



ST BONAVENTURE'S NEWSLETTER

A Community of Missionary
Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

OT Week 15

15th July 2018

It's coming home...but just not yet!

It was a great ride, great fun and for once a joy to watch England play football. Even when Croatia equalised I thought 'at least I am watching a match'. Its okay to go out when you have given your all. But it's over now, England fever that is, well at least for the short term. I am sure waist-coat production has been planned to coincide with the Euros in two years' time, just two years everyone! It has been a surreal few weeks and a nice distraction from the realities of everyday life.

It is funny how the British turn satire into something serious. William Blake's 'Jerusalem' was a satire on the evils of the industrial revolution but now we sing it with pride as if it is another national anthem. 'It's coming home' was also a satire composed in 1998, on the back of the 1996 World Cup run where we got into the semi-finals. But it was a satire, now we sing it as if it a national sporting prophecy. I think it shows that the British are good fun, we don't often see that in our selves but we are good fun. It seems like we need a bit of British-ness to come home, the bit where we can be happy and not anguished or angst ridden. Football has helped us become happier for a moment but unfortunately it cannot bring lasting happiness.

Only God can bring lasting happiness. God is our creator, he is our origin, he is the source of joy of peace and happiness. He is our home. The proclamation that God is our Joy was at the heart of the Franciscan Movement that swept Europe in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. It was God as Joy, as Holy, that was at the heart of the life and Mission of St Bonaventure. He dedicated the first part of his life to teaching, learning and writing at the University of Paris and then he dedicated the second part of his life to Pastoring, directing and troubleshooting the zealous and chaotic fledgling Franciscan Order. He did that because of his sense of Vocation, of being called into God's service, that drove him and enabled him to undertake and ex-acting and difficult role as Head of the Franciscan Order.

Our saint is an example to us of someone who used his gifts to serve God and the world. Each one of us is called to do the same, whatever our gifts, however big or small. We are called to service, to show our world that God is our true home, we are called to live in him. In a sense the coming of the Kingdom of God is our home coming to us, God in his love giving us a fore-taste of his glory. Let us with joy proclaim our God of Glory to our world because our world needs to know that true peace and happiness can only from the God.

Fr Tom

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Church Bristol

Parish Priest: Fr.Tom Smith

Parish Administrator: Caroline Evans

Parish Office Hours (term time only): Tues
12-3pm, Weds 9am –12pm, Fri 1-3pm

PARISH MATTERS

Joy Rigg RIP: Many of you will have heard the sad news that Joy Rigg passed away last Sunday. We say farewell to a wonderful, joyful, gracious lady who had been such an integral part of St Bon's community throughout her life. We wish her family all the very best in this difficult time and send our love and prayers to all of them. Joy's funeral will be held here at St Bon's on Wednesday 18th July at 2.30pm. The family will not be wearing black and there will be family flowers only. You are welcome to join the family in the Presbytery after the service. Donations to Cafod can be made at R Davies.

Special Feast Day Mass: We look forward to welcoming you to Mass at 11am on Sunday in the school playground (weather is looking sunny!).

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Summer Holiday Times: Due to Adorers being on holiday in July and August, Adoration will now finish at 8pm on the Tuesday evening when the Blessed Sacrament is reposed.

Lost phone: A phone has been handed into the Parish Office, if it's yours please contact us!

Apostleship of the Sea Collection: £193.62 raised, thank you for your generosity!

Vacancy: Are you super organised, great with people and able to think on your feet? Do you enjoy working in a local community? If so, we need you! We are looking to employ a Parish Administrator from September to work alongside our communications co-ordinator. The job would be 9 hours a week. If you are interested and would like to apply, please email the Parish Office and we will send you a job description and application form. Deadline for submission Monday 6th August 2018.

OUR COMMUNITY

St. Bon's School Open Days: This year's Open Day dates will be Weds 19th Sept and Tues 2nd Oct at 9.30am, 10.30am & 1.30pm. The Open Evening is one Tues 25th Sept at 7pm. Poster at the back of church. For information please email st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk.

Permanent Diaconate: The Diocesan Diaconal Discernment process will begin in September. This is a good time for any men in our congregation to reflect on whether they feel called to serve God in this way. If you would like to find out more please speak to Fr Tom.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Veronica. Geoff Barrett.

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 it can be recorded.

