

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2020 – 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
 HOME MISSION SUNDAY

SUN & DAILY MASS at 9am on www.facebook.com/stpatricksbristol

BY LAW FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN WITHIN THE CHURCH BUILDING AT ALL TIMES

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 27th September

Sun 27 th Sept	9am 10am	Christine Toffolo (Birthday Anniversary) Deceased members of the Kalathara family	Toffolo family George Kalathara & family
Mon 28 th Sept	9am	Eucharistic Service	
Tues 29 th Sept	9am	William & Jessie Nooney (R.I.P Anniversary)	Margaret Nooney
Wed 30 th Sept	9am	Jess & Fred Hitchcock (R.I.P. 70 th Wedding Anniversary; married at St Patricks)	Jayne McCarthy
Thur 1 st Oct	9am	Fr Martin Griffin R.I.P Anne Concannon R.I.P	Canon Gregory Concannon family
Fri 2 nd Oct	9am 7:30pm	Mary Dias (Private Intention) Portuguese Mass	Philomena & John Olver
Sat 3 rd Oct	9am	Francis Simmonds (5 th Anniversary)	Maria Beasley-Suffolk
Sun 4 th Oct Cafod Harvest Fast Day	9am 10am	Will Howie (Birthday memory) Victoria Obi (R.I.P 1 st Anniversary) Simon Crandon 30 th Birthday Bob Penny R.I.P	Christine Howie Rose Adims & family Crandon family Crandon family

COVID-19 RULES UPDATE: The two regulations which affect most parishioners and church activities are:

1. Church Attendance

- a) You must wear a face covering in church.
- b) You must socially distance 1 metre plus in the pews (this allows for 120 worshippers in our church).
- c) Baptisms and funerals can host 30 guests, weddings 15 guests.

2. Parish Activities

Only six people can meet at any one time on church premises. We therefore continue to suspend parish groups and activities until further notice. There will be no hiring or use of The Shore Gallery or The Brooks Hall before January 2021.

FACE COVERINGS It is a **legal requirement** to wear a face covering inside the church building (unless you have a government specified exception for health reasons). **All existing Covid-19 procedures must continue to be adhered to**, including our maximum capacity of **120** individuals for any one Mass.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

It is great to see people coming back to church. Last week 68 parishioners attended the 9:00am Mass and 74 attended the 10:00am Mass. If numbers continue to increase, we will introduce an additional Mass on Saturday at 6:30pm. This will not be before October.

COVID 19 LOCKDOWN/PARTIAL LOCKDOWN – WHEN WILL IT ALL END?

As a parish we are used to making plans and having timetables and schedules for our special occasions, but the unpredictability of the see-saw in rules, regulations and government guidelines, makes it impossible to be specific for the next few months. An example: two of our parishioners: Stewart Fraser and Maggie O'Donnell were to marry on the 4th July. They had to cancel their wedding for 120 guests. The government then permitted weddings for up to 30 guests and they rebooked for October, a small wedding with immediate family only as guests. This week the government reduced attendance at weddings to 15 - you can't win!

Canon Gregory thinks it best to assume that things will not be anywhere near normal before Christmas. In January, we will reconsider whether it is possible to re-start parish groups, activities and events. In the meantime, we have a lot to be grateful for:

1. Last week, we achieved 2200 views of our live-streamed Masses. This equates to over 3000 people attending Mass via the live-streaming last week.
2. Between 15 and 25 people attend Mass in church each day.
3. Over 150 people attend the 9.00am and 10.00am Masses on Sunday.
4. The church is open each day from 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday-Friday for private prayer.
5. The parish office is open five days a week from 9.00am to 4.00pm.
6. The Charity Shop is open six days a week Monday – Saturday from 9.00am to midday.
7. Our young adults have organised the preparation and presentation of our Communion Services on Mondays.
8. St Patrick's School is providing a brilliant service under difficult conditions.
9. Parishioners are keeping in touch with each other by phone and text.
10. Prayer is on the increase in St Patricks.

Canon Gregory urges everyone to stay positive. Patience and perseverance are needed today which, together with hope and prayer, will see us all move forward to a brighter future ahead of us in 2021.

SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY COLLECTIONS AT MASS

As you leave the church you may place your offertory collection in the donation box on the narthex table. Thank you for your generosity.

