

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE B)

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS	DONOR
Saturday	6.30 pm	Mary Wiltshire	Virginia Lock
Sunday Second Sunday of Advent	8.30am 10.00am 6.00 pm 2.00 pm	Sick and housebound of the parish Thomson Varghese – Private Intention Kirsty Lewis – Private Intention Hungarian Mass	Liz & John Adams
Monday	10.00am	Communion Service	
Tuesday	5.30 pm 7.30 pm	Intercessions for Priests Peter Bradley	
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Dennis & Marie Grant	
Thursday	10.00am	People of the parish	
Friday	10.00am 7.30 pm	Sick and Housebound Portuguese Mass	
Saturday	6.30 pm	Usha Jose	Alex & Neema
Sunday 3 rd Sunday of Advent	8.30 am 10.00am	Molly Foley Amy & Bill Concannon Joseph Thomas	Foley family Concannon family Thomas Mathew

Rosary :	Half hour before weekday Mass or Communion Service
Confessions:	Before all week-end Masses and on request
Exposition:	Saturday 5.30 pm followed by The Rosary at 5.45 pm

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

YEAR OF MISSION

Between today and Advent 2018 we will listen to the whole of the Gospel of St Mark. Mark gives his Gospel a title: *'The beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.'* That title is often misunderstood and taken as the first sentence. But for Mark the whole of what he is to write about Jesus - his life, his birth, death and Resurrection - is just the beginning of the Good News, the Gospel. That is very important because when we come to the Resurrection we have just begun to tell the story of Christ. Our mission is to continue the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we do that when we bear witness to our faith in word and in deed.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplatki) The breaking of the Christmas wafer (oplatki) is a custom that began in Poland in the 10th century and is practiced by people of Polish ancestry around the world. It is considered the most ancient and beloved of Polish traditions. The Christmas Wafers are sent to loved ones away from home, and many Polish people in the U.K. who are unable to join their families at Christmas send oplatki home with their good wishes. Immediately after the 10 am Mass today there will be a blessing of oplatki. Polish parishioners will bring the oplatki to the blessing which will be conducted by Deacon Denis.

WELCOME VISITOR It was lovely to host Abbot David Charlesworth in St. Patrick's last week. This week Father Aldo Tapparo is visiting the parish.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO FATHER GREGORY During Advent the bulletin will have an envelope attached to it for your Christmas gift to Father Gregory. This is a personal gift to our parish priest. Clergy in Clifton Diocese receive a salary of only £45 per week so the Christmas donation is a significant part of their remuneration. The envelopes will be attached for the next three weeks.

COME AND SEE GROUP The Group will meet in the presbytery next Sunday 17th December at 3.00 pm. They will attend the Christmas Concert at 4 pm and help serve refreshments after.

300 CLUB "BIG CHRISTMAS DRAW" The Big Christmas Draw will take place today immediately after the 10 am Mass. All members must be fully paid up in order to be eligible to take part in the Draw. The prizes are: 1st prize £500 : 2nd prize £100 : 3rd, 4th and 5th prizes £50 each : 6th, 7th 8th and 9th prizes £25 each : 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th prizes £10 each. Membership of the 300 Club is only £1 per week, payable monthly in advance. Membership can also be paid by Standing Order £13 per quarter, £26 for half year, or annually £52. Membership payments can also be paid by cheque or in cash.

We have spare numbers needing a new home. If you would like to join please see one of the Agents after Mass. Pat Mullen on Saturday night : Alan Anstey 8.30 Mass : Pat Uren and Amelia Dunford 10 am Mass or call to the parish office during normal office hours – Tuesday to Friday.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS There are sets of nine Christmas cards depicting 3 scenes from paintings in the church (3 cards of each scene). These large cards are £1 for 9. NB The large cards are expensive to send in the post at £1 + so they are best bought to give to friends. Samples of the cards are on view. Please put the money in the wall box marked "Cards" in the narthex (by the main entrance door).

DESIGNER LABELS FOR OUR NEW DESIGNER RAIL Fr. Gregory and the members of The Come and See Group volunteer in The Charity Shop on Saturday mornings. This new Team has introduced a **DESIGNER RAIL** into the shop. The Designer Rail sells top quality nearly new fashion items for ladies, men and children. Please bring your best unwanted, used or new items to the church narthex each week and place items in the donations box. The boys will sort and price the items donated. We will get top prices for your top fashions. Thank you to the donor of a lovely bag of designer clothes received last week.

ST. BERNADETTE SECONDARY SCHOOL St. Bernadette's is consulting on their admission arrangements for the academic year 2019/2020. Please visit the school website : www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk for further information.

ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools. Visit: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

SPECIAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS On Sunday 7th January 2018, The Feast of The Epiphany, all Altar Servers, past and present, are invited to the 10 am Mass in memory of Donald Speirs. Donald spent over 50 years as an altar server and trained many boys and girls to be altar servers. (One former altar server, who started serving at the age of 4 and is now in his late 30's recently said : "I loved Donald Speirs – he was so kind". If any sons and daughters, now adults, were Altar Servers please let them know about this special Mass. We don't have lists going back that many years and don't want anyone to miss out.

