

## MGR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this I likely to be in hospital. I'm due to go in to Southmead early on Friday morning for an angiogram. I had my first heart attack almost 17 years ago and have managed well since that time thanks to a regime of drugs. However, over the last six months or so things haven't been quite as good as I would've liked, so after a consultation with my GP and then a couple of hospital appointments it was decided that it was time to have a closer examination of my heart. The last time I had an angiogram was in 2007, I was told then that I had two blocked arteries and they were unable to insert stents to improve the situation, as it was considered too dangerous. However, technology has moved on since then so maybe they can do something this time. I have also been told that this time it is likely I will have to stay in hospital at least overnight as I have no one living with me who can take care of me at home.

I'm pretty philosophical about the whole situation, as I know that I will be in good hands, and that as a result of the procedure, I should have a better understanding of how my heart is currently performing, and some better idea of what if anything needs to be done.

It's really all about putting your trust in other people, and that is exactly what Jesus did at the Ascension. He trusted that his followers would be able to continue his mission without him. Although they may have been apprehensive about what the future held for them, they were certain that the God they followed had gone home to heaven, but had not abandoned them.

## EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

**Please Pray For:** Enzo Maniglia. Desmond Anglin. Peter Sewell & Ivy Sewell. Eddie Williams. Paul Tooze. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Ninette Bateman. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eric Pitt, Doreen Finn and Maddalena Grieco and Penny Millar. 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:** we welcome Fabiana Lattuca baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday.

**Confirmation Mass:** Come and support our young people at the Confirmation Mass on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm; followed by cake and refreshments in the parish hall.

**Thank you:** Angela Pitt and family would like to thank Monsignor Bernard, Linda Spong, and all those whose quiet work made such a lovely contribution to Eric's Funeral Mass. The collection for Mary's Meals raised £425 which has gone directly to them. Many hungry children will benefit from this generosity.

**Penny Millar's funeral:** is on Tuesday 30th May 10.30am at St Bons Church. As the family go on to attend a short service at the crematorium, they look forward to seeing you for a celebration of her life at The BAWA Club, Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG. This will include a buffet lunch and a display of some of Penny's artwork. There is plenty of free parking at the BAWA club and, as requested by Penny, transport will be available from the church carpark to the BAWA club straight after the mass for anyone who doesn't have access to transport. Everyone is very welcome.

**Father Pratap Reddy** from India is visiting St Bons and making appeals this Sunday for his projects in education and help for the poor in his area of Andhra Pradesh. Fr Pratap has visited the parish a number of times in the past and looks forward to meeting old friends and new. There'll be an informal supper event at the house of Heather Cowper (trustee of the charity to support Fr Pratap) on 23 May 7pm - 22 Henleaze Ave, BS9 for anyone who'd like to come and meet Fr Pratap. All welcome, but please let Heather know at her email: [heather.cowper@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:heather.cowper@yahoo.co.uk).

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** we are looking for new Extraordinary Ministers to help in the distribution of the Holy Communion for both Sunday Masses to join the team. If you would like to consider being an Extraordinary Minister, we would love to hear from you as soon as possible. Please email the parish office on [bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com) and tell us the mass you usually attend.

**Litter Picking Group:** The St Bon's Litter Picking Group hasn't been out cleaning the streets for a very long time - my bad. We must put this right. So, we will be meeting at 12 noon on Sunday 4 June at the tea van in St Andrews Park. Please let me know if you are interested ([annie\\_sparkes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annie_sparkes@hotmail.co.uk)). Please bring along your litter picking stick and bring the kids too! I will provide the bags.

**Livesimply Thought for the Week:** It's the 8th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', 'On Care for Our Common Home' on 24 May. This week is designated Laudato Si' Week, with the theme this year 'Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity'. Let's take some time this week to reflect on how much we depend on natural resources such as air, water, fertile soil. You may like to read or reread Laudato Si' (available on line and from bookshops). To illustrate the themes of the document, 'The Letter' a film has been made which tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. If you missed the screening of the Letter at St Bon's, you can watch it on YouTube). As we approach Pentecost, let's pray to be inspired by Pope Francis' invitation to care for our common home.

**Community Food Pantry Update:** One of our longtime volunteers, Kerry, has raised an incredible £450 for the pantry by running the Bristol Half Marathon last week. She told us about her experience: "It was all very last minute - a friend dropped out and I stepped in, having not trained to run 13 miles! But I decided to use this as a fundraising opportunity and it was really easy to set up a page on Just Giving to accept sponsorship on behalf of the Community Food Pantry. I finished in just 2 hours and 18 minutes, and raised around £450. I'm very pleased - and very pleased it's over!". Well done Kerry! We are always looking for ways to raise money to keep the pantry stocked. Could you help us, perhaps by holding a bring-and-buy sale, or a sponsored silence or even running a whole marathon on our behalf? We'd love to see what you can do!

**Please donate:** cooking oil, tuna or other tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, sweet corn, loo rolls, deodorant

**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 – 14 June. 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 01179427018 or 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 21	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.00	Eric Pitt RIP
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Monday 22	Weekday of Easter	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 23	Weekday of Easter	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday 24	St Aldhelm	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday 25	St Bede	<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday 26	St Dunstan	19.00	Confirmation Mass
Saturday 27	Weekday of Easter	<b>No Mass</b>	
Sunday 28	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday OT	10.00	Baby Joseph Thompson RIP
Sunday 28	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday OT	18.00	Kevin Spong RIP