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## St Bon's eNewsletter

16th - 22nd September 2018



### A Message from Fr Tom

An awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits. Many people know that our current progress and the mere amassing of things and pleasures are not enough to give meaning and joy to the human heart, yet they feel unable to give up what the market sets before them. In those countries which should be making the greatest changes in consumer habits, young people have a new ecological sensitivity and a generous spirit, and some of them are making admirable efforts to protect the environment. At the same time, they have grown up in a milieu of extreme consumerism and affluence which makes it difficult to develop other habits. We are faced with an educational challenge.

Environmental education has broadened its goals. Whereas in the beginning it was mainly centred on scientific information, consciousness-raising and the prevention of environmental risks, it tends now to include a critique of the "myths" of a modernity grounded in a utilitarian mindset (individualism, unlimited progress, competition, consumerism, the unregulated market). It seeks also to restore the various levels of ecological equilibrium, establishing harmony within ourselves, with others, with nature and other living creatures, and with God. Environmental education should facilitate making the leap towards the transcendent which gives ecological ethics its deepest meaning. It needs educators capable of developing an ethics of ecology, and helping people, through effective pedagogy, to grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care.

Yet this education, aimed at creating an “ecological citizenship”, is at times limited to providing information, and fails to instil good habits. The existence of laws and regulations is insufficient in the long run to curb bad conduct, even when effective means of enforcement are present. If the laws are to bring about significant, long-lasting effects, the majority of the members of society must be adequately motivated to accept them, and personally transformed to respond. Only by cultivating sound virtues will people be able to make a selfless ecological commitment. A person who could afford to spend and consume more but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes, shows the kind of convictions and attitudes which help to protect the environment. There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices. All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings. Reusing something instead of immediately discarding it, when done for the right reasons, can be an act of love which expresses our own dignity.

We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world. They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread. Furthermore, such actions can restore our sense of self-esteem; they can enable us to live more fully and to feel that life on earth is worthwhile.

Taken from *Laudato Si'*, the second [encyclical](#) of [Pope Francis](#).

## Saint of the Week



**St Edith (961-84)** Daughter of King Edgar, Edith was brought up in the monastery at Wilton, living in the cloister with her mother, by then Abbess of Wilton. In 978 after the murder of her half-brother, Edward the Martyr, certain magnates wished Edith to become Queen, but she refused. She died aged 23.

## Picture of the Week



**James 2:17:** Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

## Tweet of the Week



**Pope Francis** ✓  
@Pontifex

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Let us involve ourselves in our relationship of love with Jesus and we will be able to perform good works that have the fragrance of the Gospel.

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## YEAR OF MISSION

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's easier to tell someone what others think of them rather than tell someone what you actually think of them. Peter, speaking for the Twelve, nails colours to the mast: 'You are the Christ!' Jesus then unfolds for the Twelve exactly what that means – he will suffer, he will die and he will rise again. That's not something Peter wants to hear. He's happy to 'believe' in the Christ who will save God's people, who will champion God's people, who will liberate God's people... but a Christ who will suffer? That's not on his radar, nor does it fit his image of the Christ. They are harsh words spoken to Peter in calling him Satan but they wake him up to the fact that we cannot make God in our image! Suffering, difficulty, rejection and abandonment are part of that image and they are part of the disciple's life, too. And even when they are – in some great or small way – we mustn't forget the 'rising from the dead'. God does not abandon us when we suffer, when we face rejection or difficulty. He is there and he walks with us, alongside of us, just as the psalmist has confidence in the presence of God in the midst of everything. Wherever we are, whatever we face this week, know God is there at our side.

## News and Events

### PARISH MATTERS

**R.I.P.:** Please remember in your prayers Dario Falco who has recently passed away. Dario's funeral will be at St Bon's on Wednesday 26th September at 10.30am.

**Second Collection This Week:** Home Mission Sunday.

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Summer Times:** Adoration will finish at 8pm on the Tuesday evening.

**Praying the Rosary:** The monthly Parish Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 2nd October at 2pm in the Dining Room in St Bon's Presbytery. We will pray and discuss the Rosary and have a cup of tea. Contact Chris Searle 0777 116 1259. All welcome. Prayer requests most welcome.

**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. The job would be 9 hours a week. If you are interested in applying, please email the office for a job description and application form.

### **OUR COMMUNITY**

**Friday Soup Social:** The Friday Soup Social is now back after the Summer break. All are very welcome to come for a chat and to share a simple lunch. Fridays 12pm in the St Bon's Presbytery. A donation is made to charity.

**Children's Liturgy Formation:** A wonderful opportunity for Children's Liturgy teams to come together for a short period of formation taking place on Saturday 13th October in the Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral, Pembroke Road, Bristol from 10am to 1pm. All welcome.

**School Admissions Appeal Panel Members:** The Department for Schools & Colleges are looking to recruit new panel members for School Admission Appeals, which generally take place in May-July each year. To find out more, please contact Jenny Fitzgerald on 0117 9025599 or email: [jenny.fitzgerald@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:jenny.fitzgerald@cliftondiocese.com).

### **MASS TIMES**

Sunday 16th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass <i>Joy Rigg R.I.P.</i>
	7.00pm Mass <i>Pro Pop</i>
	9.00am Morning Prayer
Monday 17th September Memorial of St Edith of Wilton	9.15am Mass <i>Isabel Croft-Reem</i>
	9.00am Morning Prayer
	9.15am Mass <i>Maximilian Cook R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 18th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Morning Prayer
	9.15am Mass <i>Maximilian Cook R.I.P.</i>
	9.00am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am Mass <i>Bill &amp; Marie Louise</i>
	<i>Brodnax R.I.P.</i>
	9.45am Holy Hour
Thursday 20th September Memorial of Ss Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions	No Mass
Friday 21st September Feast of St Matthew	7.00pm Mass <i>Tom &amp; Irene Loftus</i>
Saturday 22nd September Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Mass <i>Pro Pop</i>

### **Confession**

Saturday 5.00pm - 5.40pm

### **Eucharistic Exposition**



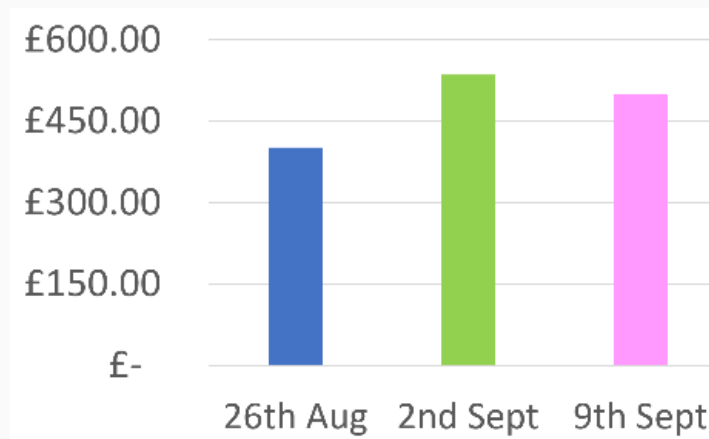
Monday 10.00am - Wednesday 12.00am  
Wednesday 9.45am - 10.45am  
Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Saturday 5.00pm - 5.40pm

### Please Pray For:

Veronica. Geoff Barrett. Maria Alfano.

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.

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