

# ST BONAVENTURE'S NEWSLETTER

Easter Week 4  
12th May  
2019

A Community of Missionary  
Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

## **CHRISTUS VIVIT OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF GOD**

39. "Even though to many young people, God, religion and the Church seem empty words, they are sensitive to the figure of Jesus when he is presented in an attractive and effective way" Consequently, the Church should not be excessively caught up in herself but instead, and above all, reflect Jesus Christ. This means humbly acknowledging that some things concretely need to change, and if that is to happen, she needs to appreciate the vision but also the criticisms of young people. "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!"

8. Those of us who are no longer young need to find ways of keeping close to the voices and concerns of young people. "Drawing together creates the conditions for the Church to become a place of dialogue and a witness to life-giving fraternity". We need to make more room for the voices of young people to be heard: "listening makes possible an exchange of gifts in a context of empathy... At the same time, it sets the conditions for a preaching of the Gospel that can touch the heart truly, decisively and fruitfully".

230. In addition to the ordinary, well-planned pastoral ministry that parishes and movements carry out, it is also important to allow room for a "popular" youth ministry, with a different style, schedule, pace and method. Broader and more flexible, it goes out to those places where real young people are active, and fosters the natural leadership qualities and the charisms sown by the Holy Spirit. It tries to avoid imposing obstacles, rules, controls and obligatory structures on these young believers who are natural leaders in their neighbourhoods and in other settings. We need only to accompany and encourage them, trusting a little more in the genius of the Holy Spirit, who acts as he wills.

201. During the Synod, one of the young auditors from the Samoan Islands spoke of the Church as a canoe, in which the elderly help to keep on course by judging the position of the stars, while the young keep rowing, imagining what waits for them ahead. Let us steer clear of young people who think that adults represent a meaningless past, and those adults who always think they know how young people should act. Instead, let us all climb aboard the same canoe and together seek a better world, with the constantly renewed momentum of the Holy Spirit.

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Parish Priest: Fr. Tom Smith  
Parish Office Hours: Monday  
& Friday 9:30am-12:30pm.  
Wednesday 11am-1pm.

## OUR PARISH

**Fr Tom's Vlog:** Fr Tom's latest vlog is now available on YouTube. Fr Tom talks to Linda from the welfare group and discusses why it's important for a parish to have a welfare group and do the work of Jesus. Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/BMftc86NpQc>

**Giving:** Since last year (2017 to 2018), our costs of running have increased by 8.3% (this just includes costs of council tax, heating, lighting, rubbish, gardening, cleaning & admin). We'd greatly appreciate it if your giving could reflect that. At a record high, our heating bill for December, January and February was over £5000.

**Month of Mary:** May is the month of Mary therefore the rosary will be recited after weekday masses this month.

**Help with Catering:** We are looking for people to help with the catering on our St Bon's Alpha course. We are putting together a rota and it would mean a commitment of catering about every 4-6 weeks depending on numbers. Actual numbers to be catered for will be known once the course is up and running. Ideally you would prepare the food and then attend the Alpha evening to serve and then clear away. This would be a great opportunity for you to be part of the Alpha team. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, contact Angela 07974778753 [arb\\_carruthers@hotmail.com](mailto:arb_carruthers@hotmail.com).

**Accountancy:** We are looking for a management (not financial) accountant to help us with some strategic planning. We are hoping you can help. If there is anyone with management accountancy experience please get in touch with Fr Tom, he would love to hear from you.

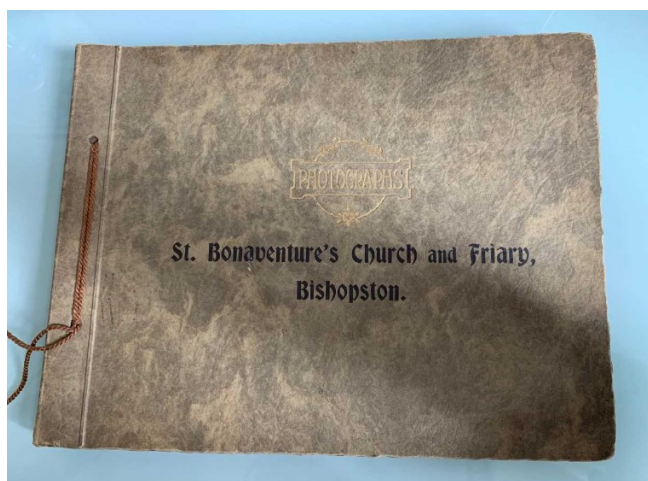
## OUR COMMUNITY

**livesimply Thought for the Week:** Do you need to buy it? It is almost always better to use something that you already have than to buy something new, even if the new item is a 'green' product. Doing more with less is not the same as doing without! Ask yourself: Do I really need it now? Do I have it already? Is there something else I could use instead? Could I borrow it? How much can I save by not getting it? What would it really add to my life?

