

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**  
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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)**  
**and**

**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> December 2020 Feast of The Holy Family (Year B)**

**To access the live-streamed daily 9am Mass, please go to:**

**[www.facebook.com/stpatricksbristol](https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksbristol)**



**Canon Gregory's Christmas Message**

*The Christmas celebration of 2020 is a time to focus on the gifts the Christ child brings to each one of us. He comes to free us from sickness, suffering and death by bringing the eternal gifts of health, wholeness and immortality. God becomes human in order that the human can become divine. Our hope this Christmas is in God's love and mercy. The birth of Jesus, our Saviour, is God's love expressed in the kindness that this small baby symbolises.*

*Our present restricted circumstances and movements still allows each one of us to be kind to others and patient and persevering in our day-to-day lives. When our kindness, patience and perseverance are wrapped up in prayer, especially prayer for others, then we are truly giving all those we love the very best of Christmas gifts. Jesus is the first Christmas present ever given; he is the best of gifts. You are the best gift your loved ones will receive this Christmas. You are the only gift God wants this Christmas. St Paul writes, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ." We celebrate this truth with hope and joy.*

*God bless you all,*

*Canon Gregory Grant*

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)**

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am 10am	Molly Foley (RIP Anniversary) Savari Cruz Maria E. Fernandez (Pvt Int)	Foley family Cruz family
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9 am	Eucharistic Service	
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9 am	Christine Hale	Dave, Roger and family
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9 am	Mary Murphy (Pvt Int) Esther Gahan (Pvt Int) Jeffin Jose (Thanksgiving)	Andy and Maureen Gray and family Andy and Maureen Gray and family Jismon Jose
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>Christmas Eve</b>	5pm 6:30pm	Noreen White (Pvt Int) Jamie Brooks Dennis and Marie Grant	Colin and Liz Gale
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>Christmas Day</b>	8:30am 10am	Peter Bradley Teresa Nolan	
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>St Stephen's Feast</b>	12 Noon	Frances Leventhal (RIP)	

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020  
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am 10am	Shiny, Laiju and family (Pvt int) Bill and Marie Gage (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding)	Shiny, Laiju and family
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 Noon	Connie, Neil and Gerry Hunter	Holland and Hunter family
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 Noon	Lionel Harrison	Tracy McNama and family
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 Noon	Pat Newport (RIP)	
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	12 Noon	Sarah, Paul, Emma and Niamh Hennessy (Pvt int)	Colin and Liz Gale
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021	12 Noon	People of the Parish	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2021	12 Noon	V.C. Joseph (RIP Anniversary)	George Kalathara
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2021	9am 10am	Patsy McCarthy (RIP) Marie Grant	Norah and family

*We would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Today, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, during the 9am Mass (at time of going to press), Joel Laiju will receive his First Holy Communion. At 10am, Julia Marciniak, Marta Korczak and Olivia Chelangara will receive theirs. Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> December at the 10am Mass, Eva Mae O'Loughlin will receive her First Communion. We wish our young candidates a joyful celebration and a very happy day with their families.

**WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Today, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Jude Jury will be baptised. We welcome Jude into the family of God and congratulate his parents and godparents. On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, we also welcome Rosaleigh and Mary Redmore for Baptism.

**REST IN PEACE** Please pray for Frances Leventhal who died on Friday Morning. Frances was a parishioner of St Patrick's for over 60 years and started The Rosary Prayer group in the parish. Frances was the church sacristan for decades. In 1988, Frances became Canon Gregory's housekeeper for the next 22 years. Frances leaves a large family of five children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. We offer them all our sympathy and prayers. Frances is a great loss to Canon Gregory and to all the parish. Canon Gregory wishes to express appreciation to Kay Dixon who, for many years, has attended to Frances on an almost daily basis. We offer Kay our sympathy on the death of her friend. May Frances Rest in Peace.

**CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS TIMES**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5:00pm 6:30pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	8:30am 10:00am
<b>Boxing Day</b>	12:00pm

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE** The parish office will be fully closed to the public from 23<sup>rd</sup> December until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. We wish the office staff and volunteers a restful Christmas.

**THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS - MIDDAY MASS** The Octave is an eight-day period which runs from Boxing Day until Saturday, 2nd January. The Bishop has requested that every parishioner makes the effort to attend Mass personally over Christmas and The Octave. Here in St Patricks, we will celebrate these Christmas Masses at midday instead of at 9am. Masses on Sunday 27th December remain at 9am and 10am.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION** The Christmas collection basket will be on the narthex table throughout The Christmas Octave. Your donation is a personal gift to Canon Gregory. Please place your gift in the basket at any of the Masses or during a visit to church in The Christmas Octave. Canon Gregory supports many people in the St Patrick's "family" with his Christmas gift. These include: our Polish visiting priests; Fathers Henry, Jan and Stan, as well as missionary priests including Father Ambrose. He also supports needy families in the parish with cash donations and hampers.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC** At the 6:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve, a small group of the choir and musicians will play and sing Christmas carols. This has been carefully planned and risk assessed with appropriate social distancing and measures in place to make it safe but enjoyable for all, following government and diocese guidelines. If you attend the 6:30pm Mass on this day, please avoid the temptation to sing along with the choir and just enjoy listening; all singers will be in the front rows to avoid singing over others in the congregation. Thanks for your co-operation.