FINANCE & FABRIC

Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory total for the w/e 8th July £441.47

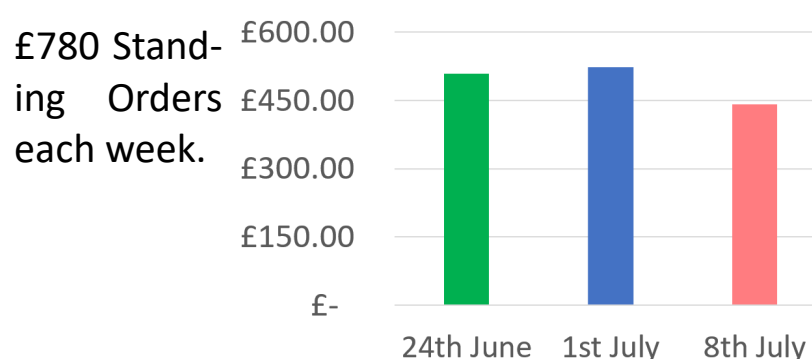


PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Power failure chaos in our carpark this week!

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Pope Francis 
@Pontifex

Following

Every occasion is a good one to spread Christ's message!

4:30 am - 8 Jul 2018

8,648 Retweets 43,945 Likes



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OTHER NEWS

Live Simply Thought for the Week: The final episode of Blue Planet II, underlined the damage being done to our oceans and its inhabitants by plastic pollution. What can I do to reduce my contribution to this problem? Here are a few ideas to get you started: use a reusable water bottle and coffee mug, carry a reusable shopping bag, make your own packed lunches, find out about plastic pollution. The website <http://www.plasticisrubbish.com/> gives lots more ideas and information.

Arise Bristol: An Evening of Healing Service will be held on Wednesday, 18th July from 6pm - 9pm at Sacred Heart with Praise and Worship, Word of God sharing, Testimonies, Spiritual Sharing, Holy Mass and Adoration.

South West Group of The Confraternity of St James: A 2-3 hour walk to Hailes Abbey, Gloucestershire. Meet in the car park of Hayles Fruit Farm, Winchcombe, Cheltenham GL54 5PB between 10.30 & 11am. The Abbey is owned by the National Trust - free to members, £6 for non-members. If you need further information please phone Liz Crean on 07970101275.

Social Media Pages: Keep up to date with all the St. Bons Church news and events on our social media pages on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram - details on the front page.

YEAR OF MISSION

During this Year of Mission, Fr Christopher from the Diocese's Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation shares these thoughts with us:



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mission always involves being sent out... that's what it means to be an apostle. Jesus draws the Twelve close to him, giving them a share in his authority and his mission, and sends them out to preach God's mercy, healing and forgiveness. Notice what they are to rely upon... not what they pack 'just in case' – spare shoes, a packed lunch, an extra tunic. No! They are to rely on what God will provide for the journey. They come close to Jesus before they are sent out – that's important. We need to be close to the Lord if his mission is to become ours... or else we go out empty handed and with an empty heart. It's also the Lord we constantly return to... after all it is his mission we share in and not one of our own making. Wherever we find ourselves during this coming week may our mission towards others be one that brings healing, mercy and peace into others' lives.

St. Bonaventure's Feast Day 2018

DON'T FORGET: Sunday morning Mass will be at 11am at the school. Saturday and Sunday Evening Mass will go ahead as normal.

The BBQ will start at 12.00pm along with music from local band 'The Lazy River'! We will also have a vegan food stall, children's games, soft drinks, cakes, ice cream and much more! There will be a photographer at this event.

Invite your friends and family - all welcome!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF ST. BONAVENTURE

Today, there are nearly 50 (if not more!) churches, schools and places including lakes, rivers, an island, university and golf club named after St. Bonaventure in countries as far flung as Mexico, Pakistan and Canada. We got in touch with a few to see how they will be celebrating the Feast of St. Bon's which has been celebrated since 1482!

- St Bonaventure Parish & Church in California will light 12 dedication candles at a special 7:30am Mass on Sunday.
- St Bonaventure's boys school in London will finish school for the summer after a special Feast Day Mass on Friday 13th.
- In Rosa near Venice they hold an annual festival of St Bonaventure which lasts all weekend.
- St. Bonaventure's Church in New Jersey will be holding a celebratory picnic after their Sunday Mass.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Ordinary Time Week 15 (Year B)

Sunday 15th July

Feast Day of St. Bonaventure

11.00am Mass Pro Pop—At the School

7.00pm Mass *Private Intention*

Monday 16th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Joy Rigg R.I.P.*

Tuesday 17th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am *Gerlando Caci R.I.P.*

Wednesday 18th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass—End of Year School Mass

9:45am—No Holy Hour this week

2:30pm Funeral—Joy Rigg

Thursday 19th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Friday 20th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm Mass *Tom & Irene Loftus*

Saturday 21st July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass *McKeogh Family*

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 5.00pm-5.40pm

N.B. Saturday Evening Mass has changed from 7.00pm to 6.00pm.