CHURCH FINANCES AND OFFERTORY DONATIONS

The costs of running the parish continue to be much the same in lockdown. You can help in the following ways:

A. STANDING ORDERS

Monthly standing order from your bank account to the diocesan account is the most consistent way of donating to the parish. To date 88 parishioners, donate by standing order. Please follow the guide on the parish website if you wish to set up a standing order.

B. OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Weekly offertory envelopes are available. 29 parishioners have regular envelopes. In normal circumstances we would have received 29 x 18 weeks = 522 envelopes. Instead, due to lockdown, this system of payment has completely collapsed.

C. PAYPAL

You can make a direct payment into the parish account by using the PayPal button on the parish website. Please follow the guide on the parish website if you wish to pay via PayPal.

D. ONE-OFF DONATIONS

We have received many 'one-off' donations, given either by cheque or direct into the bank account. Cheques are made payable to St. Patrick's Church.

GIFT AID

For any of the above payment methods used, if you sign a gift aid form, your donation to the church increases by 25% so a £1 donation becomes £1.25. You must be a UK taxpayer in order to gift aid. You can select gift aid on your standing order form through the parish office or when you donate via PayPal. If using PayPal to gift aid, you will still need to fill in a gift aid form and submit it to the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES Canon Gregory is now taking a regular day off. This is not something he has ever done before. Each Monday there will be a Eucharistic Service at 9:00am instead of Mass. Please continue to join with the parish in prayer at these Communion Services. We are privileged to have some young Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic in our parish. They have the Bishop's permission to preside at Communion Services; these services will be live-streamed as normal. Canon Gregory has been training these young ministers to conduct the Communion Services, Dona Jiji and Jeril Laiju. Other young people will assist with the readings and prayers.

FACEBOOK UPDATE: We now have 1040 followers on our St Patrick's Facebook page and between the 18th and 24th September we achieved 2,311 video views of our various live-streamed Masses and Eucharistic service. Please see some wonderful messages below that we have received from near and far on Facebook notifications in the past few weeks:

"I watch daily from Sparks, Nevada, USA 8 hrs later and feel very blessed to have found you during this pandemic when I find myself home bound. Thank you from over 5000 miles away."

"Just watched the programme of Shalom.org. Thank you, Gregory for an amazing story. Living the life of a priest."

"I am so impressed with Noel's music. It has been a real tonic since he started joining in at mass each day throughout Lockdown. This is the first time I have seen this recording. Just wonderful. Thank you."

BAPTISM Today Amelia Piwarska will be baptised. We congratulate her parents and godparents and welcome her into the family of the church.

CAFOD APPEAL This year the Harvest Fast Day is Friday 9th October. There will be a basket available for a collection for Cafod on Sundays 3rd and 10th October. If you are worshipping from home you can donate by texting 'CAFOD' TO 70085 to donate £10. Maria Beasley-Suffolk is stepping down from her role as Cafod co-ordinator. We would like to thank her for the interest and support she has given to Cafod. Maria has been a diligent and dedicated promoter in the parish. We very much appreciate the many years of service she has given to this role.

AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRAY

Canon Gregory came across this letter of condolence written by Father John Quinn on the death of his mother, Marie Grant, ten years ago. Father John's inspirational thoughts are worth reflecting upon:

Dear Fr Gregory,

I received your letter late this morning. Having read and pondered its message, I left it aside. Later, I immersed myself in a period of quiet, fruitful prayer embracing your dear mother, yourself, Glen, Denise, children and grandchildren to The Lord of Life.

Prayer is a wonderful gift, coming to us from The Heart of The Most Blessed Trinity. The more we engage in this transforming activity, the more The Holy Spirit gently urges us to go "the extra mile" for The Glory of God, for the sake of His Kingdom. If we do this, then over time, our life becomes a continuous prayer in Christ. We then see our life, other people, creation itself in a different light.

On Monday, I will be with you all in spirit as Christ's great action of transforming love is made present sacramentally in The Holy Mass – in your dear mother's Requiem Mass of burial.

May abundant blessings flow from that celebration and rest gently on all the family and all present in person or in spirit.

Peace, Fr John Quinn

SCHOOL NEWS Please could parishioners be aware when driving/coming to weekday mass, that the back entrance to the school via Dillon Court is now being used to drop children off so they will all be using the same area. Thank you for your patience.

STARTING SCHOOL? If you have a child born between **1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017**, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Bristol City Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2021**.

