

MGR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

This weekend my sister and brother in law are going to Cardiff to see their eldest son, his wife, and their 4 grandchildren. Since they are travelling down the M4 and driving past Bristol, it's easy for them to call-in and allow us to have an evening together and go out for a nice meal. When I was in my previous parish in Taunton, my location was definitely not 'en route', and so they didn't come and visit me as often as they now do. Next week it's my sister's birthday, I should say my big sister's birthday, because she's older than me, and that's always been an important distinction in my family.

This weekend our second group of families will be celebrating their children's First Holy Communion and once again our church will be packed with happy and excited families. As usual, some of the younger siblings will feel that 'it's unfair' that their big brother or a big sister is making their First Holy Communion and they're not able to. We can all remember those family occasions when the complaint that 'it's not fair' was raised on a variety of issues. Sometimes the youngest complaining they couldn't do what the elders did, and sometimes the elders complaining that when they were that age they weren't allowed to do that. Luckily, we all grow up and the trivial arguments are forgotten, or sometimes remembered with laughter and fond memories of our childhood.

Families are always an important part of our life story. They help to shape who we are and also they are a place where we are most accepted for who we are, or who we have become. I speak to my sister at least once a week, she is my best friend, a statement I doubt I would have made at the age of 11.

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: In view of the needs of our country and the need for peace in the world and especially Ukraine it has been decided to hold the prayer meeting Every Tuesday at 2pm in the presbytery starting from Tuesday 21st June. It is hoped that this will be convenient for everyone especially those picking up children from school. Contact Julia for prayer requests on 01179428696

Rosary for Peace: Please join me to pray the rosary for peace in the world. In the church after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time. You can stay as long as you wish. Please contact Andy Russell on 01179241725 for more details. Starting Wed 22 June around 3.20pm.

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 -13th July. 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.

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

Friday Soup Lunches: Fridays in the presbytery from 12.00pm. Donations are sent to charity. All welcome at 12.00pm in the Dining Room. More information from Chris Swann on 0117 9427018.

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

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury: The Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by Bishop Declan, is taking place again this year on the second Sunday in July; Sunday 10th July 2022. The theme of this years pilgrimage is 'Mary, Queen of Peace'.

St. Bonaventure's Feast day: Sunday, July 17th. Mass at 3pm. Mgr. Bernard will offer a Healing Mass to celebrate the feast day and give strength and healing to all who have suffered during the past 2 years, either through bereavement, illness, both physical and mental, loneliness and anxiety. The Mass will be followed by a tea party to be held either in the garden or the presbytery. Any offers of help on the day will be greatly appreciated, also cakes or sandwiches will be very welcome. Contact

Mary on 07817792773 or Veronica on 07884134599. The Healing Mass will **replace the usual Sunday evening Mass.**

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.

Baptism of Tiernan and Rory: This Sunday we celebrate the beginning of the Christian journey of Tiernan and Rory. Congratulations and best wishes to their parents and family.

St Bon's Cricket XI: St Bon's Cricket XI welcomes new players, young and old, experienced or newcomers, male or 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! stbonaventurescricket@gmail.com

Livesimply Thought for the Week: The War in Ukraine is having a deadly impact on food supply for many of the world's poorest people because Ukraine and Russia supply so much of the world's wheat. Wheat price increases, up by 53% since the beginning of the year, are hitting poorer countries hard. Meanwhile, many G7 countries are buying the remaining wheat for use in the production of biofuels changing 10,000 tonnes of wheat – the equivalent of 15 million loaves of bread – into ethanol for use in cars every day. While biofuels have a role to play in the transition to a low carbon economy, the choice being made by many countries is putting cars ahead of people. In the complex world in which we live, let's speak out for the world's marginalised.

Ruby Wedding: Chris and Veronica Swann are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 3rd July and would be delighted if you could join them at the 6pm Mass followed by light refreshments in the presbytery.

School Governor at St Bon's: St Bon's school welcomes applications for the School Governor. This is a voluntary role and requires attendance at 2 meetings per Term. In addition, Governors pay a handful of visits to the school during the year to observe our children's learning at first hand. Please email the school office at st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk to register your interest by the end of term.

In Memoriam display: Please take a minute to look at display in church porch (in old repository cupboard) of those from our parish whose funerals have taken place over the last nine months or so. Apologies if anyone has been missed out, if that is the case and you would like them to be added please leave a copy of Order of Service (or A5 photo of front cover) in the Parish Office.

1st Holy Communion Party: After the 10am Mass please come and join a party with our 1st HC Children in the Parish Hall. Please note there will be no tea and coffee in the church on that day.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 19th June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 10.00 Mass. Fathers 18.00 Mass. People of the parish
Mon 20th June	No Mass
Tuesday 21st June	9.30 Mass. Juan Mondragon RIP
Wednesday 22nd June	No Mass
Thursday 23rd June	9.30 Mass. Mary Leaftley RIP
Friday 24th June	9.30 Mass. Bishop Declan
Saturday 25th June	9.30 Mass. Vocations
Sunday 26th June	12th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10.00 Mass. Albert Doyle 18.00 Mass. People of the parish

**Please note that there will be no Mass on Wednesday
Sunday, 26th June: second collection – Peter's Pence**