

ST BONS NEWSLETTER 25th September

MGR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

After the amazing pomp and ceremony for Queen Elizabeth's funeral, and the hours spent in front of the television set last Monday, we now return to something more ordinary. King Charles will, as Monarch, be required to keep his own council on many issues that in the past he had been quite vocal on.

One of these issues is nature and the life and health of our planet. His approach to these issues has always been in harmony with the teachings of the church and certainly in harmony with the views and encyclicals of Pope Francis.

This week we are still in what the church describes as 'The Season of Creation' and we are having a special Mass of creation this coming Saturday, 1st October at 5pm. The whole tone of this Mass will be our role as stewards of creation and our responsibility to the youth of today for the care of the planet we will leave them for tomorrow. It will enable us to reflect and pray, about how the present generation is taking care of the gift of the earth that God has placed in our responsibility.

If you can make the effort to come to this Mass then it will help to send a strong signal to the whole community that we take our responsibility seriously, and that we realise there are many things we can do to help the health of our planet. As this is a Saturday evening Mass it also acts as the first Mass of Sunday and so fulfils the Sunday obligation.

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

Celebration of Creation Mass: Saturday, 1st October, 5pm. A light meal will be served in the Presbytery after Mass and there will be a produce stall selling homemade jams, chutneys, and cakes, plants and seeds (donations gratefully received). Funds raised will be split between our Parish Pantry and supporting CAFOD's Fix the Food System Campaign.

Fr. Tom Finnegan: former assistant priest at St. Bonaventures, has been invited to become a Canon of the Clifton Cathedral Chapter. The installation will take place at Clifton Cathedral during Mass on Tuesday 25th October at 12noon. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland: 12th October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557, email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Parent & Baby/Toddler Group: Every Monday from 10am to 12pm. Feel free to drop in any time during those hours. For more info or if you'd like to be added to the WhatsApp group please contact Claire on 07871627928.

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. Contact Julia for prayer requests on 01179428696

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 -12th October. 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: Every Wednesday from 10.00 to 11.30 in the presbytery (St Clare's room). Please bring your own materials. For details contact Ann Pobjoy: ann.pobjoy@blueyonder.co.uk.

Friday Soup Lunches: Fridays in the presbytery from 12pm, all welcome! Donations are sent to charity. more information from Chris Swann on 01179427018

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

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

Baptisms: Congratulations to parents of Cait Boulton and Evelyn & Ava Thompson on the baptism of their girls.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: This Sunday is the 4th in the Season of Creation and the International Day of Migrants and Refugees. As the earth's temperature increases weather patterns are changing, sea levels are rising and climate-induced disasters become more frequent. These events destroy crops, livelihoods and infrastructure causing people to flee their homes. The poorest countries are most severely impacted by these events although they have done the least to cause climate change and have fewer resources to support their beleaguered populations. Pakistan, for example, where one third of the country is currently under water, contributed only 0.5% of the planet's historic carbon emissions compared to the UK's contribution of 15%.

Wellbeing Dance sessions: Come join us every other Wednesday 6-7.30pm for just over an hr of free flow dance. These are not taught dance sessions, simply a provision of a space, a time, and music, the rest is up to you. As the sessions are self-led it is suitable for all levels of fitness and mobility as you are in charge of how much or little you move. The church is very generously offering the space free to the community, and we are also offering our time free so happily there's no charge for these sessions. Any enquiries contact Clauds 07949431929. The next session will be on 28th Sept. in the parish hall.

Community Food Pantry Update: All is going well in the Community Food Pantry, by which we mean that your donations of food and money are being put to very good use serving people who would otherwise struggle to put food on the table, cleaning products in the cupboard and toiletries in the bathroom. Not only are you helping your immediate community, you're also helping the people who visit the AidBox Community (ABC) hub. Through our partnership with them, we provide food and sanitary products for their free shop each week. There are always queues out of the door when we drop our weekly delivery in the hub, so it's clear the need is as high as ever. As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give. Any amount at all is helpful, even one packet, box or bottle of something! Here are the items we're most in need of at the moment:

PLEASE DONATE: Cartons of UHT milk, Corned beef, Tinned ham, Tinned tuna, Cooking oil, Tinned meaty meals, Tinned vegetarian or vegan meals, Sugar, Flour, Tinned fruit, Rice, Dried pasta, Tampons, Sanitary towels, Washing up liquid.

Please DO NOT donate: Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste), Pasta sauce.

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.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 25th September	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10.00 Mass. Pat Parry 18.00 Giuseppe Licata RIP - 3 months anniversary
Monday 26th September	No Mass
Tuesday 27th September	9:30 Mass. Displaced people
Wednesday 28th September	9:30 Mass. Migrant workers
Thursday 29th September	9:30 Mass. Private intention
Friday 30th September	9:30 Mass. Peace in Ukraine
Saturday 1st October	9:30 Mass. People of the parish 17:00 Mass. The Season of Creation
Sunday 2nd October	27th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10.00 Mass. Tim and Mary Hanley RIP 18.00 Mass. Michael Quigley RIP