

ST BONS NEWSLETTER - 1st June 2025

MONSIGNOR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

This week I'm having two visits from Bishop Bosco. On Tuesday I was hosting the local pastoral area clergy meeting for 14 priests and deacon. The Bishop came to the meeting, not really to inform us, but more just to listen to us and get a feel of how we are working or trying to work together. As we know parishes can be very insular institutions and sometimes the parish clergy can be as well.

With a new Pope at the helm, it reminds us that we are part of a billion+ collection of Catholics. The needs and the wishes of such a vast number and spread across the whole globe are obviously very varied. On a local level there is still a wide range of different opinions amongst the people of the diocese. So Bishop Bosco came to see what the needs of city parishes are; as they can differ from those in the rural areas.

Bishop Bosco's 2nd visit is tomorrow for a diocesan Mass at 11.00 connected to Pope Francis encyclical *Laudo Si* (On the needs of our shared planet.). This will be followed by a time for people to share their vision of how we can and should care for Creation. This precious gift of life that God has asked us to care for.

So these 2 visits tie together both our common gift of faith and our common duty of care for all of creation. As the bishop tells us that if we are people of prayer and people of the gospel then we will help to build God's kingdom on earth so that we might inherit His Kingdom in heaven.

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

Please Pray For: Enzo Maniglia. Eddie Williams. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Ninette Bateman. Madeline Walsh. Giovanni Maniglia. We also pray for Angelo Sardo-Viscuglia, Patricia McManamon and Virginia McGladdery who died recently.

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

Pentecost 2025 Saturday 7th June: Join us in person or via the Cathedral livestream for an all night Pentecost Vigil on 7th June. Let us come together as a Diocese to pray for the Holy Spirit to reinvigorate our faith, our parishes and our communities.

Dementia-friendly Day: Come along to our interactive dementia-friendly day on Saturday 7th June, 11am to 4pm, in the beautiful gardens of Penny Brohn UK, take your pick from a great range of activities, all designed to support the lives of those touched by dementia. All ages are welcome, there'll be refreshments available and whether you just pop in or join us for the whole day, there'll be plenty to keep the family busy! Penny Brohn UK, The Garden Room Wing, Chapel Hill Pill, BS20 0HH. Any questions? Ask Veronica Swan - 07884134599

Parishes in Communion for Mission: As announced Canon Tom will be taking responsibility for the pastoral care of St. Bonaventure's in September, as well as St. Antony's and Sacred Heart. With this in mind, those interested, are invited to a meeting regarding the future of our three parishes on **Saturday 21st June** in the Newman Hall (behind Sacred Heart church) at 10am - 12noon. Refreshments will be provided.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: 2025 is a Jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on the debt crisis. The world is currently facing one of the most acute debt crises in history. 54 countries – from Kenya to Sri Lanka – are facing debt distress. It's the world's poorest countries who are the worst affected, with many forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. You might like to sign the Global Church's [petition](#) to world leaders, promoted by CAFOD.

Community Food Pantry Update:

Please donate: Tinned meat meals, Tinned vegetarian or vegan meals, Tinned fruit, Tinned tuna and other tinned fish, Washing up liquid, Shampoo. **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: 11 June. 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.

Women's prayer group: Once a month on a Wednesday at 6.30pm, in the Presbytery. The next date: 25th June.

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 1	7 th Sunday of Easter	10.00	Angelo Sardo-Viscuglia RIP
		18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 2	St Philip Neri	No Mass	
Tuesday 3	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	9.30	Claire Flynn
Wednesday 4	Weekday of Easter	9.30	Special intention
Thursday 5	The Ascension of the Lord	9.30	Infirm Clergy
Friday 6	Weekday of Easter	9.30	Mass of Thanksgiving
Saturday 7	St Aldhelm, Bishop	9.30	Youth of the Parish
Sunday 8	Pentecost Sunday	10.00	People of the Parish
		18.00	Virginia McGladdery RIP

**Second collection on 1 June: Catholic Communications Network*

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