



ST BONAVENTURE'S NEWSLETTER

OT Week 13
30th June
2019

**A Community of Missionary
Disciples With Contemplative Hearts**

On Wednesday I travelled to Winchester with our Alpha leaders for a day focusing on mission and parish renewal. The day was for parishes in the Divine Renovation Network in the UK. We gathered with seven other parishes, priests and lay leaders to swap notes and share with each other our experiences of mission and renewal in our parishes.

Divine Renovation is a network of parishes who seek to become mission focussed communities. There is a growing awareness in the church that the way we have been doing things has not brought about a missionary church. Fr James Mallon, a Canadian Priest, worked with a group of parishioners in his parish in Halifax, Nova Scotia to move their community from a maintenance focus to a mission focus. His success has been the inspiration for parishes around the world who also want to become missionary in their outlook.

What the day threw up for me was how demanding it can be trying to change culture. The church has been talking about mission in a very clear way for the last seventy years. The theology of the church at the second Vatican Council talks of our mission to proclaim the gospel to our world. Pope after Pope after Pope has talked, written and preached about our call to mission and yet the culture in many parishes is one of maintenance.

Instead of making Jesus the centre of what we do and proclaiming his love to our local community, we appear to have put all our efforts in to providing sacramental moments to people who seem to want little engagement with the church. Over the last 10 years we have probably had 500 children make their first communion here. Where are those 500 and their families today? That is one example, we could say the same for baptism, confirmation and marriage. We put hours of time and effort into preparing for and performing sacraments for many people who do not want to commit and for some bizarre reason we repeat this activity, year after year after year. We want to maintain something that doesn't work. We put little or no effort into taking about Jesus or proclaiming his love to those who would never think of coming near a church uninvited. As I hope you are aware, we are trying to change that here!

The day in Winchester was uplifting because I was able to see others struggling with the same problem and seeking a solution. It was great to hear parishes who having been working at it for longer telling us what to expect and other just starting seeking their way. For me, one of the most important aspects of renewal is that it is collaborative. The room on Wednesday was packed with lay people, including our own. I believe the future of parish life and missionary activity will be in lay members of parishes taking on roles of leadership and embracing their baptismal call to be missionaries, how do you like the sound of that?

Fr Tom

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

OUR PARISH

R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Zygmunt Sawko who died recently. His Funeral will be at St. Bon's on Friday 12th July at 12noon.

R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Reenie Slattery who died recently. Reenie was Canon Ryan's housekeeper for over 30 years & so please keep him in your prayers also. The Funeral will be at St. Teresa's Wednesday 24th July at 12 noon.

Feast Day of St Bonaventure's: This is a simple request for your help and support. 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 Roylance Smith.

#FrTomTalks Fr Tom answers a question from one of our social media followers 'Has Priesthood been all that you've expected?' Click here to watch: <https://youtu.be/dL0zcHvw6IE>

Second Collections: Peter's Pence - 30th June. Apostleship of the Sea - 14th July.

OUR COMMUNITY

Parish Curry Lunch Sun 7th July: Fr Pratap Reddy who has visited us several times, will be visiting St Bons the 6/7th July to make an appeal for his work in childrens' education and community projects for his parish in Andhra Pradesh, India. There will be a Parish Curry Lunch on Sun 7th July in the Parish Hall from 12.30pm. Adults £6 Children £4 - all are welcome for this enjoyable parish social event. There will be home cooked veg curries or a pasta dish alternative. No pre-booking required. Proceeds go to Fr Pratap Reddy's work. To support by cooking curries or bringing a pudding, contact Heather heather.cowper@yahoo.co.uk 0796 8899534.

Glastonbury: This weekend the Sanctuary Marquee at Glastonbury Festival will be providing a Christian breathing space in the midst of the amazing energy of the festival. Please pray for the volunteers. They are there to listen to those that need to talk, a safe space to rest or sleep, water to keep everyone hydrated, karaoke, creative arts, prayer and church services.

Vacancy: CAFOD Clifton is looking for a new staff member to recruit and manage volunteers who work in our parishes and schools around the diocese. The role is based in Bristol. The role is 17.5 hours per week, permanent and a great opportunity for someone who cares passionately about poverty and injustice. Please see cafod.org.uk/jobs for details, from 1st July. The closing date is 17th July.

Red Missio Box Holders: If you would like your Red Box emptied then please bring it to the sacristy before or after Mass so it can be put in a safe place. Please make sure it has your name on it. The latest edition of 'Mission Today' is now available to collect from the church porch. Please take home a copy so you can read about the latest work of Missio and Pope Francis's plans for an Extraordinary Month of Mission in October.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



First Holy
Communion
at St Bons

YEAR OF PRAYER

As we prepare to journey into the diocesan *Year of Prayer*, the Diocese's Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation share these reflections.

Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul

The significance of Peter and Paul as saints of the Church is that they were such different people. Impetuous and impulsive Peter who rarely stopped to think and Paul, theologian, initial persecutor and transformed thinker, both show us that there is no one route to holiness. In 2006 when Emeritus Pope Benedict spoke to the school children at Twickenham he encouraged them to grow in holiness so that they may be the saints of the 21st century. This growth in holiness comes from knowing Jesus, not just as some distant figure, but as someone real and engaged in our lives. Pope Francis invites us to a 'renewed, personal encounter with Jesus'. When Jesus asks Peter who he thinks he is, Peter does not hesitate: 'you are the Christ' he replies. Peter knows Jesus because he has walked with him. Deep down, Peter has come to know who Jesus really is and we are invited to do the same. Get to know him at a deep and personal level. Coming to know Jesus is not about being clever, organised or even reflective. It is about being ourselves and responding with generosity to God's tender love and compassion 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 2nd July 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.

Parish Curry Lunch with Fr Pratap Reddy: Sunday 7th July from 12.30pm - all are most welcome for this enjoyable parish social event.

Feast of St Bonaventure's: Sunday 14th July 11am-2pm in the School Playground.

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

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

Following ▾

Jesus looks at us, loves us and awaits us. He is all heart and all mercy. Let us go with confidence to Jesus. He always forgives us.
[#SacredHeartofJesus](#)

1:12 am - 28 Jun 2019

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. Elizabeth of Portugal



St Elizabeth married King Denis of Portugal at the age of 12. She was known as 'the peace-maker' for her humble disposition, devotion to God and her Charity to the 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.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Ordinary Time Week 13 (Year C)

Sunday 30th June

Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul

9.30am Mass *Linda Spong*

7.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Monday 1st July

**Dedication of the Cathedral Church of
Sts Peter and Paul**

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Ann McGovern R.I.P.*

Tuesday 2nd July

Weekday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Reenie Slattery R.I.P.*

Wednesday 3rd July

Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Patricia & Philip Muston
R.I.P.*

Thursday 4th July

Weekday of Ordinary Time

No Mass

Friday 5th July

Weekday of Ordinary Time

7.00pm Mass

Saturday 6th July

Weekday of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 5.00pm-5.40pm

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