**A CHRISTMAS WELCOME** to Himanshu Kalra who will be received into the church during Mass at 6:30pm on Christmas Eve. Himanshu received all his instructions in the faith earlier this year but his baptism at Easter was deferred due to the pandemic. He will be Baptised, receive First Holy Communion and Confirmed. We congratulate him and his family on this great occasion.

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNICANTS** At the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, Zacharia Scott will make his First Holy Communion. We congratulate Zacharia and his family.

**A SEASON OF GIVING** Over the past six weeks, the parish has made donations totalling £2100 to the following charities: Aid to Church in Need, In Hope, Mary's Meals, SPUC, MISSIO, Priests' Retirement fund, Little Sisters of The Poor, St Thomas Syromalabar, Peter's Pence, LIFE and Home Mission Sunday.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT** Canon Gregory will be giving all the children a Christmas gift after the four Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**33 CHRISTMASSES!** This is Canon Gregory's 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas as parish priest of St Patrick's. As priests don't retire until they are 75 or 80, if in good health, he looks forward to many more Christmases to come in St Patrick's.

**TWO'S COMPANY** Last Christmas, Canon Gregory entertained 22 members of his family in The Shore Gallery. This year, he and Abbot David will have Christmas on their own in the presbytery. They are both looking forward to a quiet Christmas following government rules.

### **OUR POLISH PRIESTS**

1. Father Jan rang from Israel, where he lives in Bethlehem, to wish us all a blessed Christmas. His phone call came from within The Church of the Resurrection and he assures us all of his love and prayers.
2. Father Henry has had to postpone his visit as flights are cancelled. He is now fully recovered from COVID19.
3. Father Stan rang this week to assure us all of his loving thoughts and prayers. Father Stan has been very seriously ill with COVID19 for eight months and has had to self-isolate seven times. He is just beginning to feel better after a long and serious contraction of the disease. Please keep him in your prayers. He spent a long time on the phone enquiring after everyone by name and hopes to visit us in 2021.

**300 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW** The winners from the December draw are as follows:

Colin Cox, Pat Uren, Colin & Liz Gale, Neil English x 2, Andrew Patterson, Hannah Curnow, Jo Deasey, Jim McCormick, Patrick Whooley, Carol Maggs, Peter Slane, Mary K Knowles, J + C Uren and Carol Skinner.

**300 CLUB "BIG CHRISTMAS DRAW"** The Annual Big Christmas Draw took place last Sunday. The winners are: £500 Faye Hawkins; £100 Charlie Williams; £50 x 3 F+G Walsh, Donald Speirs, Charlie Williams; £25 x 4 Trisha Jackson, Colin Wakeham, M Nderemani, Debbie Hanks; £10 x 5 Thomas Bradley, Charlie Williams, Philomena Olver, Terry Rooker, Maureen Gray; BONUS £100 Helen Coggins.

**ST PATRICK'S CHARITY SHOP** Please consider donating unwanted Christmas presents to be sold by the shop on Church Road. It is open from Monday to Friday 9am-3pm and Saturday 10am-1pm (closed on New Year's Day, Friday 1st January). Thank you for your support.

### **APPEAL FOR FOOD DONATIONS AND TOILETRIES: \*NEW ITEMS ADDED\***

Vulnerable families particularly need this provision over Christmas. Please consider bringing a food or toiletry item every time you come to church. The toiletries below are in as much need as the food. The parish funds make a weekly contribution to this venture. Thank you for your support.

**FOOD: Tinned tomatoes, rice, cooking oil, toilet rolls, crisps and biscuits, cereals i.e. cornflakes - coco pop! Rice pudding, tinned beans, tinned meat, rice and squash drinks**  
**TOILETRIES: Shampoo, soaps, washing powder, toothpaste, toilet rolls.**

**ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL** St Patrick's Primary School has now closed for the Christmas period. We wish all pupils and staff a restful break and a Holy Christmas with their families. The school re-opens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 following an INSET day for all pupils on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**GOOD JOB** Our thanks go to Gigy Lukose and his team who spent most of this week installing our new cameras and the new technology necessary for our service to be provided to everyone, everywhere.

**ST PATRICK'S PAN-AFRICAN COMMUNITY** The first Zoom meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th December 2020 at 18:00. Please see instructions below on how to join the meeting. All are welcome.

**Option A. - ONLINE** 1. If you have not used Zoom before, the system will ask you to create an account. You will need your email address and password to create an account.

