

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BULLETIN
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WEEK COMMENCING: Sunday 25th April 2021 (Year B)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 25th APRIL 2021

Sunday 25 th April	8.30am	Colm Gilly & Devaney family	Maureen & Andy Gray & family
	10.00am	Thomas, Annie & deceased McCarthy family Grace Strong – 100 th birthday	Nora McCarthy
Monday 26 th April	9.00am	Communion Service	
Tuesday 27 th April	7.30pm	Jonathan and Esther (unborn baby)	Christine Latham
Wednesday 28 th April	9.00am	School Eastertide Mass Deceased School Staff	
Thursday 29 th April	9.00am	Sick of the Parish	
Friday 30 th April	12.00pm	Patrick Concannon Pat Uren (P/Intention)	Concannon family
	7.30pm	Portuguese Mass	
Saturday 1 st May	9.00am	Deceased of Grant and Gaiger family	
	6:00pm	Rosary, Devotions & Benediction	
Sunday 2 nd May	8.30am	Conor Devaney RIP	Maureen, Andy & Gray family Nora & family Nora & family Jim, Angela and family
	10.00am	Thomas & Annie McCarthy Thomas & Margaret Enright Conor Devaney RIP	

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LIFE IN ST PATRICK'S Tomorrow, Monday 26th April, our oldest parishioner, Grace Strong, will be 100 years young. We are delighted to welcome Grace to 10.00 am Mass today together with her son David, wife Joan their family and several relatives and close friends. 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. Next week, The Catholic Universe Newspaper is publishing an article and photo of Grace. You can read the article in this week' bulletin overleaf:



GRACE STRONG CATHOLIC UNIVERSE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

APPLE PIE GRACE TO CELEBRATE HER CENTENARY AT A SPECIAL MASS

As a young woman in wartime Bristol, Grace Strong persuaded an air raid warden to allow her to dash back into a bomb blitzed factory where she'd been making uniforms.

She needed to rescue her dress making shears because she could not work without them and the next day, she was reemployed making parachutes at the former Andersons factory in Stokes Croft.

Now Grace, who still lives in the terraced house in Verrier Road, Redfield, where she was born, is fast approaching her one hundredth birthday and as a life-long stalwart of St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, is having a special celebratory mass said in her honour.

She was married at St Patricks and even borrowed chairs from the church for her wedding breakfast and, as yet another close family link, her late husband Gilbert was actually helping to build St Patricks School while working as a hod carrier at the time.

When World War Two broke out Gilbert joined the Royal Artillery but was drafted into the cookhouse and became an army cook.

Parish Priest, the Rev Canon Gregory Grant, said Grace is a legend in the parish and was a stalwart supporter and familiar face in the St Patrick's charity shop in Church Road for some twenty- two years.

"She even became known as Apple Pie Grace for always baking one hundred delicious apple pies and storing them in her freezer in the run up to our annual church fete," he recalled.

"So, I am very much looking forward to saying a mass of celebration for Grace, whose whole life has been so centred on St Patricks, on Sunday the 25th at 10am," said Canon Grant.

"Her life so devoted to her family, the community and to God, is an example to us all," he added.

Grace, who will be attending the mass accompanied by her son David and daughter-in-law Joan will be one hundred the following day but the big celebration with family and close friends is being delayed until after all the Covid restrictions are lifted.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Today, Sunday 25th April is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Father Colin Mason is Vocations Director for Clifton Diocese. Father Colin is parish priest of Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym and St. Antony, Henbury, and has a strong focus on promoting vocations within the diocese. He leads a Vocations team that encourages and supports vocations to the priesthood, the religious life, the consecrated lay life and single life, and to the Permanent Diaconate. The vocation to the married life is encouraged and fostered separately within the Diocese. Every month, here in St. Patricks, on the second Tuesday, Recsy Roy and family lead a Holy Hour praying for the vocations mentioned above. The Service is at 6 pm and everyone is welcome.

ASSISTANT VOCATIONS DIRECTOR FR DOMINIC FINDLAY-WILSON'S PERSONAL REFLECTION ON VOCATIONS DAY



A personal reflection. It's very difficult to put into words one's vocation as to a certain extent it's a mystery! And also it's something that is quite dynamic and so it's sometimes hard to pinpoint definite times and places that concretely contribute towards its growth. I think if I am honest, it has always been there below the surface whether or not I realised it. A bit like a dormant seed waiting to be watered. But I know that certain factors have been important in allowing the seed to germinate. For example, my family. The strong faith of my parents allowed a rich soil in which the seedling could take root. Regular family prayer watered the seedling and allowed it to grow – in particular the rosary. Personal prayer, regular Mass and the sacraments strengthened the young plant. Good friends and particular priests helped to support it during difficult times. But I noticed it grew stronger when I listened to and responded to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in my life. This is not easy in the noise and busyness of life. I had to listen with my heart. I think that whilst I recognised the presence of my vocation, in the end, the Holy Spirit wanted me to choose for it rather than wait until it felt right. I think God really wants us to get to know him and then freely choose for him. Ultimately, I realised that this was actually the most meaningful thing I could ever do with my life.

