

ST BONS NEWSLETTER 7th July

MONSIGNOR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

It's less than a couple of weeks away from the parish feast day of Saint Bonaventure and we are going to celebrate it after the morning and evening masses on Sunday the 14th the day before the actual feast day. In thinking about it, it has helped me to reflect on the fact that I don't often enough say a big 'thank you' to all of those people who help in different ways to make our parish and its community what it is.

Some of them you know, some of them you will recognise, some of them you may not even see or recognise what they do; however, there is a band of people, young and not so young, who go about making sure that everything runs smoothly. Some of them like the musicians and singers turn up 45 minutes before Mass starts for rehearsal and those who lead often spend several hours sorting out the hymns and music we're going to have on a Sunday. They, along with the altar servers and the welcomers, are most probably some of the most high profile. There are others whose work may well go unnoticed by the majority, people who clean the church, those who polish the brasses, those who clean the altar linen that always looks pristine. Then there are those people who run and organise the children's liturgy - our 'Little Church'. If you don't go out to it then you most probably are unaware as to who they are, or how much time and effort they put into the preparation for their Sunday session. What about those people who are involved in safeguarding, to make sure we all meet the highest standards of looking after our young and our older vulnerable members of the community. As you walk into church each week do notice the work that the gardening team have done, or because it always looks so manicured, do you just take it for granted?

All these groups have two things in common. Firstly, they do it for free, secondly they do it for you (and me), but most of all, they do it for love of God. So thanks to all of you no matter what it is that you do, we couldn't and wouldn't be St Bons Parish without your efforts.

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

Please Pray For: Enzo Maniglia. Peter Sewell. Eddie Williams. Paul Tooze. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Ninette Bateman. Rosie O'Hagan. Madeline Walsh. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Len Jacobs who died recently. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

Wedding: Congratulations and best wishes to Dainty and Jack who are getting married on 12th July!

St Bonaventure's Feast Day: Let's celebrate the feast of our patron saint! 14th July, after the morning Mass - Pimm's & lemonade, cakes, face painting and more. Also, a glass of pimm's after the evening Mass. We would welcome **donations of cakes for the cake sale** on the day, proceedings will be split between Food Pantry and our building fund.

Our Lady of the Rosary School 70th Anniversary: Are you a past pupil or staff member of Our Lady of the Rosary School in Bristol? If so, we would like to invite you to our 70th Anniversary celebrations. Bishop Bosco will be celebrating mass on Friday 11th October 2024 at 10am. Please join us for mass and afterwards in the school hall where there will be displays connected to the school's history and a chance to catch up with old friends.

If you have any memories that you would like to share, we would be delighted to hear from you. If you would like to share these in person with our current children, then that would be brilliant. Either way you can contact us by email 70years.OLORschool@bristol-schools.uk. By post: Tide Grove, Lawrence Weston, Bristol BS110PA or phone: 01179030025

Pastoral Ministry Formation course: We are now actively seeking to recruit for the next Pastoral Ministry Formation course which begins in the Autumn 2024. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you. If you are a minister in any form – this course is for you. If you are not involved in any way – but would like to be – this course is for you!

Thurs 11 July, 7pm: Emmaus House, Bristol. No Need to book, just turn up on the evening.

St Bon's Climate Action group: Our next meeting is on Monday 8th July where we will be exploring more ways that we, as individuals and as a community, can play our part in slowing down the climate emergency. Join us for a simple vegetarian meal at 7pm or come along at 7.30pm for the discussion.

Diocesan Day: This year's Diocesan Day will take place on **Saturday 6 July** at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol. The focus of our day will be on Hope – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. We will look at where our hope lies, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025. The day will start at 9.30am with refreshments and will include Mass as a central part of our day. Please bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm. Everyone is welcome but places are limited, so please book early; use the Eventbrite link to register: <https://cliftondiocesanday.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: Is your bank account funding climate chaos? Your choice of bank can be a powerful way to support a more sustainable world. According to the 2024 Banking on Climate Chaos report, the world's 60 biggest banks have funnelled \$6.9 trillion into the fossil fuel industry! Ethical banks have greener investment policies, pay their fair share of tax and offer a brighter future for the environment. The vast majority are also protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), meaning your money is just as safe in an ethical bank as it is in any other FSCS protected bank. Triodos, Nationwide and Co-Op are the most ethical UK banks according to Ethical Consumer.

Community Food Pantry Update: This week, we want to say a massive thank you to the residents of Egerton Road. They held their annual street party on Saturday 15th June, and despite the very rainy weather, raised lots of money for the Community Food Pantry and AidBox Community - a whopping £665, of which half will go to the pantry. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the day, and a particular thanks to the wonderful Jenny Glester for her superhuman organisation skills!

Please donate: Longlife milk (dairy), Longlife milk (soya), Cereal, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned tuna, Toilet paper

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: 10 July. 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 7	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Jill Gamlin RIP
Sunday 7	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 8	Ordinary Time		No Mass
Tuesday 9	Ordinary Time	9.30	Deceases of the Hunt Family
Wednesday 10	Ordinary Time	9.30	People of the Holy Land
Thursday 11	St Benedict, Abbot	9.30	Ukraine
Friday 12	Ordinary Time	9.30	Married couples
		13.00	Wedding of Dainty & Jack
Saturday 13	Ordinary Time	9.30	Bishop Bosco
Sunday 14	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Seafarers
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*Second collection - 14.07.24: **Stella Maris (Sea Sunday)**