

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BULLETIN

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WEEK COMMENCING: Sunday 18th 2021 (Year B)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18th APRIL 2021

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| Sunday 18 th April | 8.30am 10.00am | Mary Murphy Monsignor Canon Dillon – 66 th Anniversary | Nora McCarthy |
| Monday 19 th April | 9.00am | Communion Service | |
| Tuesday 20 th April | 7.30pm | Deceased Parishioners | |
| Wednesday 21 April | 9.00am | Peter Bradley | |
| Thursday 22 nd April | 9.00am | Peter Kitson 1 st Anniversary Phyllis Haynes – Birthday memory | |
| Friday 23 rd April | 12.00pm 7.30pm | Rob & Kath Easton's Intentions Portuguese | Amelia Dunford |
| Saturday 24 th April | 9.00am 6:00pm | John Shepherd – 13 th Anniversary Rosary & Benediction | St. Patrick's Choir |
| Sunday 25 th April | 8.30am 10.00am | People of the Parish Thomas, Annie & deceased McCarthy family Grace Strong – 100 th birthday | Nora McCarthy |

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LIFE IN ST PATRICK'S On Monday 26th April, our oldest parishioner, Grace Strong, will be 100 years young. Amazingly, not only has Grace lived all 100 years in the parish but was born in the house in Redfield that she has lived in for 100 years. Grace even had her wedding reception in the house she continues to live in. Grace was one of the first pupils in St Patrick's School when it opened in 1933. The memories and stories Grace can tell are extraordinary, especially as they all relate to people and life in our parish. Grace never missed church until recent years when she began receiving communion at home each week from Canon Gregory. Grace has supported St. Patricks and all its activities throughout her whole life. She is known as Apple Pie Grace because she always baked 100 Apple Pies each year to sell at the summer fete and Christmas Bazaar. For over twenty years, Grace worked as a volunteer in The Charity Shop. Grace has one son, David, and they will be at a special Mass next Sunday 25th April at 10:00am when we will all have the opportunity to wish her a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

WATCHING MASS FROM HOME You can continue to join our live streamed Mass each day at the revised scheduled times below weekdays and today at 10.00am by going to: www.facebook.com/stpatricksbristol or you can now also tune in on You Tube at: [StPatricksChurchBristol](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8v1m3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t).

ABBOT DAVID CHARLESWORTH For the past two years, Abbot David has developed a ministry at St James' Church in central Bristol. Since October, he has been living in the converted St Patrick's Church. Throughout the past two years, Canon Gregory has enjoyed his companionship and his liturgical assistance in the worship life of the parish.

Last week Abbot David returned to Buckfast for the election of a new Abbot. He was overwhelmingly asked by the monks to return from his semi-retirement and take up his familiar post as Abbot of the monastery. Abbot David resumed this role immediately and has returned to live at Buckfast. It has been very uplifting to enjoy Abbot David's ministry at St Patrick's for the past two years and as he left us to return to his community, we wish him every blessing for the future and look forward to him being a regular visitor to St Patrick's in the years to come.

CHANGING WITH THE TIMES On Monday, we take another step out of lockdown and back to normality. **With effect from today, our worship, to a greater degree, moves back to its historic time schedule. Please note:**

| Day | Time | Service |
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| Monday | 9:00am | Communion Service |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm | Mass |
| Wednesday and Thursday | 9:00am | Mass |
| Friday | 12 noon | Midday Mass |
| Saturday | 9:00am 6:00pm | Mass Devotions and Benediction |
| Sunday | 8:30am 10:00am | Mass Mass |

All the above Masses will be live streamed.

We will not be re-introducing the Saturday evening Mass until The Bishops' Conference re-introduces Mass attendance as an obligation. At the moment, it continues to be optional.

DEVOTIONS AND BENEDICTION Each Saturday evening from 6.00 pm – 6.30 pm there is a half hour service of Devotions in front of The Blessed Sacrament. The service includes the reciting of the Rosary and concludes with Benediction. This service is livestreamed.

CHARITY SHOP St Patrick's Charity Shop re-opened on Monday 12th April. From next week the shop will be able to take donations of good quality clean clothes, household items, books and toys. The shop has a good stock of new religious items, rosary beads, Holy Pictures, Medals, cards etc etc. The opening hours are 9 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday. Volunteers always needed. Please volunteer if you have some time to spare which can be a morning shift 9 am to 1 pm or afternoon 1 pm to 4.00 pm. Contact the shop direct by phoning 0117 955 8001 and speak to our Manageress Andriena Smith.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP Thank you to Deacon Rob and Kath Easton who kindly sponsored 2 beautiful floral arrangements to commemorate their Silver Wedding Anniversary last Tuesday.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL Our schools re-open tomorrow, Monday 19th April. We hope all staff and pupils return refreshed ready for the Spring Term.

A MESSAGE FROM FIONA BRADLEY OUR PARISH TREASURER

Thank you to all those parishioners who donate using the tap and give machines in the narthex. Since they have been installed in October last year, we have received on average £600 each month from this method of giving. Donors are even able to gift aid their donation so we receive an additional 25% on their giving. We also receive £500 per month from donors who donate directly into the parish bank account. These sums are in addition to the £1800 per month given by standing order via the diocese. Thank you to one all who are giving regularly via these means.

There are still a few parishioners who choose to give each week using offertory envelopes. If you would like to use this method, the envelopes for the next financial year (starting on 11th April) are available from the parish office. If you do not currently donate to St Patrick's regularly using one of the above methods, please consider making the commitment During the past year, our collections during Mass have declined by over 90% - in Jan 2020, we received approx. £2000 in the collection plate but for the whole year of April 2020 to March 2021, we received less than £2000!

