



# ST BONAVENTURE'S NEWSLETTER

OT Week 24  
15th September  
2019

A Community of Missionary  
Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

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## Latest vlogs:

1. Do we walk among angels and demons? Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/BimSUKQr9cs>
2. At what point do you know you're getting into heaven? Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/nf2suvEFL0o>
3. What Does a Successful Marriage Look Like? marriage, sacrifice and what a successful marriage looks like. Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/XnjmEDinMwU>
4. Ever wondered if confession is completely anonymous, even if a murder is confessed? Find out in [#FrTomTalks](#) Confession. Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/kJfco2GppSA>
5. Why is going to Mass important? Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/tOX8Oz1PBSc>

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

## OUR PARISH

**2nd Collection:** 15th September, Home Mission Sunday.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roger Paynter who died recently and for his wife and family who have asked for your prayers. The funeral details will follow.

## OUR COMMUNITY

**Vacancy:** Clifton Diocese is seeking to appoint a Marriage and Family Life co-ordinator. This is a part-time post for 3 days a week based in Bristol. For an application form and job description contact [Richard.Williams@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Richard.Williams@cliftondiocese.com) or ring 0117 902 5590 or see [www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us) The closing date for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Rushmore Male Voice Choir Afternoon Concert::** St James Priory on Friday 27th September. 2pm – 3.45pm. Tickets on the door - £10. All proceeds to St James Priory Project Charity. Supporting Vulnerable Adults in Bristol.

**Icons, Prayer of the Heart and the Mystery of the Rosary:** On October 26th, in Clifton Cathedral Apostle Room, Aidan will be talking about the meaning of icons and how we can pray with them. He will be joined by Mother Sarah (Orthodox nun and chaplain) and Sarah Richards (Benedictine Oblate) who will talk about 'prayer of the heart' and praying the 'mystery of the rosary'. There will also be an exhibition of contemporary icons in the Cathedral gallery. The day begins at 10:30am with light refreshments and will end at approximately 3:30pm. Tickets [www.cliftondiocese.com/beauty-spirit-matter](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/beauty-spirit-matter) or call 0117 9025591.

**Assistance Needed:** Carer/cleaner wanted for elderly lady living in the Henleaze area. The role will be varied and will involve some care, such as assisting the lady to get dressed, as well as cleaning and keeping her company. Hours needed will be discussed. Please contact Tess on 07841776599.

**EU Citizens:** A message from Rev Richard McKay from the Migrant Forum of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. All EU citizens (those holding EU passports, including their children born in UK and those married to UK citizens) after 'Brexit' must apply for residency in UK. Because there is now a real danger of 'Brexit' without an agreement, to avoid difficulties if travelling abroad with re-entry to UK, it is very advisable to make your application before Oct 31st. It is vitally important that those concerned (including people from Latin America holding Spanish passports and from Angola, East Timor etc holding Portuguese passports) understand the steps they need to take if they wish to remain in UK after 31st December 2020. It is relatively simple in most cases, but you must apply to the 'EU Settlement Scheme' before June 2021 otherwise you could become an 'illegal immigrant'. For more information visit: [www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status](http://www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status)

## TWEET OF THE WEEK



**GUVNA B** ✓  
@GuvnaB

The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace. Psalm 29:11

7:50 am · 6 Sep 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

43 Retweets 200 Likes

## YEAR OF PRAYER

The Diocese's Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation share these reflections.

### **24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

At the heart of today's Gospel is the theme of mercy. This is the mercy shown to the younger son when, having lost everything he had been given, decides to return to his father repenting and seeking forgiveness. The mercy shown to him is not something he earned but was there waiting for him, freely and joyfully given. There is no sense of reluctance or condition attached just gratitude for the one who was lost but has now returned. There is something for all of us in this message of great peace and joy. God is happy to forgive. He welcomes sinners with an open embrace and a warm heart. When we let go of our pride and present our own vulnerable self to God, there is always an open door. This unearned forgiveness is God's surprise for us. Pope Francis in an Angelus reflection once said; "Mercy towards a human life in a state of need is the true face of love". He went on to explain that it is by loving the other that one becomes a true disciple of Jesus and that the face of the Father is revealed. Can we offer the same forgiveness shown us to another? Can we be the face of God's joyful mercy?

## WHAT'S ON?

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on 13th December. It's going to be special, watch this space!

**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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ray Gunning.

Anne James.

Bob James.

Veronica.

Maria Alfano.

Anna McGinn.

Nachtter Kaur.

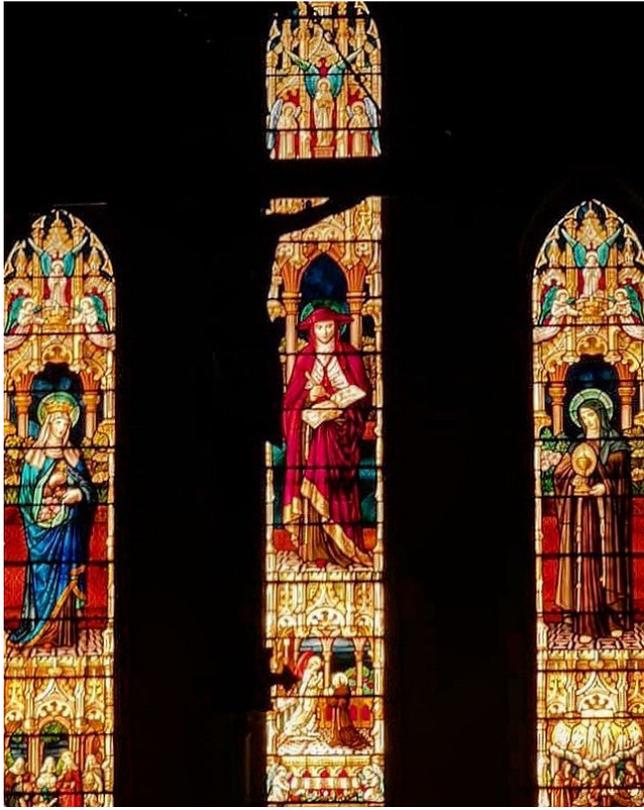
Kathleen Ward.

Pat Kissane.

Reena James.

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

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Our beautiful stained glass windows captured by Gary Aldwell.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang and Companions**



During the persecutions of the 19th Century, 103 members of the Christian community were martyred including the Korean Priest Andrew Kim Taegon and the lay apostle Paul Chong Hasang. Andrew, Paul and the other Korean martyrs were canonised in 1984, representatives of the 10,000 Catholics martyred in Korea before 1882.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Ordinary Time Week 24 (Year C)

**Sunday 15th September**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Mass *Rosemary Truesdale*

7:00pm Mass *Pro Pop*

**Monday 16th September**

**Memorial of Sts Cornelius and Cyprian**

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Ruth Ellen Bodey R.I.P.*

**Tuesday 17th September**

**Memorial of St Edith of Wilton**

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Ken Lapsley R.I.P.*

**Wednesday 18th September**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

10.30am *Kathleen O'Dwyer*

**Thursday 19th September**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Friday 20th September**

**Memorial of Sts Andrew Kim Taegon,  
Paul Chong Hasang and Companions**

7.00pm Mass *Ken Lapsley R.I.P.*

**Saturday 21st September**

**Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and  
Evangelist**

6.00pm Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 5.00pm-5.40pm

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