



ST BONAVENTURE'S NEWSLETTER

OT Week 26
30th Sept
2018

A Community of Missionary
Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

This weekend sees the changing of the guard in the Parish office. Caroline who has worked so hard for us over the last few years is leaving and it is a great joy to welcome Anne Rose who was appointed as our new administrator last week. For me this is a very big moment. What many people do not know is that Caroline came and worked here voluntarily when I had just moved in. I still find this remarkable, that someone who is not a Catholic decided to come and work for me for free and really rescued me from a fate worse than death in those early months in the office. Caroline eventually applied for the job and has worked as our administrator for the last few years. She has worked tirelessly in helping to build the Parish that we have today. I think it is fair to say that anything we have achieved over the last few years has in no small part been aided by Caroline and her meticulous, dedicated work. So much has happened over the last few years, and without Caroline getting on with the highly essential but in my eyes extremely boring jobs, nothing would have got done. She has given me the freedom to do what I do best and for that I owe her a debt of gratitude.

It can be quite hard to define what happens in a Parish office but there are certain roles that inevitably need fulfilling. Like many Parishes we have a steady stream of people who seek one Sacrament or another. With each Sacrament not only comes certain preparation but a pile of paper work, application forms and registers that need filling in and it is very important that it is done properly. It can mean the difference between someone getting married or not getting married in the future if a baptism or confirmation is not recorded correctly. Think of all the admin for each Sacramental programme, it is very demanding. My lament is that all this demanding paper work is only the bare minimum yet many Parishes do not look further than this. To my way of looking, a Parish like ours should be run like a small business: we should have staff, we certainly need a buildings manager and a full time paid catechist is also needed. But the Catholic Church in the U.K has always seemed to aim small and when a Parish does the basics well that is deemed a success. For me doing the basics well is important but going beyond that is essential.

What does going beyond the basics look like? It means giving people opportunities for growth in their relationship with God through groups and programmes, it means giving people who have not heard of Christ an opportunity to meet him through Alpha and other programmes, it means giving members of our community a chance to meet in small groups to stay connected and grow in their faith together. Caroline has done the basics exceptionally well and has enabled us to begin to work on the beyond. I have valued her help and support over the last few years. I find it amusing that I love exciting new things and Caroline loves getting the sensible stuff done, that has been a life saver. I know many of you hold Caroline in great affection and are grateful for what she has done in the office over the years. Please say a prayer of gratitude for her as she moves on to new things and offer another for Anne who joins Laura and myself in the office, I hope the next few years will be as fruitful and fun as the ones just gone!

Fr Tom

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PARISH MATTERS

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.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: There is a permanent slot available on Mondays 11-12 pm. Please phone Cecilia Browne 07812569631 if you are able to make a commitment to adoration or would like further information about what is involved.

Church Repository: Karen Nelson and Neta Roylance-Smith will be resuming the church repository every first Sunday of the month after the 9.30am Family Mass. For the Christmas period it will be open weekly starting from November through December also after the 9.30am Family Mass.

Social Media Pages and new St Bons YouTube Vlog: Keep up to date with all the St. Bons Church news on our social media pages on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram - details on the front page. We now also have a YouTube vlog 'Fr Tom Talks', the first is now live on our page (St Bons Bristol), where Fr Tom discusses why he became a priest

OUR COMMUNITY

Vacancy: Trust and Grants Applications Officer in the Diocesan Finance Team. This role will involve working closely with parishes to identify fundraising opportunities and researching trust and grant funding organisations to find suitable funding for projects. Requires experience of preparing and writing funding bids as well as excellent communication skills to deliver fundraising support throughout the Diocese. The deadline for applications is 5th October 2018. An application form can be found on the Clifton Diocese Website under "Diocese/Working for Us".

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: This Friday 5th October is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day when you are invited to eat simply and give the money saved to enable CAFOD to help the poorest people around the world. Please take an envelope to bring back next week. The Friday soup lunch will also be in aid of CAFOD.

Bishopston Inter Church Group (Time Correction): This year's 'Trip for Seniors' is to Cadbury Garden Centre on Monday 8th October. No charge, only your lunch (which you can bring with you) and a tip for the Driver. Meeting at St. Bon's Car Park at 9:30am and then at 9:45am at St. Bartholemew's. Tel S Whalley 0117 9240331 to book.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Veronica.

Geoff Barrett.