Contact Fiona Bradley or the parish office if you are interested in making a regular donation to St Patrick's.

ROLE OF PARISH TREASURER We thank Fiona Bradley for taking on this voluntary role for our parish. Fiona has been our treasurer for one year now and works in the parish office every Monday from **10am** to 5:30pm. Fiona is also chair of St Patrick's School Governors and works in the school on Fridays. We thank her for all the voluntary time she gives to these important roles.

PARISH INCOME

1. CONTACTLESS PAYMENT SYSTEM IN CHURCH

We now have two new "Dona" machines in the narthex for contactless payment. If you are able to get to church, contactless payment is a secure method of paying. Your contactless payment goes directly to The Grant Bradley Charitable Trust (Reg no. 1093331) who donate £3,000 each month for the running of St. Patrick's Parish.

2. ONLINE PAYMENT

You can also continue to donate by visiting our Dona donate page at:
<http://stpatricksbristol.mydona.com/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

NEW DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GROUP Our twelve youth, who are forming a new prayer ministry to be enacted both in our parish and online, met again recently. Their focus is to increase devotion to Our Lady of Glastonbury and to develop inter-faith relationships and dialogue with other world religions. They came with some great ideas for evangelisation. There will be a devotional service each Saturday at 6:00pm for half an hour. The new prayer group will be devoting these 30 minutes of prayer with the special with the special intention of spreading the message of Glastonbury worldwide. Please pray for the success of this new group.

OUR POLISH PRIESTS All three of our Polish priests, Father Henry, Father Stan and Father Jan rang to wish Canon Gregory and all the parish a very Happy Easter. All three priests hope to visit the parish later this year beginning with Father Jan, who will come for six weeks from early July to mid-August, followed by Father Henry for two months until mid-October.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION All details of the First Holy Communion programme is on the church noticeboard. Copies of the programme are available in the narthex.

PASTA GALORE Thank you to the parishioners who donated 1000 boxes of pasta for sale. The pasta is 50p per packet/box. You may pay by putting the money in the poor box or you can use the Dona machines in the narthex.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK:

Bernadette Newton, Sister Bidy, Irene Agidee, Maureen Ryan, Gracy Mathew, Marian Mulcahy, Rosy Joseph, Fergal Treanor, Martin Maguire, Jim Brooks, Deacon Denis Deasey, Ann Deasey, Lucy Wahinya, Adrian Steele, Patrick Smith, Deacon Rob, Mick Lewis, Louise Maddalena, Mary Dias, Carlos Pedroche, Graham Parker, Janet Gleeson, Father Michael Derrick D'Mello, Canon Anthony Harding, Alfred Chojnackie, Matthew Groves, Carole Maggs. Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE Please pray for the following recorded in the month of April: Mary Pickering, Barton Family, Monsignor William Dillon, Ronald Keetch, Catherine Bennett, Jack & Win Sullivan, Marion Burns, Ellen Organ, Mary Theobald, Frederick Lloyd, Cecelia Commons, Frances & Lilian McDonnell, Edward Packer, Jimmy Hennessy, Helen Turner, Patricia O'Connor, Douglas Brumby, Will & Marie Howie, Cyril & Pauline Hope, Elsie Shaw, Madge Grant, Clarice & Harry Brumby, Margaret King, Windell Medley, Anne Speirs, May Joyce-Cawley, Richard Whelan, Trevor Howell, Christopher Blackford, Joan Hennessey, George Beacham, Karl Mullen, Rosemary McGregor.

MULTI PARISH CO-ORDINATOR The parishes of St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham; St Pius X, Withywood and The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna are coming together to form a new 'Mission Area' within the South Bristol Deanery. To facilitate this coming together, they are looking to recruit a 'Multi-Parish Coordinator' for 15 hours/week on a flexible basis. They are looking for an excellent communicator with good organising and planning skills and good knowledge of the key principles of health and safety regulations. Experience of working with volunteers would be useful. For further details, please contact Fr Matt Anscombe - bristol.stbernadette@cliftondiocese.com

THE SANCTUARY OF LOURDES We have heard from the Rector of the sanctuary that due to the unfortunate new lockdown in France, they are still not able to accept pilgrimages. So, until visitors from outside the local area are allowed, the chaplains will be offering Masses and Rosaries throughout the day which can be viewed either on their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> or on their You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/LourdesWebTV> or on your smart TV You Tube app. The rector is inviting all our intentions and petitions which again can be requested through their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/>. This is a difficult time for all of us, but please pray for the local people of Lourdes, along with the Chaplains and those who serve at the shrine. The Rector assures us of his prayers.

JOB VACANCY St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in Bath is seeking a deputy head teacher for September 2021. Full information can be downloaded from the "Our Community" section of their website: <http://www.st-marys.bathnes.sch.uk>
Closing date is Sunday 2nd May 2021 with interviews on 12th and 13th May.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be a year of devotion to St. Joseph the husband of Mary and step-father of Jesus. Let us turn to St. Joseph regularly in prayer throughout this year. A statue of St. Joseph has been placed just inside the front door of the church. You may place your prayer petitions in the **Petition Box**. The petitions will be burned unopened each week so your prayers are private and anonymous. We pray especially to St. Joseph for his husbandly and fatherly care remembering our spouses and our children as we pray in particular for the needs of our marriages and family life. The diocese has several resources about St Joseph on its website which you can view by going to:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/news/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph/>

or <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/today-is-the-solemnity-of-st-joseph/>.

A PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you.

You know that I have confidence in you and I come to you as an example for Holiness for you are especially close with God. Therefore, I humbly commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me to your intercession. I beg of you by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death.

Glorious St. Joseph, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

AMEN