



ST BONAVENTURE'S NEWSLETTER

OT Week 10
9th June
2019

A Community of Missionary
Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

'Feelings don't care about your facts' Titania McGrath

This week I have been moved by two news items, one sickened me and the other almost brought me to tears. The image of Siobhan Prigent and a group of anti-Trump demonstrators surrounding a trump supporter and screaming 'Nazi scum' in his face chilled me. It was the venom and apparent hatred with which she was screaming and the delight that lit up her face when he was eventually milkshaked which left me with a deep feeling of sadness, I found it sickening. The man was not Trump, he probably has never met Trump so why were they screaming at him, what on earth has he actually done other than have an opinion.

The other item that moved me was a recording of General Eisenhower's D-day broadcast declaring that 'the hour of your liberation is approaching'. It was a message which conveyed hope to a continent that had been brought to its knees by Nazi maniacs and fanatics hellbent on the destruction of the Jews and domination of Europe. Europe was on the edge, millions had given their lives, people were living in poverty just to survive. Europe at the end of the war is impossible for me to imagine. The sacrifice that went in to saving our free world is something I find almost incomprehensible. I live with freedom and luxury, I have a choice as to how I live my life. No one is trying to destroy my country or threaten my life. I can only image what those words of Eisenhower's meant to the millions who heard them. Whatever people felt about going to war and sacrificing their lives, the fact of Nazism meant they had to put feelings aside and do their duty for King and country.

Two events in a week of news, Trump's visit and the 75th anniversary of D-Day. As we celebrate the freedom that the sacrifice of millions won for us in the Second World War, it can be an opportunity to reflect on what we use that freedom for.

St John Paul II was insistent about religious freedom and tolerance because he grew up experiencing both Nazism and Communism. Both of which were intolerant of anything that did not agree with them. Our society is crying out for peace and harmony. As we celebrate 75yrs since D-Day, let us reflect on how our faith can help us value and cherish people who disagree with us and respectfully disagree with them in a way that would make Jesus proud of us!

Fr Tom

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Wednesday 11am-1pm.

OUR PARISH

Feast Day of St Bonaventure's: This is a simple request for your help and support. As you are all aware we are holding another family day this year in celebration of our very own St Bonaventure! Last year was a success but as all events go we learn year on year where we need to improve to make the day even better for all there! We need volunteers for setting up the evening before, running the stalls , talking to the community attending and letting them know who we are and what we are about , packing up and putting away. Without you chaps this wouldn't be possible. Please have a think dig deep and contact me if you feel you can help. Thanks for your time. Neta Roy-lance Smith.

St. Bonaventure's Archive: Did you know that when the Franciscans originally came to Bristol they first moved into a house in Egerton Rd that you pass every time you come to St. Bon's! Just look out for the house on your left a few doors away that has a cross on the gable apex! We are planning to mount a display of archive material to illustrate the history & growth of our Parish & already have the promise of some photographs & other items of interest that can be included. Please look through any of your memorabilia & bring it to Mass on 8th/9th, 15th/16th or 22nd/23rd June where you will be able to hand it in to Maria Hanley @ the Sat 6.00pm Mass, Mary & Phil Gainard @ the Sun 9.30am, or Linda Spong @ the Sun. 7.00pm. Please be sure to write your name & contact details on the back so we can return the material safely to you afterwards.

Vlog, Ask Fr Tom: Fr Tom's latest vlog is now available on YouTube. Fr Tom takes a question from one of our social media followers - Why is going to Mass important? Click here to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOX8Oz1PBSc>

Second Collections: Day for Life 16th June. Peter's Pence 30th June.