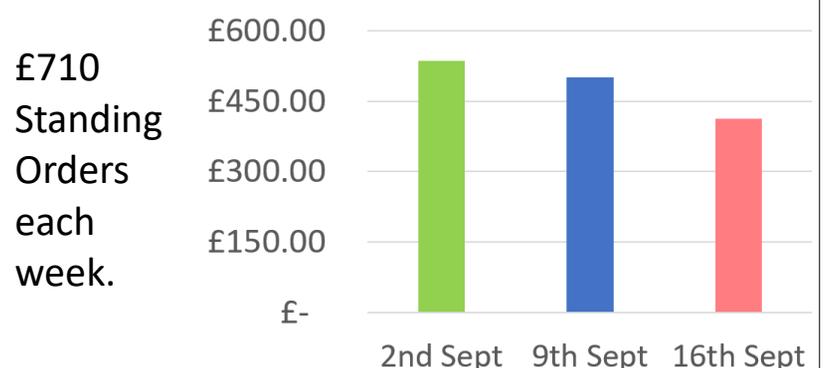
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If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office to give your consent so that it can be recorded.

FINANCE & FABRIC

Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory total for the w/e 23rd Sept TBC.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Vlog filming and building work in the Presbytery this week!

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Following

Peace is a choice: it cannot be imposed and it isn't found by chance.

2:30 am - 21 Sep 2018

11,979 Retweets 42,815 Likes



973 12K 43K

OTHER NEWS

Live Simply Thought for the Week: CAFOD is asking people to contact their MPs as the 10th anniversary of the Climate Change act approaches. The act was a pioneering piece of legislation committing the UK to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050. The law was the first of its kind and showed that the UK was serious about tackling climate change. However, ten years on, we know that we need to be going much further and faster with our emissions cuts if we are going to limit the worst effects of climate change. We need to set a net zero target before 2050, this means only producing the same amount of greenhouse gases that we take in, e.g. by planting trees. A group of MPs have already come together to ask for this by signing a letter. But if we are going to set a new target, we need to ask more MPs to sign up. There is a letter on the CAFOD website which you can send to your MP- go to cafod.org.uk/climate to do so.

Missio Red Box Holders: Please help yourselves to a copy of the Autumn edition of the Missio magazine. It is full of articles about how your generosity brings the hope of the Gospel to parts of the world where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty. The magazine is available from the table in the church porch.

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:



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We shouldn't grow possessive about the mission we are engaged in. We can fall into the trap of thinking that the proclamation of the kingdom, doing good, helping people and revealing love, belongs solely to those who confess Christ. But there are plenty who do good, and plenty of folk who love, who wouldn't profess to be Christian. Should we stop them from doing good? Are we to stop them from loving? No! Maybe we need to grow in an appreciation of where goodness is to be found in so many people around us, for there the presence of God is also to be found. Let's open our eyes this week to see the Lord at work in the lives of so many around us. Let's find his goodness and his love at work in and through them.

WHAT'S ON?

October Month of Our Lady: October is dedicated to the remembrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary 'Our Lady of the Rosary'. We will be saying the Rosary after Mass each weekday.

St Bons Quiz Night: November 16th 7:30pm at St Bons Primary School. Why not come along and join us for our annual Quiz Night full of fun and laughter! There will be a bar and snacks for your refreshment. Teams of no more than 6 people at £10 per team

Christmas Carol Service: Date for your Diary! Friday 14th December at 7pm, followed by Mince pies in the Presbytery. More details to follow.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Francis of Assisi



St Francis of Assisi, born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, was a friar, deacon and preacher. He is the patron saint for ecologists (a title honouring his boundless love for animals and nature) and is considered the founder of all Franciscan orders.

St Francis began to see visions from God that changed his life. His first told him to help the sick. Then, when praying, St Francis heard God tell him to start to repair the Church.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Ordinary Time Week 26 (Year B)

Sunday 30th September

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass *Les Bateman R.I.P.*

7.00pm Mass Pro Pop

Monday 1st October

Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Fr Michael D'arcy R.I.P.*

Tuesday 2nd October

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *David Wakefield*

Wednesday 3rd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Eileen O'Callaghan R.I.P.*

9:45am Holy Hour

Thursday 4th October

Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

No Mass

Friday 5th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm Mass *Holy Souls*

Saturday 6th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass Pro Pop

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 5.00pm-5.40pm

Please be aware of the Winter Mass time change:

Sunday 28th October (when the clocks change) from 7.00pm to 6.00pm.