

ST BONS NEWSLETTER 6th October 2024

DEACON BART'S MESSAGE

As I am typing this message, the final session of the Synod on Synodality begins in the Vatican. So, what does the Synod got to do with our Parish community, we may ask? We, as a Parish of the worldwide Catholic Church, together with all the Parishes around the world, take part in this Synod. About 3 years ago, I understand, there was a synodal meeting in our Parish to listen and take feedback and pass it on to the synodal process. This month, this synodal process conclude in the Vatican.

What is the priority of the Synod that is about to begin? What is the main and most important purpose of the Church's synodal reform? Pope Francis outlined an answer by posing a question:

"The synodal process," he said, *"must involve returning to the Gospel. It is not about prioritizing 'fashionable' reforms, but asking: 'How can we bring the Gospel to a society that is no longer listening or has distanced itself from the faith?' Let us all ask ourselves this question."*

One of the fruits of our Parish involvement in the synodal process is our newly formed Pastoral Council which is to continue the synodal listening and conversations in the Holy Spirit. The process in which the whole of our community, as one Body of Christ, will be invited to continue to take part. We will be grappling with the question of "how to be a synodal Church in mission" to the society that is confused and hurting, seeking purpose and meaning. In doing that we will need to keep our eyes on Christ.

Let us pray that the Spirit of Christ will, indeed, guide the representatives at the Synod at the Vatican and us in our Parish. Guide us to find a way to become together a living sacrament of communion with God and mission among all people.

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

Please Pray For: Enzo Maniglia. Peter Sewell. Eddie Williams. Paul Tooze. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Ninette Bateman. Madeline Walsh.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gina Compagni and Rosie O'Hagan, Sarah Cuellar, Fr George Malecki (from Thornbury) and Fr Derrick D'Mello (Knowle West) who died recently.

If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

Funerals: Rosie O'Hagan's funeral will be on Thursday, 10th October, 12 noon at St Bons.

Funeral of Sarah Cuellar will be on 16th October, 11am at Sacred Heart.

Thank you to Fr Frank Bermingham for covering our Sunday Masses, with the help of our Deacons, during Mgr Bernard's absence.

Cake and Produce Sale: This Sunday, 6th October, there will be a sale of cakes, produce and plants after both Masses in aid of CAFOD and our Food Pantry. Bakers, jam and pickle makers and gardeners please bring contributions for sale.

Parish Fairtrade Wine Tasting and Meal: Following on from Fairtrade fortnight there will be a meal on Friday evening 18th October in the Presbytery at 6.45pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Chris Swann on 07796 595056 - cost will be £10 per person and booking is required as places are limited. The evening will include servings of 6 fairtrade wines with character notes provided by ex-parishioner Florence Fagan, a wine professional.



CAFOD's: Thanks to the donations that parishes have given in support of Fast Day, CAFOD has been supporting church and local partners to respond in Lebanon as well as in Gaza. This week, CAFOD provided a £60k grant to our partners in Lebanon to help people who have fled their homes with food and shelter. In Gaza, despite the risk to life our local partners continue to provide practical help to families caught up in the conflict. Giving to the Family Fast Day appeal today means we can provide support where the need is greatest. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Climate Action Group: Our next meeting will be on Monday 14th October. There won't be a shared meal this month. We'll meet at 7.30pm sharp at the presbytery, and walk together to visit a house in Egerton Road with a heat pump to find out how it works and ask questions. We'll conclude our meeting back at the presbytery with tea, coffee and cakes. (9.00pm finish). Everybody is very welcome.

Your Donations to St Bons in the cash baskets are greatly appreciated - thank you. Since April you have donated just over £5000. We are able to claim 25% Gift Aid on SOME of this, but we are potentially missing out on the rest. If anyone who pays UK tax would please consider donating by other means (card machine or Standing Order) it could generate more free money for St Bons at no cost to you.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: 'Good Money Sunday', promoted by the JustMoney campaign this Sunday, offers us the opportunity to consider how we spend our money and what effect that has on other people. We could think about the clothes we buy - are they from a company that exploits workers in China and countries of the south? Is the food we buy contributing to the climate crisis by depending on deforestation for its production? Consider which company you bank with - do they invest ethically? The Cooperative Bank and Triodos, based in Bristol, don't invest in fossil fuels or the arms industry. If you have a pension try to find out whether the investments are ethical and ask for your pension to be switched to a green plan. You can check out the Ethical Consumer and the Make My Money Matter campaign's section on Green my Pension for information.

Community Food Pantry Update:

Please donate: Longlife milk (dairy), Longlife milk (soya), Tinned tuna, Tinned fish, Tinned fruit, 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: 9 October. 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.

Breviary Morning Prayer: Every Thursday 9am in the church.

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 6	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Rosie O'Hagan RIP
		18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 7	Our Lady of the Rosary		No Mass
Tuesday 8	Ordinary Time		No Mass
Wednesday 9	Saint John Henry Newman, Priest	9.30	Anita and Family
Thursday 10	Ordinary Time	12.00	Funeral of Rosie O'Hagan
Friday 11	Ordinary Time	9.30	Orton-Williams Family
Saturday 12	Ordinary Time	9.30	Private intention
Sunday 13	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Anna Louise Florin RIP
		18.00	People of the Parish

Second collection - 6.10.24: CAFOD (Harvest Feast Day)