

ST BONS NEWSLETTER 5th May

MONSIGNOR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

Yesterday I was at a meeting, for most of the day, on the new Lectionary which is due to come into force from 1st Sunday of Advent. We're about 40 priest present and we listened to a very interesting presentation by Martin Foster who leads the liturgy department of the Bishop conference. The Lectionary is a series of books which has all the approved scripture readings for all the Masses and for the celebration of the Sacraments. This new Lectionary uses a new translation of the scriptures and has been a 'work in progress' for almost 10 years. This translation is called the English Standard Version and is being used by the Bishop Conferences of England & Wales as well as South Africa, Scotland and South Africa.

Like any major biblical work once it has been translated into another language that version has to be approved by the Vatican. Added to this is the fact that any changes made to it have to be approved by people who produced the translation as they have the copyright to this version. So you can understand there's quite a bit of to-ing and fro-ing between various different groups before agreement can be finalised.

The present lectionary was produced in 1981 and was itself originally started in the early 70s as we can all imagine things change over 50 year period. For example a number of new saints have been made and Masses for them need to be added. So it was felt that a new translation and a new approach would be a benefit for all.

Most of the time you won't notice a great deal of change, because the scriptures are still the same Scriptures but translations and translators often use different words in each addition. English being such a rich language often has many ways of saying the same thing. You may find that sometimes you will prick up your ears because a well known piece of scripture now sounds a bit different.

So if you use a Missal you will need to get a new version which will be on sale in the Autumn.

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

Please Pray For: Enzo Maniglia. Peter Sewell. Eddie Williams. Paul Tooze. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Ninette Bateman. We also pray for Sheila Bull, Maria Lombardi and Julie Johnson who died recently. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

ENCOUNTER - DAY OF RENEWAL: There will be a special day of renewal at St Bonaventure's from 10am to 4pm starting with Mass on Saturday 25th May. Mass, uplifting worship, inspiring teaching and testimonies. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit. Childrens' stream available too. Refreshments provided but bring a packed lunch. To give us an idea of numbers for the day, we ask you to book a free ticket for all members of your party here: www.dftholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024 .

Generators for Ukraine: UK registered charity From Bristol with Love for Ukraine has sent over 60 consignments of humanitarian aid ever since the invasion in 2022, including 90+ generators along with power banks to relieve the situation. Russia has increased its attacks in recent days particularly on Ukraine's power plants. All but a handful of the thermal and hydro power plants across the country are either badly damaged or totally destroyed. Any donation you feel you can give, however small, will be gratefully received and will be converted into generators to be transported by volunteers to the Romanian border with Ukraine: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/gen4ukr> .

CAFOD is holding a special event to talk about gifts in Wills on Wed 12 June, 2pm to 4pm at St John the Evangelist, Bath. We will be joined by CAFOD's Director of International Programmes, Fergus Conmee who will be able to give us a lot of information about many different areas of CAFOD's work and how they are supported through gifts in Wills. They will be able to answer any questions about leaving a gift in a Will to CAFOD. The event is open to anyone who is interested in finding out more about this way of giving. Explore the power of leaving a gift in your Will to make a lasting impact in the world. To find out more and to book your place please go to cafod.org.uk/legacyevent

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 stbonaventurescricket@gmail.com .

Christians in Science lecture Friday May 3rd: Professor Nigel Crook will be speaking on "Consciousness, Creativity and Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)" at Redland Church Hall, BS6 7HE. The talk starts at 7.30pm and will be followed by time for questions with a formal close at 9.30pm. Refreshments will be served from 7pm. There is no entrance charge but if

you can afford a donation, £5 would help cover our running costs. Artificial Intelligence has wide ranging implications which are important for Christians to understand and respond to.

RED BOX COLLECTIONS 2023: In 2023, people in England and Wales gave over £2 million pounds through the Red Box - this amount includes donations in the Red Boxes and by people giving directly via Direct Debits, cheques and online. Clifton Diocese raised over £90,000. Here at St Bon's, we raised a very impressive £982.21 through the Red Boxes and individuals giving directly. Thank you, as always, for your generous giving and support.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: Is your house full of 'stuff'? Look around your home, one room at a time, and ask yourself, item by item, "When's the last time I used this?" Depending on the object, if you haven't used it for a while, it might be something that you don't need. An inessential book that you'll never read again, or clothes that no longer fit might be welcomed by someone else. Let's use "spring cleaning" to look at how we can live more simply.

Community Food Pantry Update: Please donate: Milk, Coffee, Washing up liquid, Sanitary products
Please DO NOT donate: Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

Parent & Baby/Toddler Group: Monday, 10am - 12pm. For more info or if you'd like to be added to the WhatsApp group please contact Claire on 07871627928.

Rosary Prayer Group: Rosary group meets every Tuesday in St Elizabeth dining room in Presbytery at 2pm. All welcome. Prayer requests welcome. Telephone Julia 07746101030

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: 8 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 01179427018 or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

Friday Soup Lunches: Fridays in the Presbytery from 12 noon, 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. Meetings every 1st Friday of the month at 7.30pm. If you're interested, please see Deacon Bart or Juan Carlos (altar servers) after 10am Mass or come to the meeting.

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 5	6th Sunday of Easter	10.00	Penny Millar RIP
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Monday 6	6th week of Eastertide	No Mass	
Tuesday 7	6th week of Eastertide	9.30	John Hanley RIP
Wednesday 8	6th Week of Eastertide	No Mass	
Thursday 9	The Ascension of the Lord	18.00	Special intention
Friday 10	6th week of Eastertide	11.00	Funeral of Julie Johnson
Saturday 11	6th Week of Eastertide	11.00	FHC Mass
		14.00	FHC Mass
Sunday 12	7th Sunday of Easter	10.00	Eduardo Rivera & Family
Sunday 12	7th Sunday of Easter	18.00	People of the Parish