2. Enter meeting ID below.

**Meeting ID: 792 794 7868**

3. Enter meeting passcode below.

**Passcode: 148620**

Choose to join by video or audio.

OR

**Option B. – DIAL IN**

1. Dial one of the numbers below:

+44 203 481 5237

+44 203 481 5240

2. Enter **Meeting ID: 792 794 7868**

3. Enter **Meeting Passcode: 148620**

## ***Live-Streaming of Masses Update***

### ***NEW AND IMPROVED!***

#### ***Daily Mass from St Patrick's Church now on Facebook and YouTube***

Our two new cameras and sound system have now been installed. Going forward, we will stream our Masses each day permanently through this system. Please bear with us as we get this up and running. Please continue to use:

[www.facebook.com/stpatricksbristol](https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksbristol)

or you can now also tune in at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1SzNoZWZTzFJ583ISEzocq>

(YouTube provides better quality and ease of use)

We have invested £7000 in these two cameras that will give a better picture and can be operated to zoom around the church and do close-ups; a bit like a TV broadcast. We are looking for 140 people to give a gift of £50 (=£7000) towards the cost of this new technology. Thank you to the 20 people who have already signed the sponsorship forms. **There is a sponsorship sheet in the narthex if you are able to make a donation.** If you cannot come to church at this time but wish to sponsor, please use the DONATE button on the homepage of our website: [www.saintpatricks.co.uk](http://www.saintpatricks.co.uk). Over 2000 household viewings from all over the world tune in each week to watch our Mass so this is a much-needed investment.

#### **NEW RULES**

Please be advised that due to the wide range of angles the new cameras now offer (zoom in an out, 360 degree span), parts of the congregation may be visible during any Mass or service. **\*\*By entering into the church and the new chapel, we will assume that you consent to be filmed during any Mass or service.\*\***

Please liaise with a steward if you want to be in one of the few positions not viewable by the camera.

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## **PARISH INCOME**

Thank you very much to all the parishioners who continue to financially support the church and all its work. Lockdown has seriously affected parish income this year. Events and activities and the Charity Shop normally raise £30,000. This year, we have had no income from fundraising. Due to the fluctuation of Masses, opening times of the church, the offertory donations at Mass have been reduced by 50%. This means our church income in 2020 will be down by over £50,000. You can help in the following ways:

### **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 £3000 each month for the running of St Patrick's Parish. In the past ten years, The Trust has donated over one million pounds to St Patrick's.

### **2. PAYMENT VIA THE WEBSITE**

If you are unable to come to church and wish to make a donation, you can do so via the button on the top right-hand side of the homepage on our website – [www.saintpatricks.co.uk](http://www.saintpatricks.co.uk)

### **3. ONLINE PAYMENT**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

**POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"** In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. Go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/> for more information.

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

Bernadette Newton, Sister Biddy, Melissa Harkin, Irene Agidee, Maureen Ryan, Gracy Mathew, Marian Mulcahy, Rosy Joseph, Cora Kumpik, Tony Thankachan (aged 13), Fergal Treanor, Martin Maguire, Jim Brooks, Deacon Denis Deasey, Lucy Wahinya, Adrian Steele, Mgr. Liam Slattery VG. Patrick Smith, Deacon Rob, Mick Lewis, Marie & Bill Gage, Cath Gilboy, Rosemary Holland, Louise Maddalena, Bob Eva, Mary Dias, Carlos Pedroche, Graham Parker, Alex Javier Roman, Colin Cox. Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list.

### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE–DECEMBER:** Please pray for the following in the Month of December:

Con Kennedy, Michael Beck, Jack King, Edward Hogan, Carol Jenkins, Terence Barry, Hilda & William Davies, Nellie & Arthur Pearce, Peter Hunt, Charles Pibworth, Karl Randles, Ann & Nelson Driscoll, Ellen & Michael Comerford, Tom Lynch, Geoffrey Preston, Joyce Holbrook, Dorothy Richards, Vera Shapcott, Dennis Parker, Sister Marilyn, Nellie Morgan, Edith Moore, George Haskins, Molly Foley, Arthur Robbins, Catherine Groves, Leon Figurski, Rita Phillips, Ivan Plettell, The Salvatorian Sisters, Harry McEntee, Hilda Deacon: The Dee, Richards, Cosgrove, Haberbosch, Reutens, James, Haynes, Pritchard and McCarthy Families, Myra & Tom Jennings, Peter Bradley, Emmet Locke, Brumby Family, Stephen Nosi, Johanna Nosi, Mary Joyce, Marie Grant, Joan King, Neil Hunter, Stephen Wren, Alison Paskell, Leslie Nelson, William Commons, Christine Hale, Nancy & Jim Gibbons, Matthew O'Leary, Ron Stone, Clarice & Walter Blackford, Mary Davies, Rosemary Walker, Antonietta Lagana, Jenny Rose, Ellen Morgan, Nkechi Cordelia Okeke.