to set up Heads Together, the mental health charity to raise awareness and help so many who suffer in silence with mental health issues. Meghan has been patron to One Young Vision, One World and UN Women.

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Saint of the Week

St. Bede the Venerable

St. Bede was an English Benedictine monk at the monastery of St. Peter and its companion monastery of St. Paul. St. Bede was as well known for his scientific, historical and biblical commentaries. The majority of his writings were of this type, and covered the Old Testament and the New Testament. It was for his theological writings that he earned the title of Doctor Anglorum, and why he was declared a saint.

Historian Walter Goffart says of St. Bede that he "holds a privileged and unrivalled place among first historians of Christian Europe". His life and work have been celebrated with the annual Jarrow Lecture, held at St. Paul's Church, Jarrow, since 1958.

Tweet of the Week



Cardinal Nichols ✓

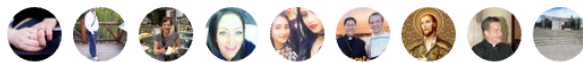
@CardinalNichols

Following

Please pray for peace in the Middle East, esp for people in [#Gaza](#) who are living through traumatic times & a dramatically deteriorating humanitarian situation. They are extremely vulnerable & deprived. Their fate is central to peace which can never be built on neglect.

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Picture of the Week



Taken by Father Tom: Max the elusive Presbytery cat. Have you spotted him?

YEAR OF MISSION PENTECOST SUNDAY

We're familiar with the story of the upper room on that day of Pentecost and we're familiar with that 'anointing' to send out that takes place. The Spirit of Lord that came upon Jesus to send him out with good news for the poor is the same Spirit that empowers the disciples to be that good news for the wider world. There's something beautiful in the Sequence that is offered to us praying that the Spirit will bring us a healing for our woundedness, a washing upon our sinfulness, a refreshing upon our dryness, a warmth for our chill, a melting upon our frozen hearts. Without the Spirit our mission and our working will be somewhat empty and lifeless. With the Spirit of the risen Christ within us, it is Christ who touches and renews our world with healing and life through us. The mission is always Christ's mission; we are simply the earthenware jars that hold the beautiful gift of Christ that we seek to breath upon our world through the lives we lead. May our lives be ablaze with the gift of the Spirit so that our world may be renewed in love through the witness we give.

FEAST OF ST. BONAVENTURE - SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 15th July

Mass will be at 11am -
Outside in the School Playground or in Church if raining.

Followed by a BBQ, Jazz Band Lazy River and activities for kids!
All Welcome.

Would you like to run a stall selling your items or do you know anyone who caters food that would like to set up a pitch? We are also looking for anyone who can volunteer their time on the day. Please contact the Parish office.

News and Events

PARISH MATTERS

Praying the Rosary: The monthly Parish Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday June 5th at 2pm in the Sitting Room (not the Dining Room) in St Bonaventure's Presbytery. Contact Chris Searle 07771161259. All welcome. Prayer requests most welcome.

Healing Mass: We are delighted to welcome Father Fernando Suarez from the Philippines, who travels with his healing ministry around the globe, to hold a healing Mass at St. Bons on Mon 25th June at 7pm. Poster at the back of Church.

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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 16th May at 7pm to give a talk in the Dining Room of the Presbytery.

St Bon's Fundraising Charity Gig: A huge thanks to Ad Hoc for playing a gig at the Parish Hall last weekend and to all who attended. A fantastic £195 was raised for the Church.

OUR COMMUNITY

Diocesan Day Formation for Liturgical Ministries: 30th June at St Brendan's Sixth Form College. Offering particular streams of formation for EMHC and for Readers. Contact the office if interested.

Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury: Sunday 8 July led by Bishop Declan. There will be 4 main focal points: St Mary's Church will be a Chapel of Exposition and Silent Adoration until 3pm. Immediately opposite the Church, two tented Chapels: for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and private Healing Prayer. The Pilgrimage Procession will start in the Abbey grounds at 2.15pm. The Pilgrimage Mass will be in the Abbey Grounds at 3.30pm. For full details see the poster at the back of Church.

HCPT Club: Congratulations to the winners of the May draw. £60 Frank Farrell 193. £25 Michael Corrigan 123. £15 Mary Hetherington 64.

Open Gardens in Bishopston: Sunday June 10th 2-5pm. Money raised will go to CAFOD, the visitors play facilities at Horfield Prison, and plants for the Bishopston Library. We need volunteers to make cakes and serve teas, please contact Hilary Farey by e-mail hilary@farey.org or phone 9409725.