After the Mass the altar servers will serve refreshments in The Brooks Hall.

CHARITY SHOP The Charity Shop has a nice selection of Christmas Cribs and Nativity figures from £2.50 to £25. 00.

MASS INTENTIONS In St. Patrick's we get a huge amount of requests for Mass Intentions. Most parishioners request their Intention to be at week-end Masses. This is not always possible and parishioners are encouraged to please book your Masses in good time. We are currently booking Masses for up to one year ahead – this is possible particularly for the anniversary of a death. A Mass can be booked in several ways: in person to the parish office : by telephone : by e-mail : by completing a Mass intention envelope which can be found in the wallet on the wall in the narthex and placed in the offertory basket or through the presbytery letterbox.

REST IN PEACE (1) Please pray for Mick Carey who died last week. Due to the construction work on the church Mick's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's, Fishponds pm Friday 22nd December at 12.30 pm followed by cremation at Westerleigh at 2 pm. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his wife Mary, children, Chris, Mary, Geraldine and Fiona and all his family. May he rest in peace.

(2) Please pray for Adrienne Phelps a resident of Dillon Court until recently who died this week.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

WE ARE NOW IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT

TODAY, 10TH DECEMBER

Błogosławienstwa opłatków.

After the 10.00 am Mass there will be a blessing of the Polish Christmas wafers, or Opłatki.
All welcome to attend.

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Francis (Reception) Class Christmas Play in the Hall 2 pm
"Wriggly Nativity"
Carols round the Christmas Tree in school at 3.30 pm

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Year 1 Christmas Play in the Hall 2 pm
"A King is Born "

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Year 2 Carol Service in the church at 2.00 pm

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Annual Christmas Concert in the Church at 4.00 pm

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

Weekend Masses as normal

Saturday 6.30 pm : Sunday 8.30 am and 10.00 am

First Mass of Christmas - Family Mass at 6.30 pm
Vigil Mass preceded by Carols at 9.30pm Mass at 10.00 pm

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Day Mass at 10.00 am

MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER – FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Mass at 12 noon

St. Stephen Patron of Altar Servers.

Presentation of Certificates and Medals to Altar Servers

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Mass times as normal:

Saturday 6.30 pm : Sunday 8.30 am and 10.00 am

MONDAY 1ST JANUARY 2017 – MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mass at 12 noon

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2018 – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday Mass at 6.30 pm

Sunday 8.30 am and 10.00 am

All Altar Servers, past and present, are invited to 10.00 am Mass in memory of Donald Speirs

ANNUAL FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

NEXT SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER FROM 4 PM TO 5 PM



CONTRIBUTIONS FROM :

**ST. PATRICK'S CHORAL AND MUSIC GROUP
VARIETY OF CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS SONGS TO JOIN IN
FOLLOWED BY WINE AND MINCE PIES**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK: Bernadette Newton, Sister Biddy, Mary Harrington, Emma Craig, Steph Kelly, Ben Chamberlain, Shelbe Ferguson, Paddy Collins, Deacon Rob Easton, Mary Peyton, Virginia Lock, Chris Kelly, Roisín Giles, Brenda Cambridge, Rose Birmingham (aged 5), Willie O'Brien, Rosie McCarthy, James Munden, Betty Batt, Frances Kavanagh, Colin Lukins (our Sunday organist), Bruno Toffolo, Charlie Foster (aged 15), Melissa Harkin, Mike Box, Kirsty Lewis, Phyllis Haynes.

Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list

CHURCH FLOWERS Thank you to all those who have sponsored the church flowers this year. To Margaret Nooney for sponsoring December. Flowers for Christmas are very expensive and if parishioners would like to sponsor some flowers for Christmas please place your donation in an envelope in the offertory basket or call to the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY Thank you to those parishioners who help with the Children's Liturgy at the 10 am Mass. We still would welcome more volunteers. Resources are provided. You do not have to have children to join the rota. Please contact Amelia in the parish office if you can help.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2017 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY (CYCLE B)**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

6.30 pm **J. Deasey** M. Humphrey, Deacon Denis

8.30 am **R. Comerford** Z. Hatton, B. Hemmings

10.00 am **R. Roy**, Deacon Rob, M. Marshall

Write Bidding Prayers

READERS:

G. Tiley, J. Tiley

K. Peace, M. Beasley-Suffolk

J. Shields, K. Easton

Kath Easton

WELCOMERS

6.30 pm T. Rooker, M. Speed

8.30 am M. Anstey, S. Page

10.00 am M. Kearney-Knowles, R. Pajak, T. O'Brien

Church Cleaners Team Two: Caroline, Victoria, Beata and Alice

Offertory Counters Team Three: B. Lutwiejko, A. Fenlon, S. Peck, S. Menachery

Children's Liturgy : Christine and Caroline