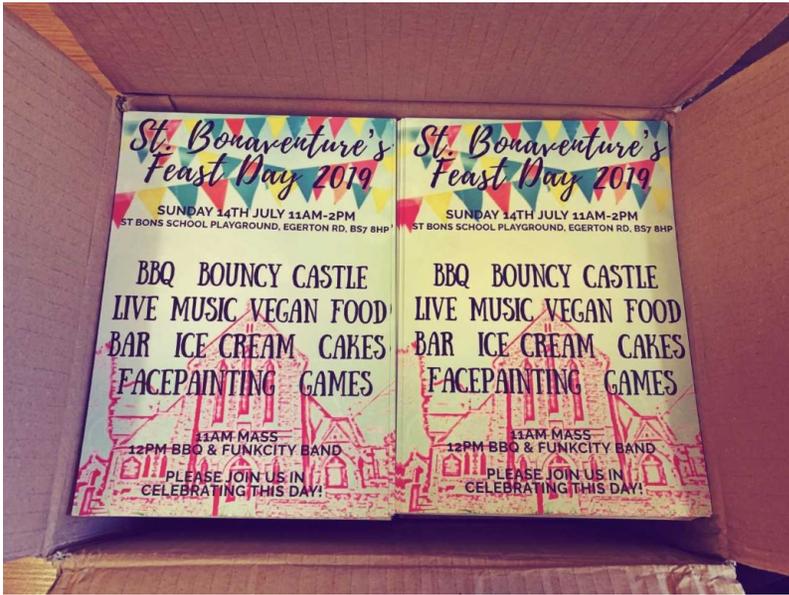
OUR COMMUNITY

St Bons School Summer Fair: Saturday 15th June 2-5pm. £1 for adults, kids free!

livesimply Thought for the Week: This week sees the beginning of Bristol's Refugee Festival (11 – 28 June). Events include photographic and art exhibitions, music and dance, family friendly creative activities and the flagship event 'Celebrating Sanctuary' held in Queens Square on Sunday, 23 June. Get involved and find out what refugees bring to our local culture. For details: <http://www.bristolrefugeefestival.org/events/>

Celebration of Marriage: Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 13th July at 12 noon Bishop Declan invites all married couples and those celebrating significant anniversaries to join him.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Our Feast Day flyers ready for distribution!

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.

PENTECOST

The great message of Pentecost which concludes our season of Easter, is rooted in fresh air and burning energy. That said, we would be mistaken if we find ourselves thinking that it is all about flames of fire suddenly appearing on the top of the disciples' heads. Pentecost, as our Gospel reminds us, is far more about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. As followers of the Lord we are expected to be a reconciling presence in the world. Wherever we encounter conflict we have a choice. We can walk away, or we can be an agent of peace and harmony. It is in our daily activities within our local community where we can be most effective in bringing peace to others. We may not be able to bring peace to the world, but we can bring peace to one another.

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.

Feast Day of St Bonaventure: Sunday 14th July 11:00am-2:00pm.

Mrs Charles's Retirement Mass: Tuesday 16th July 1:30pm.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



#PopeFrancis calls us to pray during the month of June that priests, "through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to solidarity with those who are most poor."

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

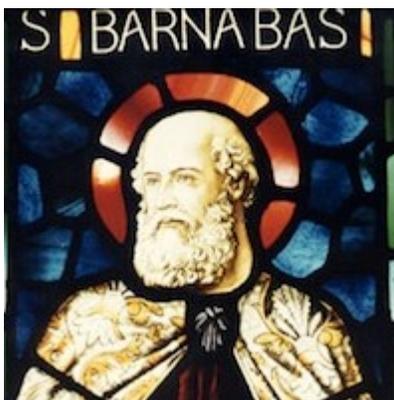
BBQ BOUNCY CASTLE
LIVE MUSIC VEGAN FOOD
BAR ICE CREAM CAKES
FACEPAINTING GAMES

11AM MASS
12PM BBQ & FUNKCITY BAND

PLEASE JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING THIS DAY!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Barnabas



St. Barnabas was a Jew, born in [Cyprus](#). He was among Christ's earliest followers and was responsible for welcoming St. Paul into the Church. St. Luke described Barnabas as 'a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith' (Acts 6:24), and he was known for his exceptional kindness and personal sanctity, and his openness to pagans.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Ordinary Time Week 10 (Year C)

Sunday 9th June

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

9.30am Mass *Pro Pop*

7.00pm Mass *Iris Furet R.I.P.*

Monday 10th June

Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Louise Sewell*

Tuesday 11th June

Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass

Wednesday 12th June

Weekday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *J Lemos & E Costa R.I.P.*

Thursday 13th June

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ

No Mass

Friday 14th June

Weekday of Ordinary Time

7.00pm Mass *Ann Hanley R.I.P.*

Saturday 15th June

Weekday of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 5.00pm-5.40pm

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