

ST BONS NEWSLETTER 20th October 2024

MONSIGNOR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

Is there a difference between rumour and fake news? I suppose there might be a difference if the rumour is correct, I say this because recently I've had two incidents of incorrect rumours: the first one is that I have been told that I'm about to retire, which was news to me, because I certainly do not have a retirement date; however, I am required by Canon Law to submit a retirement request to the Bishop in 18 months' time, when I will be 75.

The other rumour I heard was that we had had a break in at the church, which again was news to me. It appears that because one of the outer door handles is broken and 1 of the sets of doors in the church is boarded up, this must mean we had a break in. The reality is that somebody a few months ago opened the double outer set of doors by just simply undoing the locks, top and bottom, and pushing the doors open instead of turning the handle. The result was that the handle got broken. The inner door is currently boarded up because the leaded windows have been taken out to be altered so that instead of frosted glass they will have clear glass. As you know, we are a welcoming parish, however before you can get into the main body of the church, you have to go through two sets of doors which you cannot see through. So the windows are all being changed over the coming weeks. This will mean that as you come into the church, you will be able to see what's ahead of you, and if you are in the church, you'll be able to see who is coming in. Currently, if you are coming in to use the food pantry and particularly if it's your first visit, you have to go through three doors before you will find what you're looking for - hardly a welcoming experience.

So the world is awash with fake news, but we are the people who have the real news, the good news, the life giving news. Yes, we have the news of Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life and that's no rumour.

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.

First Holy Communion 2025: The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open. If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an online application form available on our website: www.stbonsbristol.com/sacraments. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 17th May 2025. For more details, please contact the parish office.

Sponsorship of a lectionary: Would you like to sponsor one of our new lectionaries? You have a unique opportunity to make a dedication to a loved one or have your family name remembered in one of our four new books. The cost to sponsor a lectionary is £250. The name or dedication will be inscribed on the inside front page of the book. The current books date back to 1983 and the new ones will most probably last as long.

The only way to reserve your lectionary sponsorship is via the email to the parish office - bristol.stbonaventure@clifondiocese.com ; this will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Thank you from CAFOD: Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at cafod.org.uk/harvest .

September finances:

INCOME:

CASH	£1,018.95
CONTACTLESS	£901.50
S/O	<u>£3,142.50</u>
	£5,062.95

EXPENDITURE:

GAS / ELECTRIC	£2,371.71
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Women's prayer group: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 23rd October at 6.30 in the presbytery. All ladies welcome!

Livesimply Thought for the Week: As we approach winter it would be a good idea to check for draughts and leaks around your home. In a typical house, 25% of heat loss is via the roof. Loft insulation is a simple and effective way to reduce your heating bills and, even if your loft is already insulated, it may need a top-up. Grants covering loft insulation and other energy efficiency measures may be available for those claiming certain benefits. Check and fix the gaps around the house that let the cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes, gaps around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards etc.). Wearing extra warm jumpers and socks, having regular warm drinks and using hot water bottles can help you feel cosier without turning the heating up. The Centre for Sustainable Energy has lots more useful tips and ideas on its website.

Community Food Pantry Update: A big thank you this week to those who bought plants and cakes at the recent sale in the Church - you raised a smashing £133 for the Community Food Pantry. We really rely on your generosity - both from events like one and from individual donations of food or cash - to keep this venture going. Take a look below to see the food we particularly need at the moment.

Please donate: 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: 13 November. 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 20	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Paul Silverton RIP
		18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 21	Ordinary Time		No Mass
Tuesday 22	Ordinary Time	9.30	Teresa Donohue RIP
Wednesday 23	Ordinary Time	9.30	Sarah Cuellar RIP
Thursday 24	Ordinary Time	9.15	School Harvest Mass
Friday 25	Ordinary Time	9.30	Fr Ray Matus RIP
Saturday 26	Ordinary Time		No Mass
Sunday 27	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Christians in the Holy Land
		18.00	People of the Parish

Second collection - 20.10.24: MISSIO (World Mission Sunday)