

ST BONS NEWSLETTER 9th July

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

Please Pray For: Enzo Maniglia. 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 Sylvia McGoldrick, Desmond Anglin and Helen Comerford who died recently. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office to give your consent so it can be recorded.

Helen Comerford: Sadly we have to inform you that Helen died on Sunday 2nd July. Helen was a long standing member of St. Bonaventure's Church. She and her husband were keen members of the Social Club many years ago. She liked cooking and baking bread and was a great cat lover. After her retirement she learnt to swim at a late age and enjoyed that for years. She was a devout Catholic and her niece was with her at the end when the Rosary was said. Helen lived in Bristol for many years and her remains will be brought back to St. Bon's for the funeral. Please keep Helen in your prayers as we await the Funeral arrangement details.

Des Anglin: Des' funeral will be on 28th July at 12pm at St Bon's. After the funeral, the Family would like to invite all who knew Des to stay in the presbytery for refreshments to join them in a celebration of his life.

Sea Sunday, 9 July: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

Save Ukraine Appeal - helping bring children back to their families in Ukraine: This past Sunday, Liz Baldwin gave a short talk about this desperate need to help bring home deported Ukrainian children from Russia, back to their families in Ukraine. She outlined the International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant for Russian president Vladimir Putin over alleged war crimes in Ukraine. The court said the move was in relation to Moscow deporting almost 19,000 Ukrainian children, taken from their families and sent to Russia. Save Ukraine is the charity working on this rescue mission. It costs around £1000 to research, locate, and bring back to their families, one child each time. Liz spoke about this to ask for donations to help in this incredible rescue effort. The people of St Bons and Liz's family and friends were all brilliantly generous! The amount of £400.46 has been raised thus far from a combination of donations at the end of Mass and online donations to the Just Giving page - www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/liz-baldwin-1 for this appeal.

Liz wants to thank everyone for their incredible kindness and generosity on behalf of 'Save Ukraine' and helping in this most needed appeal to rescue taken Ukrainian children.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: This month is Plastic Free July, a global movement helping millions of people to be part of the solution to plastic pollution. The Plastic Free Foundation's website - www.plasticfreejuly.org is packed with ideas, alternatives and resources encouraging people around the world to avoid single use plastic. You are invited to take the Plastic Free challenge, with a questionnaire that helps you to estimate your current plastic use and a follow-up in August which helps to track your progress. If you sign up to the challenge, you will receive tips, hints and stories in weekly emails during July to help keep you motivated. By working together to reduce our individual plastic use we can make a difference and be a part of the solution.

Community Food Pantry Update:

Please donate: Cooking Oil, Tuna, Fish, Pesto, Biscuits, Deodorant, Shampoo

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 – 12 July and 9th August. 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: We will not be meeting during July and August. Soup lunches will resume in September - Fridays in the presbytery from 12pm, all welcome! Donations are sent to charity. More information from Chris Swann on 01179427018.

Men of St Joseph: Bible and Catechism study with real life application to become a better Catholic man, Husband, Father and forge a lasting brotherhood of men of the faith. If you're interested, please see Bart or Juan Carlos (altar servers) after 10am Mass.

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 9	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Penny Millar RIP
Sunday 9	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18.00	People of the parish
Monday 10	Weekday OT	No Mass	
Tuesday 11	St Benedict	No Mass	
Wednesday 5	Weekday OT	No Mass	
Thursday 6	Weekday OT	No Mass	
Friday 7	Weekday OT	No Mass	
Saturday 8	St Bonaventure	No Mass	
Sunday 9	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Jim Grealley
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Second Collections:

Sunday 9th July – second collection: Sea Sunday