Fr Dominic has a particular focus on supporting our current students for the priesthood who are in formation in our seminaries.

WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH (1) Last Friday evening during the weekly Portuguese Mass Joaquin Capelini was baptised by Father Elio Alberti.
(2) Next Sunday, 2nd May after the 10 am Mass Adrian Jakubowski will be baptised. We welcome both children into the family of God and congratulate their parents and godparents.
Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays of each month. Currently the Baptism Preparation Talks are suspended due to Covid and will resume when all restrictions are lifted.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION First Holy Communion Registration Forms are available from the long table in the narthex. Several families have yet to collect, complete, and return forms for the Class of 2021. If your child does not attend St. Patrick's School there are envelopes containing Registration Forms also available on the long table. Please ask a Steward if you need assistance.

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.

REST IN PEACE (1) Please pray for Matthew Groves a long and faithful parishioner of St. Patrick's who died last week aged 61. Matthew's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 18th May at 10.30 am followed by cremation at Bristol South. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his sister Janet and all his family. May he rest in peace. is funeral arrangements will follow. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his sister Janet and all his family. May he rest in peace.

(2) Please pray for Connor Devaney who died last weekend aged 24. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his parents Colm and Gilly, his sister Hannah and all his relatives. May he rest in peace.

(3) Please pray for Fabiana De Lourdes Quatorze Cremasso De Araujo Dutra Baia, member of the Friday evening Mass congregation, a Brazilian Lady who died last Sunday. Her family are looking to repatriate her body to Brazil for burial and St Patrick's is making a donation of £500 towards this cost. You can make a personal donation by donating online through:
<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8yNEMbDY6r>

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Fabiana's family and friends and to all our Brazilian community.

OUR POLISH PRIESTS All three of our Polish priests, Father Henry, Father Stan and Father Jan 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.

PARISH INCOME

1. **OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS** are taken as you leave church after the 8:30am and 10:00am Sunday Masses. Please give generously. Offertory envelopes are available for this year on the narthex table. Please take your set of envelopes with your name on them.
2. **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.
3. **ONLINE PAYMENT**
You can also continue to donate by visiting our Dona donate page at:
<http://stpatricksbristol.mydona.com/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

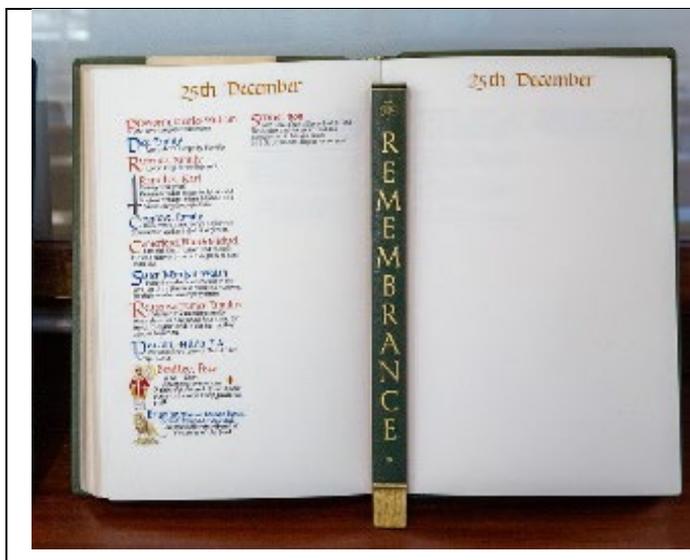
LENTEN REFLECTION IN SONG Last year, Shalom T.V. filmed four of our parishioners, Noel, Rebecca, Kevin and Ben, singing a selection of Lenten contemporary worship songs. The programme went out live worldwide. The link to view the programme is:

<https://www.shalomworld.org/episode/praise-draws-us-to-gods-presence-st-patricks-church-bristol>
or search "Shalom TV Ashes to Glory St Patricks". Well done to our musicians and singers.

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. 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.



The Book of Remembrance

It is a venerable custom to inscribe the date of the death or any other special anniversary to provide a lasting record of your family member or friend. The Book of Remembrance can be seen in its glass case in the church. Each day the pages are turned so that we can see the names and tributes to those who are remembered in this special way. After a break of 18 months, we will be sending the “January to June” book to be updated in May. If you wish to commemorate your loved one, please contact the parish office for details.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL Tomorrow, Monday 26th April is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel which is the 53rd anniversary of the last day in Britain when it was illegal to perform abortions. Please say the prayer to Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel on her feast day. Tuesday 27th April is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into effect. Since then over 9 million babies have been aborted in the United Kingdom.

The Prayer can found on : <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Our-Patron-Saints.html>

There are some Prayer leaflets on the table to take away.

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.

RETROUVAILLE Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided.

There is no group therapy or group work

For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the programme commencing with a ‘Virtual’ weekend on... **1st – 4th July 2021**... Call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 – or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

C.A.F.O.D. The Family Fast Day collection and Lenten Alms Box amounted to £400 C.A.F.O.D. have written us the following letter:

“Thank you for your generous donations to C.A.F.O.D.’s Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that C.A.F.O.D. has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support”.

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.