

MGR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

A couple of weeks ago I had a meeting with Becky Causey who is the head of the Diocesan safeguarding department. Safeguarding is a major concern within the church, especially in the light of some of the terrible things that have happened in the past. It is important that we make sure we are adhering to all the latest safeguarding requirements in all our parishes. With the change of Parish Priest and coming out of Covid lockdowns and other restrictions it seemed like an ideal time for the two of us to have a chat and work out exactly where we are in St Bons with this important issue.

It seems that most of the people who currently take an active role in aspects of parish life are now out of date with their DBS certificates; and it also appears that some people may not be covered at all. So, we are looking to make sure that over the next couple of months you will rectify all these situations and ensure that St Bon's is one of the leading parishes for the safety of children and vulnerable adults.

At present our lead on safeguarding in the parish is currently unable to fulfil the role and so we have no one, except me, dealing with this matter. With this in mind, there is a need to have an extra couple of people helping with the administration of the scheme. Therefore, I'm asking for some volunteers to come forward. They will be given training in the role and can then bring us all into line with the National Catholic guidelines. As the numbers of young people continue to rise in our parish, I want to make sure that we have taken every step to protect them and their families. We also have a significant number of vulnerable adults, mainly housebound, are in regular contact with people from the parish. Again, we need to ensure that those who are representing us have completed the necessary training and have been checked to make sure everyone is kept safe.

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

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. 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.

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 year's 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.**

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.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: When we throw away food, whether it's a soggy bag of salad or last night's leftovers, we're also wasting all the precious resources that went into producing it. And each one has an impact on climate change. 70% of all food that's thrown away in the UK comes from our homes, meaning each of us has a vitally important role to play in the battle against climate change. We waste a massive 4.5 million tonnes of food every year which could have been eaten. With the UK throwing away food valued at £14billion, it's costing the earth in more ways than one. For the planet and for future generations, we need to reduce food waste by changing our habits around food, including how we buy our food and what we do with it at home.

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 Site Manager at St Bon's primary: St Bon's school currently has a role for a new site manager. Are you looking for a new opportunity? Do you want to be part of a growing and successful school team? Do you take pride in what you do? If you or someone you know is interested in the role, please email carol.simpson@bristol-schools.uk to obtain an application form.

Missio Red Box Holders: Invitation to a special Mass - Tuesday July 12 at Sacred Heart Church. Bishop Declan will be celebrating a special Mass at 7pm on Tuesday July 12. This Mass is to celebrate the Beatification and Legacy of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, one of Missio's founders. She was declared Blessed in May 2022 in Lyon and this Mass gives us an opportunity to gather together and celebrate her life and legacy. This invitation is extended to all the parish community.

CAFOD: is running a campaign to try to fix the food system. Our food system is broken. It doesn't work for the people who work the hardest and it doesn't work for the planet. Profits come before people, and the farmers who grow our food live in poverty. To join the campaign, come to a 7 stage journey we are holding, starting with a cup of coffee and some cake after 10am Mass on July 10th, where we will learn about what the problem is and what we can do about it. There's another chance to learn about it at the coffee morning on 13th July or after the soup lunch on Friday 15th July.

Community Food Pantry Update: anyone can come along to the back of St Bonaventure's church to pick up food items they may need, is still being used very regularly. Your cash and food donations are so appreciated, and they're helping people get through this unnerving time of price rises. There was an amazing response to AidBox Community's request for school uniform items for Ukrainian refugees: from all your kind gifts of clothing and money, we've delivered over 60 school uniform kits and are well on the way to hitting our target of supplying 100 kits over the next few weeks. We really can't thank you all enough! We also want to give a special mention to the people who worked so hard to put all the kit bags together: Kevin, who ironed literally hundreds of items, and Sophie and Kerry who spent hours sorting and collating all the bags. Your hard work is so appreciated.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 3rd July	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10.00 Mass. Patricia and Philip Muston 18.00 Mass. Chris and Veronica on their Ruby Anniversary
Mon 4th July	No Mass
Tuesday 5th July	9.30 Mass. Private intention
Wednesday 6th July	9.30 Mass. Sick and housebound
Thursday 7th July	9.30 Mass. Ukraine
Friday 8th July	9.30 Mass. St Bon's school and parents
Saturday 9th July	9.30 Mass. People of the parish
Sunday 10th July	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10.00 Mass. Hannah Tully RIP 18.00 Mass. Geraldine and Patrick

Sunday, 10th July - second collection: Sea Sunday