

ST BONS NEWSLETTER - 14th September 2025

MONSIGNOR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

This week I've seen Canon Tom a couple of times and like me, he's looking forward to the changes and challenges that lie ahead in the coming weeks. It's never easy taking on a new parish even if you think you know it. However, the reality is that it is always somewhat different to what you think it is going to be. That means, some things are better than you had expected and some are worse than you could have feared.

This is true, not just for Canon Tom and myself, but also true for all the people who currently go to the three churches and the five Sunday Masses. Not only will you have to adjust to a new Mass time but also you may find that someone else is sitting in your seat because that's the seat they used to sit in at a different Mass, or because they're coming from a different church.

Every church has his own feel, and what works in one church doesn't necessarily work in another. Even preaching at different churches often invokes a different response from the congregation. So, whilst some of you may think that the changes only really affect you, they also significantly affect the new parish priest. He will be confronted with both familiar faces in unfamiliar situations; and unfamiliar faces who are at their usual locations but who are trying to settle into the altered sense of normality.

So it's important over the next few weeks that people are more sensitive than usual to those around them. With patience and charity, you can all work towards a new 'normal' and continue to make St Bons a vibrant and welcoming parish.

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

Please Pray For: Eddie Williams, Margaret Rogers, Rosemary Hatherly, Sheelagh Gaines, Ninette Bateman, Madeline Walsh, Giovanni Maniglia. We also pray for Tim Birkett who died recently. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

Bring & Share - Sunday 28th Sept: All are welcome to join us for a Bring & Share early lunch in the Presbytery on Sunday 28th September, after our first Mass at 11am Mass. It will be a lovely chance to enjoy some food together, catch up with one another, and welcome Canon Tom. Let's make it a joyful gathering!

Mgr Bernard's Retirement collection: In celebration of Mgr Bernard's upcoming retirement, we are putting together a collection. Your generous contribution will be a heartfelt way to thank Mgr Bernard for his years of service. Please either place donations in the offertory basket or drop it through the Presbytery letter box; or if you prefer, donate on the machines in the entrance or online at www.stbonsbristol.com/donate.

Mission Mass at Holy Family Church, Patchway on Tuesday 16 September at 7 pm: This Mass for Red Missio Box Holders and any interested parishioner will be with Bishop Bosco McDonald and Fr Gary Brassington (Missio Diocesan Director for Clifton) followed by refreshments. All are very welcome.

The Autumn Edition of "Mission Today" is now available from the back of the church. Please take a copy as it has many articles and prayers in connection with World Mission Sunday on Sunday October 19 including an abridged version of the late Holy Father's address for this year's Mission Sunday.

Marriage support: Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: [+44 7887 296 983](tel:+447887296983)

Finance – August 2025:

Gift Aid Standing Orders	2,726.50
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	322.00
Gift Aid Envelope	48.00
Loose Plate	983.71
Gift Aid Contactless	548.00
Non Gift Aid Contactless	<u>458.40</u>
	£5,086.61

Gas	3,709.07
Electric	2,016.80
Parish Share	<u>4,148.00</u>
	£9,873.87

St Bon's Climate Action group: Our next meeting is on Monday 15th September where we will be planning events and activities to help us as individuals and as a community, to play our part in caring for Creation. Join us for a simple vegetarian meal at 7pm, or come along at 7.30pm for the discussion.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: It is easy to lose hope in the world as it is - increasingly violent and divided, battered by wildfires, storms and floods, with little effective political leadership. But what would happen if we replaced our need for a solution to these problems with love? A love for Creation, for future generations and our sisters and brothers around the world. On this the second Sunday of the Season of Creation, let us be inspired by this love to play our part in building a society that lives more wisely and generously on our planet. Pope Francis in his letter on Care for our Common Home (Laudato Si) published 10 years ago invited all Catholics and people of good will to do just that. To explore this and Pope Francis' further more urgent letter, Laudate Deum, have a look at the Cafod website.

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 September. 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: Will re-commence on Friday 19th September. 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. Our next meeting will be in October, date TBC - watch this space!

Children's Liturgy: For Primary school-aged children, at every Sunday morning Mass.

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 14	The Exaltation on the Holy Cross	10.00	Rosie O'Hagan RIP
		18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	No Mass	
Tuesday 16	SS Cornelius and Cyprian	No Mass	
Wednesday 17	St Edith of Wilton	No Mass	
Thursday 18	Ordinary Time	9.30	Private intention
Friday 19	Ordinary time	9.30	Holy Souls
Saturday 20	Ss Adnrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong-sang	9.30	Canon Tom Finnegan
Sunday 21	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Angel Vieira Carvalho RIP
		18.00	Joe Hanley RIP

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