APPEAL FOR FOOD DONATIONS Following the success of our recent food donation scheme that helped to feed families from St Patrick's School, we would like to continue with this. We would ask every parishioner who is coming to church to attend Mass to bring one item or more, from the list below, to Mass with them and place in the church in our food donation area. The parish funds will also make a weekly contribution to this venture. Thank you in anticipation for your support. The following items are required at present:

Rice pudding, tinned beans, pastas (any variety), tinned meat, rice and squash drinks (any flavour).

ST MARY REDCLIFFE AND TEMPLE SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING INFORMATION This year our Open Evening will be 'virtual'. We have made three films that parent/carers of children in year 6 can watch to help them get a flavour of our school to help them make a decision. Link to website to see the films <https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/index.php/admissions>

WORLD HOMELESS DAY This year we are hoping that as a church, as individuals or as a youth group, you might focus on our work over the weekend of World Homeless Day October 10th. Rough sleepers are leaving emergency accommodation. We urgently need to provide long-term solutions to homeless and vulnerable people in need. Please visit the website alabare.co.uk and follow what we are doing and you can donate to our Urgent Appeal.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES The World Day for Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) will be celebrated on the 27th September 2020. There is a message from Pope Francis. In addition to this more material can be found on the CBCEW website. https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20200513_world-migrants-day-2020.html

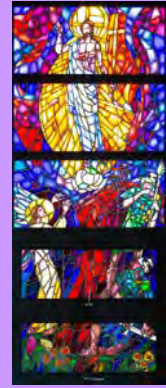
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE The Good Counsel Network are leading a National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life on Monday 28th September 2020. "On Monday 28th September, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Last year, this country saw the largest number of abortions ever. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed." For information on the day of Prayer and Fasting contact: The Good Counsel Network: 020 7723 1740 www.goodcounselnetwork.com

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK

Bernadette Newton, Sister Bidy, 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, Malcolm Wiltshire, Adrian Steele, Mgr. Liam Slattery VG. Patrick Smith, Deacon Rob, Sarah Nurse, Mick Lewis, Jim Robbins, Marie & Bill Gage, Angela Curnow, Cath Gilboy, Rosemary Holland, Nigel Williams, Louise Maddalena, Bob Eva, Mary Dias, Carlos Pedroche, Graham Parker, Pam Green, Mary Peyton, Teresa Clay, Amelia Dunford.

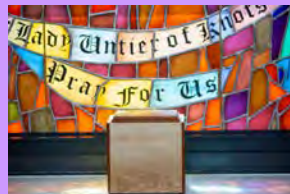
Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list.

St Patrick's Columbarium



St Patrick's church is pleased to offer leases in our newly constructed Columbarium. Uniquely located within the Chapel of the Resurrection, St Patrick's Church Columbarium is the first of its kind in Bristol. The Chapel gives families an elegant and dignified setting for their loved ones with four beautiful stained-glass windows and artwork by a renowned 20th century sculptor, Arthur Fleischmann. It features 252 vaults designed to accommodate the remains of two adult caskets per vault and is a place of quiet remembrance. The Columbarium provides an affordable, consecrated final resting place for the faithful departed in an accessible and exquisite setting for relatives and friends to visit. There are packs available to pick up on the table in the church Narthex with all the information needed to secure a place.

Contact Tracy McNama at the Parish Office on 0117 955 7662 for further information.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE Please pray for the following during the month of October. Roger O'Sullivan-Sharrig, Simon Pickering, Jessie & William Nooney, Seamus Gilroy, Daisey Donovan, John Brain, Albert Shapcott, Marie Wiltshire, Edwin Wring, Itaico Candido, Kathleen Crew, The Tooze Family, Clare Toffolo, Lily Hill, Eddie Lambe, Mary Bosowski, William Nooney, Vincent Vigliucci, Bridgit O'Halloran, Constance Hunter, Vida Power-Baldwin, Maxwell Wade, Bernard Hughes, Ted Shute, Frances & Edward Merchant, Mark & Hilda Deacon, Kenneth Hoskin, Michael Gubbins, William Gallagher, Mary McEwan, Gary Pullen, Bryan Virgo, Margaret Trigg, Cathie Joyce, Mary Bowles, Mary O'Brien, Michael Power, May Goodenough, Albert Thomas, Mario Lagana, William McBride, Tim Clifford, Dante Fiebig