

## MGR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

Are you a hoarder or do you consider yourself someone who just doesn't like to throw things away just in case they may turn out to be useful at some later stage? If like me, you've moved house four times in 15 years, then the chances are you're not a hoarder. When you have to take a hard look at what you have and decide whether you really do need to keep it it's very simple to do if you have plenty of free storage. I say this because our parish has become a storage site for all sorts of different people and organisations. And so, the question has had to be asked as to whether we should be storing all these things in our cellars. Our recent 'health and safety' audit has made us realise that we were sitting on a very large pile of flammable goods that no one really seem to take ownership of. So for the last few months our gardening team have been helping to sort out the cellars and a few weeks ago had a sale of goods that raised over £500 for charity. We are now having to spend £1500 to clear out the rest of the rubbish that has accumulated on site since the Franciscans left in 1980.

In a large network of cellars with poor lighting in many areas, it is easy to leave things undisturbed and hope that somehow no one will notice. It can be the same with a spiritual life. We go on at times fooling ourselves that we don't need a clear out, and that the rambling space that is our conscience can be cluttered by the everyday demands of life to the extent that we forget, the real treasures that Christ has offered us. So if you need to have a clear out, (and let's be honest most of us do) then just remember that Confessions are on a Saturday morning from 10.00 to 10.30 and I'm always more than happy to help you declutter.

## EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

**Please Pray For:** Enzo Maniglia. Desmond Anglin. Peter Sewell & Ivy Sewell. Eddie Williams. Paul Tooze. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Penny Millar. Ninette Bateman. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eric Pitt who died recently, as well as Maddalena Grieco (whose funeral will be back in Italy) and Doreen Finn. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office to give your consent so it can be recorded.

**Eric Pitt:** Sadly we have to inform you that Eric, a long time parishioner, died recently. He loved the hymns of the Catholic church and to support his wife he became a faithful singer in the Sunday morning 11 o'clock choir that Gerry Carey led. So no surprise that all the hymns for the funeral are Eric's own choice. The funeral will be at 1.30pm on Friday 12th May followed by Eric's wishes to be buried at Holy Souls cemetery.

**Baptism:** We welcome Francesco Zerial and Laurence and Alexander Malkowski Goldsworthy baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday.

**Wedding:** Congratulations to Tom and Anchela getting married on Saturday! We wish them a very happy and blessed married life.

**Administrator position at Holy Family Parish:** Holy Family Parish, Patchway are looking to recruit a person for the Role of Parish Administrator. 16 hours a week (timings and days are negotiable). Pay range £11~ £12.50 per hour depending on experience. Contact Fr Eugene Campbell for an application pack at [eugene.campbell@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:eugene.campbell@cliftodiocese.com) or questions about the position. Closing date for applications: Friday 12th May 2023. Interviews Friday 19th May 2023.

**CAFOD:** Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. Our parish raised £1766 this Lent.

**Cake sale:** There will be a cake sale after Mass on Sunday, 30th April, to support Guide dogs charity for the blind and partially sighted. This will be run by St Bons children in year 4. Cash and card will be accepted.

**St Bon's Cricket XI:** St Bon's Cricket XI welcomes new players, young and old, experienced or newcomers, male or female, to add to 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! FFI please contact Tommy at [stbonadventurescricket@gmail.com](mailto:stbonadventurescricket@gmail.com) .

**Livesimply Thought for the Week:** From the Pope to Greta Thunberg, there are growing calls for the crime of “ecocide” to be recognised in international criminal law – but could such a law ever work? Ecocide is destruction of the natural environment by deliberate or negligent human action. For find out more see [www.bbc.com/future/article/20201105-what-is-ecocide](http://www.bbc.com/future/article/20201105-what-is-ecocide) .

**Community Food Pantry Update:** Thanks to our brilliant shopping and stock-taking volunteers, the pantry is quite well stocked at the moment despite the heavy use over the school holidays. That said, there are always items we need more of. Cooking oil and tuna are particularly difficult to keep in stock as many supermarkets impose a limit on the number of bottles or tins which can be bought at any one time. Can you provide any of these? If so, please leave them in the pantry at the back of the church or in the white box by the Presbytery door.

**Please donate:** Cooking oil, Tuna and other tinned fish, Coffee, Sweet biscuits

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

**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 – 10 May. Any questions, contact Veronica Swann 07884134599.

**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: Chris Swann 01179427018or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

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

**Tea & Coffee:** Join us in the Presbytery after Sunday morning Mass for tea, coffee biscuits and a chance to chat.

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 30	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.00	Ciss Honeyfield RIP
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Monday 1	Weekday of Easter	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 2	St Athanasius	09.30	Private intention
Wednesday 3	Ss Philip and James	09.30	John Hanley RIP
Thursday 4	English Martyrs	09.30	Eric Pitt RIP
Friday 5	Weekday of Easter	09.30	Homeless
Saturday 6	Weekday of Easter	09.30	Tom and Anchela
Sunday 7	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.00	Private intention
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**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May – second collection: Clergy Training Fund**