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St Bon's eNewsletter

27th May - 3rd June 2018



A Message from Fr Tom

I'm sure I have told you several times about my trip to Uganda fifteen years ago. About how I was ill and how violent it was. But if you haven't heard, let me tell you...

During my time in seminary, the Mill Hill missionaries ran a programme where Diocesan seminarians could go out on the missions during their summer break. It was typical to go to Kenya but by the time I was given the opportunity to go, it was felt that the Kenyan option was a bit boring so in a bid to liven up the experience the placement was moved to Uganda. We were hosted by two Parishes, one in the town of Mbiko, near Jinja, and the other, a small village in the North, near Kotido.

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Saint of the Week



St. Justin, Martyr

St. Justin became a Christian at the age of 30. He was well educated in rhetoric, poetry and history before turning to philosophy. He is regarded as the 2nd century Father of the Church and the first Christian Philosopher.

St. Justin gives us the earliest description of the Rite of Baptism and of a Sunday Mass. He was a great apologist, engaging in debates and writing numerous works about the faith, most famously two apologetical treatises called "Apologies" and "Dialogue with Tryphon."


Picture of the Week



An early photo of St Bon's. Photographer and date unknown. Do you have any information on this picture? Contact the

Tweet of the Week



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YEAR OF MISSION

TRINITY SUNDAY

Paul reminds us of something we can so easily forget or easily take for granted. We are sons and daughters of the Father, we are brothers and sisters in Christ, all through the moving and the outpouring of the Spirit into our hearts. As this Sunday celebrates the community of life and love that is Father, Son, and Spirit, we celebrate what we are ourselves are drawn into... into God's life and into God's love. Our mission, then, is a mission into communion and our outreach towards others with good news is to draw them to know themselves loved, valued, wanted and worthwhile because God seeks to be Abba, Father to all his children. May there be something about the way we live this week that reveals we are our Fathers children. May that witness reveal his love and his call to be loved to those we encounter during the week ahead.



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.

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. If you missed the meeting about the Pilgrimage, please contact the office for information booklets/booking forms.

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 8th 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.

Open Gardens - 2 dates:

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

- Sunday 10th June 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 the teas to be served at St. Bons, please contact Hilary Farey by e-mail hilary@farey.org or phone 9409725.

OTHER NEWS

Live Simply Thought for the Week: Living in solidarity with the disadvantaged - find an issue that strikes a chord with you (eg. homelessness, modern slavery) and find out about it. Think what can I do? Pray, sign a petition, write to your MP, join others working to improve things.

Day of Renewal: Sat 16th June St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol BS5 0RE 10am-4 pm. The focus of the day will be on the Diocesan theme of "Mission". There will be mass with the sacrament of healing. Please bring lunch to share and there is free parking. Contact renewal@cliftondiocese.com or 07815 751 556 for more information.

GK Chesterton: The 29th May is the 144th Birthday of GK Chesterton, famous Catholic Convert and author of over one hundred books. Please keep and say the following prayer: *God Our Father, Thou didst fill the life of Thy servant Gilbert Keith Chesterton with a sense of wonder and joy, and gave him a faith which was the foundation of his ceaseless work, a charity towards all men, particularly his opponents, and a hope which sprang from his lifelong gratitude for the gift of human life. May his innocence and his laughter, his constancy in fighting for the Christian faith in a world losing belief, his lifelong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and his love for all men, especially for the poor, bring cheerfulness to those in despair, conviction and warmth to lukewarm believers and the knowledge of God to those without faith. We beg Thee to grant the favours we ask through his intercession, the end of abortion in this Country so that his holiness may be recognized by all and the Church may proclaim him Blessed. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Mass Times

Sunday 27th May

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

9.30am Mass Pro Pop

7.00pm Mass *Celestina Onuoha (Intention)*

Monday 28th May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00pm Mass

Tuesday 29th May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00pm Mass

Wednesday 30th May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00pm Mass

Thursday 31st May

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Friday 1st June

Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr

7.00pm Mass

Saturday 2nd June

Corpus Christi

7.00pm *Silverton Family*

Confession

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Eucharistic Exposition

Monday 10.00am - Wednesday 12.00am

Wednesday 9.45am - 10.45am

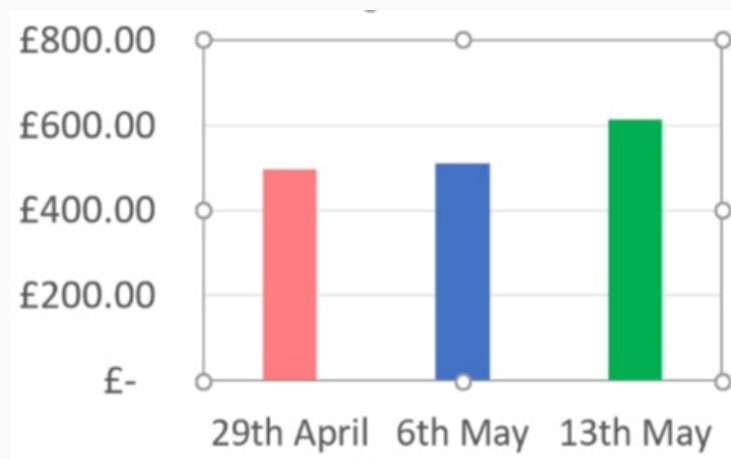
Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm - 6.40pm

Please Pray For:

As a result of the new General Data Protection Regulations coming into force on 25th May, we have been advised by the Diocese that we cannot publish the names of those who are sick without their consent. We appreciate that obtaining consent may not be possible for those that are very unwell. However, if you would like to be named in the Newsletter, we will need you to either email or telephone the Parish Office to give your consent so that such consent can be recorded. Please rest assured that we shall continue to pray for all that are ill or housebound whether or not their names are published.

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