

MGR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

Many people have pictures in their bedrooms of those whom they hold close to their hearts. Since 1987 I've had a picture on the table next to my bed that I see last thing at night and first thing in the morning. It's a picture of part of the stain glass window at Saint Mary's College Oscott, where I trained for the priesthood. In fact it's a central part of the window and shows Our Lady holding the child Jesus in her arms. The title in this window is 'Our Lady of Oscott' and she is the patron of the college.

For the past 10 years I have been the chair of the trustees of the Oscotian Society. This is made up of people who have trained, or worked at the seminary. So the majority are priests but some are laymen who left before Ordination, and others are women who have been on the staff. So it was with something of a heavy heart that I relinquished my position not just as chair but also as a Trustee this week when I was in Birmingham for the annual Oscotian Society. It was time to hand it on to the next generation and allow someone else to chair the meetings and steer the trustees.

Whilst I received recognition and applause (by staff, students and Oscotians) for my efforts over the last ten years it was a bitter sweet moment. However I'm aware that these sorts of situations happen often in life. Leaving the parish to take up a new appointment is never easy but it is often made easier by the reception you get in your new. One of my army chaplain colleagues used to say to people in the new parish 'I won't remind you what a great parish I've left if you don't remind me what a great parish priest I've taken over from.

The only person in this world who has been truly indispensable it's our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. We all called to serve Him, by serving others. How we manage that it's different for every person, but that is our unique calling.

EVENTS

Mother & Baby/Toddler Group: Every Monday from 10am-12pm in the presbytery. Feel free to drop in any time during those hours.

Rosary Prayer Group: Meeting Tuesday 7 June at 2pm (always first Tuesday in month) in the dining room at St Bonaventure's. Please come if you can to say the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and share a cup of tea afterwards. For prayer requests contact Julia 0117 9428696.

Drop in Coffee Morning: Everyone is welcome on 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.30-12.00. Come along to the presbytery to meet up with old friends or make new ones while enjoying a cuppa. People living with dementia and their carers particularly welcome. Next date - 8th June. Any questions contact Veronica Swann 0117 9427018.

Art Group: On 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00 - 12.00. All welcome, including beginners, to join small and very friendly group. Bring your own materials. Any questions contact: Penny Millar 07866138669 or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

Friday Soup Lunches: Fridays in the presbytery from 12.15pm. Donations are sent to charity. All welcome at 12.15pm in the Dining Room. . More information from Chris Swann on 0117 9427018.

Knitting Group: We'd like to start running these meetings in July (Tuesdays or Wednesdays - TBC). If you're interested, please contact Ann Pobjoy: ann.pobjoy@blueyonder.co.uk

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy at every Sunday morning Mass.

Tea & Coffee: Join us in the presbytery after Sunday morning Mass.

Interactive Dementia Friendly Day. Saturday 18th June 10.30 - 3.30 at Penny Brohn UK, Chapel Hill, Pill, BS20 0HH. All are welcome. Lots to do including massage and reflexology tasters, information and talks, refreshments, music, nature walks and animal interaction. For further information call Veronica Swann 0117 9427018.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Please Pray For: Enzo Maniglia. Eric Pitt. Desmond Anglin. Peter Sewell & Ivy Sewell. Eddie Williams. Paul Tooze. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Anne James. Veronica. Anna McGinn. Nachtter Kaur. Reena James. Margaret McGuinness. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office to give your consent so it can be recorded.

Parish Ramble : Our next outing will be on Sunday 12th June and will be a walk of about 5 mile, starting in Littleton-on- Severn and taking us along the banks of the river Severn for some of the way. Meet in the parish car park to share lifts for a 1pm departure. If you want to go to the start of the walk independently, please email me : anfagan@talk21.com or text : 07811 890094 for joining instructions - Andy. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Bon's Cricket XI: St Bon's Cricket XI welcomes new players, young and old, experienced or newcomers, male of female to add their squad this season. We play 20:20 fixtures, weekly, on various nights over the Summer and are always on the look out for new talent. Come along and try, you only have to commit to one game at a time! stbonadventurescricket@gmail.com

Marriage Catechists: A formation course for married couples and widowers who are interested in becoming a marriage catechist. Your role will be to accompany, support and help prepare the couple for the sacrament of marriage showing the engaged couple that being married is an ongoing action that happens daily. Your own married lives will have seen ups and down, glorious moments, and difficult ones why not think about becoming a marriage catechist and share your experiences of this remarkable vocation. Held over three evenings, 9th, 23rd, and 30th June at English Martyr's, Tuffley. We begin with refreshments from 7pm and start the session at 7:15pm.

You can register via the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marriage-catechists-series-of-three-sessions-tickets-329642659067> For more information and/or to register your interest please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

Livesimply Thought for the Week Cycling does wonders for health and fitness, keeps weight down, saves money, beats traffic jams and helps the environment. Bristol has lots of cycle trails – off-road, on-road, traffic free, plus commuter routes. See the website <https://betterbybike.info/> for routes of varying type and length, with info that you can download and take with you. There are lots of local maps, guides and pre-planned rides for both new and more experienced cyclists to try – perfect for planning a family day out.

Community Food Pantry Update: Thanks to the generosity of Egerton Road residents, the Community Food Pantry team, the parishioners of St Bon's and the people of the wider Bishopston community - we were able to deliver 30 rucksacks full of school uniform and PE kits for Ukrainian and other refugees who are arriving in Bristol and starting at local schools now! Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative: Mgr Bernard for letting us use space in the old chapel, the anonymous donors who popped cash through Jenny's door, the people who gave donations online, to the Food Pantry team for giving up time to sort donations and to those who bought items especially and washed and cleaned old rucksacks, school uniforms and PE kits. To help the **Community Food Pantry**, please put food donations either in the clear box labelled "Community Food Pantry Donation Box" at the back of the church or in the box outside the front door of the Presbytery, to donate money - there is a "Food Pantry" button on the Donation Point inside the church if you would like to make monetary donations by card. Or you can give cash to Mgr Massey or put it in an envelope through Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Rd.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 5th June	Pentecost	10.00 Mass. Veronica Peters RIP 18.00 Mass. People of the parish
Mon 30th May	No Mass	
Tuesday 31st May	9.30	
Wednesday 1st June	9.30 Mass. Vocations	
Thursday 2nd June	9.30 Mass. Arsenio Coiro and Rosa Riccio	
Friday 3rd June	9.30 Mass. Rosa Amabile	
Saturday 4th June	9.30 Mass. Ukraine	

Sunday 5th June

Trinity Sunday

10.00 Mass. Veronica Peters RIP

18.00 Mass. People of the parish