

ST BONAVENTURE'S NEWSLETTER

OT Week 29
20th October
2019

A Community of Missionary
Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

This week I thought I would give you some updates on things happening here at St Bon's over the coming months.

Carol Service

This year we are very excited to be hosting the Renewal Gospel Choir at St Bon's. Two of the members of the choir sang with the Kingdom Choir, at Prince Harry and Megan Markle's wedding. They are an amazing choir, vibrant, and joyful. The service is being called "Joyful Joyful" as we think of the joy Jesus brings at Christmas. The idea behind hosting the Renewal Choir is based on our idea to establish deeper community connections, both with our local neighbourhood and Bristol as a whole. Our desire is to welcome as many people as possible from our local area to encounter the joy Jesus brings at Christmas. For many people with a notion of God or with no particular faith Christmas may be a family time but the greater depth we enjoy may not be present in their lives. This is our way of inviting them to experience in a fun and informal way the joy we receive from the baby Jesus. I know it might seem early to be talking about the festive season already but unless we get the date out and start talking about it, diaries will be full by the beginning of December. This is an event you will not want to miss!

November - praying for the dead.

November is traditionally the month in the Catholic Church where we commemorate the dead. We do not do this in some grim, macabre way but with dignity and hope. The purpose of November is not to get disturbed by death but to recognise God's power and the gift of eternal life he gives to all. In November we pray for our deceased loved ones that they may know the peace and love of God, even if they did not experience much of it here on earth. The devotion of the church can be deeply consoling for us left behind and reminds us of our responsibility to pray for our loved ones who died. In the catholic tradition we do this by having a mass said for our loved ones. We have 3 big events in November.

31st October- Night of Light: an all night vigil of prayer starting with 7pm mass. Please sign up for a Time of prayer

2nd November- All Souls Mass and Blessing of Cemetery.

15th November - Annual memorial for all who have died this year. Both parishioners and loved ones of parishioners. All are welcome to this Mass.

Team Work

It is a real privilege to be the Parish Priest here. It can be very hard work as there are so many demands and many problems that continually need resolving, we are a charity and therefore do not have many staff to work full time on these issues. But we have an amazing group of dedicated and generous parishioners who give of their time and energy to make St. Bon's thrive. I am very proud and humbled by the effort people put in. That is my source of encouragement and inspiration when things seem hard. I literally couldn't do it without you. So thank you to everyone who works so hard, you are an inspiration!

Fr Tom.

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OUR PARISH

Winter Mass Time Change: Sunday night Mass from the 27th October (when the clocks change) will change from 7.00pm to 6.00pm.

First Holy Communion: As a Parish Community we have been evolving our ethos over the last few years. We are seeking to be a more welcoming community. It has become apparent over this period of time that building relationships is an important aspect of being a welcoming community. We have been looking at how we celebrate the sacraments in the context of relationship. Our FHC programme this coming year will be focussing on your relationship with God and the parish. This year we will be meeting with each family to get to know you, to see where you are in your faith journey and your relationship with the parish. Together we can see if now is the right time to go forward with FHC. We want to invite you to be part of a lovely community of faith where your life can be changed by the grace of God. Applications for first Holy Communion need to be submitted before the end of half term. You will be invited to an informal meeting with Fr Tom and a member of the team to get to know you and your family.

Prayer Leaflets: Prayers for priests and seminarians are in the leaflets, available at the back of the church.

OUR COMMUNITY

Vacancy at St Bons School: The governors and Headteacher at St Bons Catholic Primary school are seeking to appoint an exceptional, dedicated and committed Caretaker. Closing date is Friday 18th October. Contact st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk or 0117 353 2830.

Vacancy at Corpus Christi, Weston-super-mare: This position is 12 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday. Good IT, computer and organisational skills are essential. In addition you will be required to manage the booking system for the Hall as well as maintaining the Parish website. Pay is £10.50 ph. To receive an application pack, please email Joseph Burke: wsmcc@cliftondiocese.com. Closing date for applications is 8th November.

Mary Poppins: The St Bonaventure's school and community production is for adults (and children) who would like to have a go at treading the boards. All proceeds from this production will go to St Bonaventure's. The final rehearsals and performances will be in St Bonaventure's parish hall during the week of 14th – 21st March 2020. Auditions will take place on Sunday 6th October 5.30pm - 7pm at St Bonaventure's school hall.

livesimply Thought for the Week: We can do our bit to improve our local environment by taking part in the Great Bristol Autumn Litter Blitz during October. Why not ask a group of friends and family to join you, order a litter picking kit (see <https://www.bristolwastecompany.co.uk/whats-happening/autumn-litter-blitz-19/>) and get some fresh air?