**St Bon's Cricket XI:** St Bon's Cricket XI welcomes new players, young and old, experienced or newcomers, male or female to add their squad this season. We play 20:20 fixtures, weekly, on various nights over the Summer and are always on the look out for new talent. Come along and try, you only have to commit to one game at a time! FFI please contact John Hickey: [jjhickey55@gmail.com](mailto:jjhickey55@gmail.com)

**Quiz Evening:** A quiz evening in aid of HCPT will be held at St Teresa's Social Centre on Saturday 11th May at 7:30pm. Burgers and Hot Dogs available. All welcome.

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK



We have recently received a photograph album donated by Nick Hodges whose Father constructed the altars in the 1930s. Pictures to follow!

## YEAR OF PRAYER

As we prepare to journey into the diocesan *Year of Prayer*, Fr Christopher from the Diocese's Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation shares these reflections with us.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

It is said that every shepherd has a different 'voice', a different way of communicating with his or her own sheep, so that when even when shepherds meet together and all their sheep are mixed up, an individual shepherd can move on knowing that only the sheep of his or her flock will follow. Jesus is our shepherd, the Good shepherd. He knows each one of us personally. It is comforting to know that we have someone who really cares about us and who calls us by name. In a world where there is a myriad of voices trying to capture our attention and entice us into this or that, we can be confident that there is one voice which offers us fullness of life if we choose to listen. In our following of Jesus, we come to know God and in knowing God we experience the goodness and kindness of God's love and mercy for each one of us.

## WHAT'S ON?

**Art Club:** The Art Club continues on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 10-11:30am. All are very welcome to either come and do some art or play board games, puzzles etc, have a drink and a chat.

**Friday Soup Lunch:** 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.

**Praying the Rosary:** The monthly Parish Rosary Revival Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 4th June at 2pm in the Dining Room in St Bonaventure's Presbytery. We will pray and discuss the rosary and have a cup of tea. Contact Chris Searle 07771161259. All welcome.

## TWEET OF THE WEEK



Pope Francis   
@Pontifex

Following

As Pope John XXIII said: "I never met a pessimist who managed to do something good". The Lord is the first not to be pessimistic. He constantly tries to open up paths of resurrection for all of us.

[#ApostolicJourney](#) [#Bulgaria](#)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Veronica. Maria Alfano. Anna McGinn. Nachtter Kaur. Kathleen Ward. Reenie Slattery. Pat Kissane. Reena James. Elinor McCorry.

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

# St. Bonaventure's Feast Day 2019

SUNDAY 14TH JULY 11AM-2PM  
ST BONS SCHOOL PLAYGROUND, EGERTON RD, BS7 8HP

DETAILS  
COMING  
SOON!

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Our Lady of Fatima**



The Blessed Virgin Mary is venerated under this title following apparitions to three shepherd children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in Portugal in 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin and a dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially through praying the Rosary.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Easter Week 4 (Year C)

**Sunday 12th May**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9.30am Mass *For our Social Media Followers*

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

**Monday 13th May**

**Weekday of Easter**

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Isabella Ling R.I.P.*

**Tuesday 14th May**

**Feast of St. Matthias**

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Elinor McCorry*

**Wednesday 15th May**

**Weekday of Easter**

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Allistair Parry R.I.P.*

**Thursday 16th May**

**Weekday of Easter**

No Mass

**Friday 17th May**

**Weekday of Easter**

7.00pm Mass *Des & Val Anglin*

**Saturday 18th May**

**Weekday of Easter**

6.00pm Mass *Roy & Alicia Cook R.I.P.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 5.00pm-5.40pm

**Adoration:** Monday at 10am after Mass through to 8pm on Tuesday.