

# ST BONAVENTURE'S NEWSLETTER

OT Week 1  
12th January  
2020

A Community of Missionary  
Disciples With Contemplative Hearts

## ALPHA

The Alpha course is a wonderful way of actively introducing Jesus to the world. Focused around hospitality and open conversations, it is aimed at the unchurched, or those who are simply questioning, and explores some of the big issues around life and faith. Who amongst us does not benefit from knowing the love of Christ? Please think of those in your social circles or community who may like to participate, perhaps your three best friends who do not come to church. The course is equally open to parishioners who would like to bring a fresh outlook of what it means to follow Jesus. Registration forms and invitation cards are available in the entrance to the church, you can also sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/AlphaStBons>. Please also pray that the course may bring people into the church, and for everyone on the St Bons Alpha team, who give their time for this rewarding experience. Should you have any questions at all about Alpha, who or how to invite, or perhaps want to know why we are running Alpha, or to understand how Alpha sits in a Catholic context, please contact Oliver Roy-lance-Smith on 07879 023709, or email at [oliver@oliverrs.co.uk](mailto:oliver@oliverrs.co.uk).



## OUR PARISH

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marge Bonehill who died recently and keep her family in your prayers. The funeral details will follow soon.

**Gospel Concert:** We are delighted to announce that at our Christmas Gospel Concert with the Renewal Choir, we raised a huge £1178 for Bristol Youth and Community Action (BYCA). BYCA is a programme funded from the Bristol High Sheriff's Fund. BYCA supports young people aged 8-12 years living in disadvantaged areas of Bristol with a huge range of diversionary and skills and confidence-building activities. It is designed to offer opportunities, positive experiences and reduce risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour. Thank you to everyone who supported and donated!





**livesimply thought for the week:** As we begin a new year and new decade, the news about the environment from around the world gets more disturbing. The Bishops' Conference have released three short new films to help us reflect on the impact we're having on the world and our global neighbour. It also helps us consider how we can make a positive change. You can view them here: <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/environment/global-healing/global-caring/global-caring-films/>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ray Gunning. Anne James. Bob James. Veronica. Anna McGinn. Nachtter Kaur. Kathleen Ward.  
Pat Kissane. Desmond Anglin. Reena James. Mike Crowley.

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

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

## WHAT'S ON?

**Art Club:** The Art Club continues on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 10-11:30am. All welcome to anyone who enjoys drawing or painting and to have a drink and a chat.

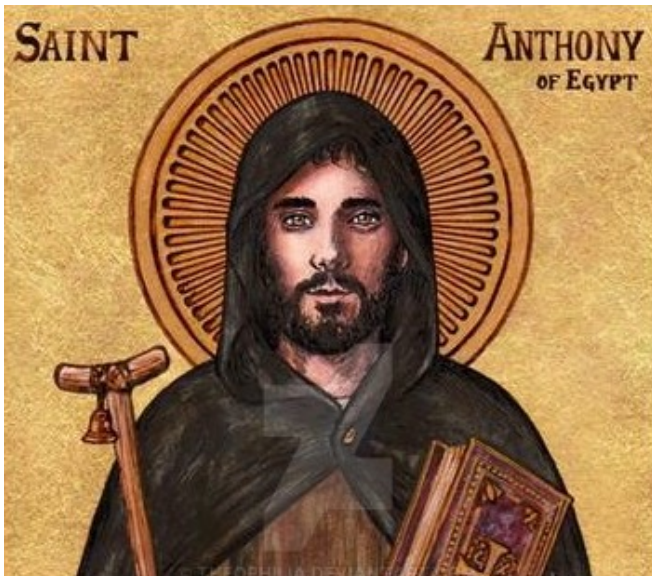
**Friday Soup Lunch:** All are very welcome to come for a chat and to share a simple lunch. Fridays 12pm in the St Bon's Presbytery. A donation is made to charity.

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

**St Bons Quiz Night:** New date coming soon in the new year!

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Anthony



St. Anthony was born in Egypt. From 286 to 306 he lived in complete solitude in a deserted fort. Disciples gathered around him attracted by his holiness and wisdom. He is regarded as the patriarch of monks and healer of both men and animals.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Ordinary Time Week 1 (Year A)

**Sunday 12th January**  
**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**  
9.30am Mass *Pro Pop*  
6.00pm Mass

**Monday 13th January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.15am Mass *The Miller Family*

**Tuesday 14th January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.15am Mass *School Mass*  
12:30pm *Requiem Mass Patrick Galvin*

**Wednesday 15th January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.15am Mass *Peggie Sexton R.I.P.*

**Thursday 16th January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Friday 17th January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
7.00pm Mass *Louise McGarvey R.I.P.*

**Saturday 18th January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
6.00pm Mass *Fr Tom Int.*

## TWEET OF THE WEEK



MiddlesbroughDiocese  
@MbroDiocese

The Diocese of Middlesbrough and the Diocese of Lancaster have announced their commitment to divest from fossil fuels, becoming the first Catholic dioceses in England and Wales to do so. [@OperationNoah](#)