Diocesan Youth Gathering

To celebrate National Youth Sunday (NYS) 2019 in the Clifton Diocese, we are holding our annual Diocesan Youth Gathering on **Saturday 23rd November** at St Bede's Catholic College, Long Cross, Lawrence Weston, Bristol. There will be great speakers, workshops, Diocesan Youth Forum and WYD 2022 launch! The day will begin at 11am and finish at 4pm. This event is for young people of Secondary School age and above. To book your place click on the NYS logo on www.cliftondiocese.com

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others.

12:30 pm · 14 Oct 2019 · TweetDeck

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



The Canonisation of St John Henry Newman in Rome

YEAR OF PRAYER

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus tells a parable about the need to pray continually and never to lose heart. Praying continually is not always, if ever, about bombarding God with constant requests for this or that. Rather it requires us to seek a balance between talking and listening. If we constantly talk to God, we will never give God the chance to respond or we will never hear what God wants us to hear. If we think about our closest friendships, we will know that they exist because there is a shared interest in what the other person has to offer. Sometimes we will do the talking but if we never give our friend the time to speak, to express what is going on for them, the relationship becomes very one-sided and quickly diminishes. In our relationship with God there can be times when it feels very difficult and may even feel fruitless, but Jesus encourages us to persevere, even if it feels as if our prayer is not being heard, much less answered. Unlike the judge in today's parable, our judge cares for us deeply and constantly seeks what is best for us.

WHAT'S ON?

Art Club: The Art Club continues on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 10-11:30am. All 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.

Book of Remembrance: From the 1st November this will be made available for us to record the names of those who have died whom we hold dear.

All Souls Mass: Saturday 2nd November 10.30am followed by the Annual Blessing of the Cemetery.

Praying the Rosary: The monthly Parish Rosary Revival Prayer Group meet on the first Tuesday of every month and our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th November.

Remembrance Mass: Friday 15th November 7.00pm. For all those who have died in the parish since November 2018.

Sunday 8th December: 2pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick followed by the Christmas Tea for Senior Citizens.

Christmas Gospel Concert: Friday 13th December at 7.00pm with the Renewal Gospel Choir, with drinks and refreshments.

Children's Nativity: 21st December 2pm

Alpha: Our next Alpha will start on 15th January 2020, please contact Oliver on 07879023709 or email at oliver@oliverr.co.uk for more information.

ST BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH AND THE
RENEWAL GOSPEL CHOIR INVITE YOU TO
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

*Joyful
Joyful!*

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019 7:00 P.M.
ST BONS CHURCH, EGERTON ROAD, BS7 8HP
GOSPEL CONCERT
WITH DRINKS & REFRESHMENTS, ALL WELCOME!



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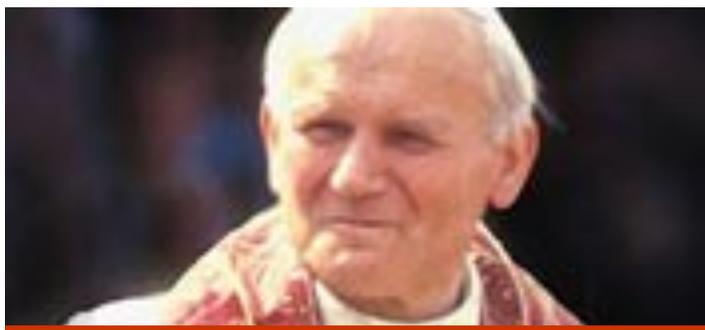
PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ray Gunning. Anne James. Bob James. Veronica. 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

John Paul II will be remembered as one of the outstanding popes
of modern times; a pope who left a tremendous mark on the
world as well as on his church.



John Paul II

The Church in action

His supreme achievement may have been to show
the world that power need not come from the barrel
of the gun, the coffers of a corporation, or even
from the ballot box: it can come from sheer faith,
and moral commitment.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Ordinary Time Week 28 (Year C)

Sunday 20th October

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass *Chris Greally R.I.P.*

7:00pm Mass

Monday 21st October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Tom & Irene Loftus R.I.P.*

Tuesday 22nd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Louise McGarvey R.I.P.*

Wednesday 23rd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.15am Mass

Geoff Barrett R.I.P.

Thursday 24th October

Weekday in Ordinary time

No Mass

Friday 25th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm Mass *Tom & Irene Loftus R.I.P.*

Holy hour (after Mass)

Saturday 26th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass *The McGarvey Family*

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 5.00pm-5.40pm

Adoration: Monday at 10.00am-10.00pm
and Tuesday 10.00am-8.00pm