OTHER NEWS

Live Simply Thought for the Week: Domestic fridges and freezers are responsible for a third of the electricity consumption of the average home. Don't put warm food in the fridge, do defrost frozen food in it and don't leave the door open longer than necessary.

CELEBRATE Bristol 27-28th Oct 2018: 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.

Part time Caretaker Vacancy at Sacred Heart: Due to Retirement. Application deadline: 24th May. For details contact the Sacred Heart parish office: bristol.sacredheart@cliftondiocese.com.

Little Sisters of the Poor Summer Fayre: Saturday 30th June at St Joseph's Home, Cotham Hill. With a BBQ, stalls and Ice cream. 50p for adults, children free.

Mass Times

Sunday 20th May
Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday
9.30am Mass Pro Pop

7.00pm Mass *Peggy Loftus R.I.P.*

Monday 21st May
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday 22nd May
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.00pm Mass

Wednesday 23rd May
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.00pm Mass

Thursday 24th May
Memorial of St. Aldhelm
No Mass

Friday 25th May
Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable
No Mass

Saturday 26th May
Memorial of St. Philip Neri
7.00pm *Jim Lydon R.I.P.*

Confession

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Eucharistic Exposition

Monday 10.00am - Wednesday 12.00am

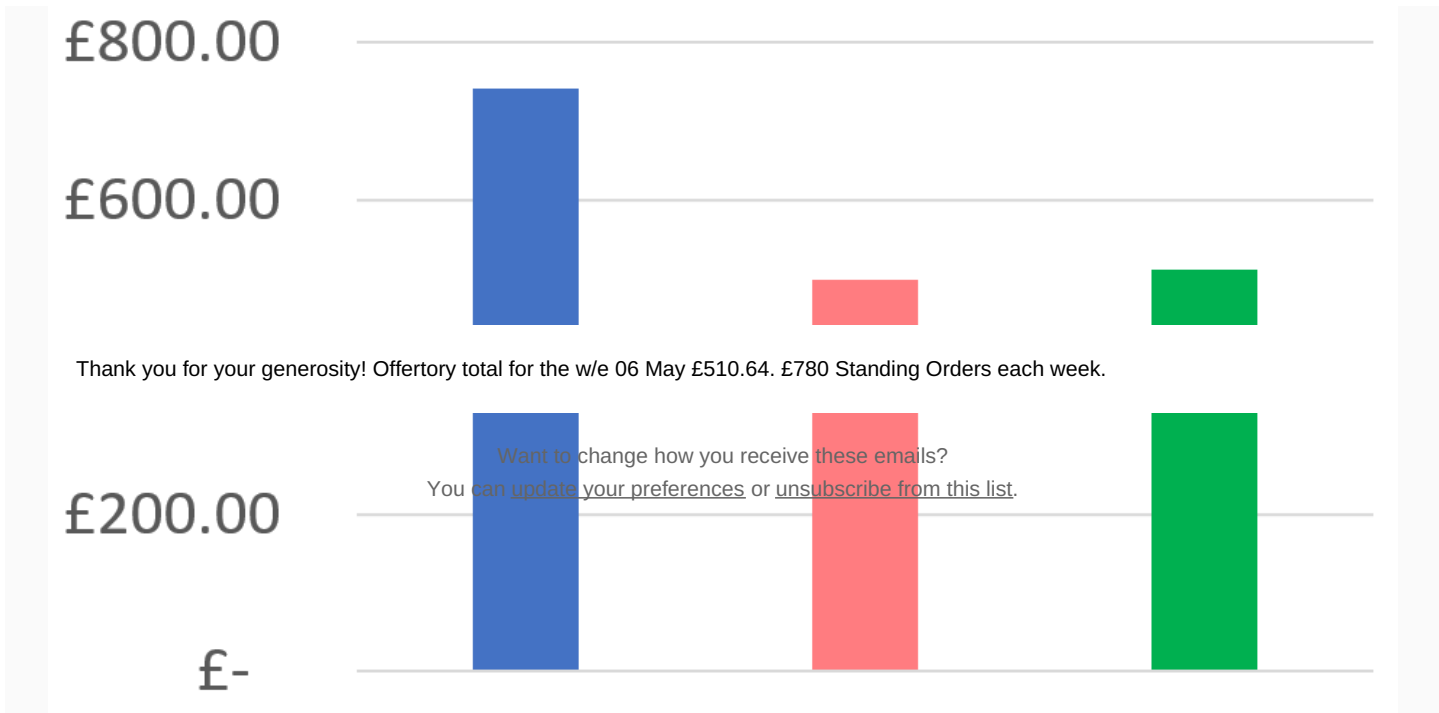
Wednesday 9.45am - 10.45am

Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Please Pray For: 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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