

A warm welcome to all who gather today around the Altar of the Lord in our parishes of

St Bonaventure's, Sacred Heart & St Antony's

Working in Communion for Mission.

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First Sunday of Advent 30th November



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"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord (Isaiah 2:3) Mont Ventoux in Provence is revered among cyclists as one of the hardest climbs. Just as with the journey of discipleship and vocation, scaling this mountain, or any great climb, requires the right mental and spiritual disposition. There is a need to be properly prepared through quality training. Advent is a time when we can go back temporarily to the base of the climb. From there, we can allow the Holy Spirit to show us clearly where we have been and where we are going. Then, once the season is over, we can return to the ascent with renewed vigour.

Saturday 29 th November	St Antony's	6.00pm	First Sunday of Advent	People of the Parishes
Sunday 30 th November	Sacred Heart	9.15am	First Sunday of Advent	Derek & Pat Powell (RIP)
	St Bonaventure's	11am		Deceased from the Maddalena Family
Tue 2 nd December	Sacred Heart	6.00pm	Feria	John Sewell (RD)
Weds 3 rd December	St Antony's	9.15am	St Francis Xavier	Holy Souls
Thursday 4 th December		-	St Osmund	No Mass
Friday 5 th December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Feria	Anna Goodman (Ann)
Sat 6 th December	St Antony's	6.00pm	Second Sunday of Advent	People of the Parishes
Sunday 7 th December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Second Sunday of Advent	Angela Laporta (BD)
	St Bonaventure's	11.00am		Elizabeth Farrell (RD)

KEY: RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'ed=Deceased. Int=Intentions

Confessions: Saturdays 9.45am-10.15am Sacred Heart, 5.15pm-5.45pm St Antony's, 10.30am-11.00am St Bonaventures

In our Prayers this Week...

Sick: Margo O'Connell, Mnandi Ogbunude, Chioma Ogbunude, Master Muna Nkemakkonem, Philomena Green, Theresa Perry, Jim Garety. Dorothy Flint. Eddie Williams, Margaret Rogers, Rosemary Hatherly, Sheelagh Gaines, Ninette Bateman, Giovanni Maniglia. Please pray for those who are sick. (If you are sick and wish to be included in these prayers, please let Canon Tom know).

Recently Deceased: Mary Carroll, Liz Farrell. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Eileen Hanley, Joan Buckingham, Gill Smith, Peter Lynch.

Advent service: Our three parishes will be holding an Advent service on November 30th (the 1st Sunday of Advent) at 5 pm at Sacred Heart church, Grange Court Rd BS9 4DR, with music led by the St. Bon's music group. To help prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus. Readings, reflections, hymns and chants, prayers; with a separate activity for younger children. Refreshments to follow.

Canon Tom's induction Mass: Fr James Finan, newly appointed Dean of our Pastoral Area, will celebrate an induction Mass with Canon Tom on Thursday 11th December at 6.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided in the Presbytery after the Mass, and you're very welcome to bring something to share if you'd like. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Christmas concert: Seasonal songs and local folk carols performed by the Hotwells Howlers choir and lots of festive fun can be expected on Saturday 6th December at 7.30pm at St Bon's church. After the concert all are invited to the Presbytery for mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas craft sale!

School Christmas Fair: Join the fun and support St Bon's school on Sunday 7th December from 2-5pm.

Christmas Repository: Christmas cards, gifts and Nativity sets will be available for sale after the 11am Mass at St Bons on Sunday 7 Dec. Payment by cash or card. Nativity sets (crib & figures) are mainly to order, so the sooner you order the greater the chance of getting it by Christmas.

St Bon's Church cleaning: A cleaning session at St Bon's will take place on Saturday 13th Dec from 10.30 to around 1pm. If you're able to help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Please come equipped with vacuum cleaners, brushes, mops, dusters and any cleaning products you can bring. Let's do what we can to get the church ready before the Christmas celebrations begin. The kettle will be on and there'll be a biscuit to dunk! Hope to see you there!

Nativity Service: Join the fun and help bring the Nativity story to life at St Bons church on Sat 20th Dec, 2pm. Children are invited to come dressed as their chosen Nativity character & take part in the service if they wish. Adults are also welcome to help act out the story! If your child would like to be one of our wonderful readers, please email Neta.nroylancesmith@outlook.com. After the service: arts & crafts, lucky dip, mince pies, mulled wine, coffee and hot chocolate – everyone welcome!

Christian meditation and Lectio Divina in Advent: Regular weekly meetings on the 3 Thursdays in Advent 4-5 pm. The Well, Centre for Spirituality, Elsie Briggs House, 38 Church Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3EQ. Info: shelagh.layet@gmail.com or phone 07983 594182

St. Antony's Church Hall Tea & Coffee: All are very welcome on the 1st Saturday of the month to join us for tea, coffee and biscuits in the church hall after the 6pm mass (except January, April and July 2026). Next hospitality is Saturday 6th December.

Tea and Tots (SH): Wednesday, 10 - 11:30am. Bring your small person under 5 and join us in the Bosco room (Newman Hall) for craft, story time and snacks. Volunteers are also needed. Contact Laura Webb: toddlergroup.sacredheart@cliftondiocese.com

Men of St Joseph (SB): Bible and Catechism study. Meetings every 1st Friday of the month, 7.30pm. Contact Deacon Bart or Juan Carlos (altar servers) after 11am Mass or come to the meeting.

Drop in Coffee Morning (SB): 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.30-12.00. Come to meet up with old friends or make new ones while enjoying a cuppa at St Bons Presbytery. People living with dementia & their carers particularly welcome. Next date: 10 December. Contact Veronica Swann 07884134599.

Art Group (SB): On 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00 – 12.00. All welcome, including beginners, to join small and very friendly group. Contact Chris Swann 01179427018 or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

Friday Soup Lunches (SB): Fridays in the Presbytery from 12 noon. Donations are sent to charity. More information from Chris Swann on 01179427018.

Christmas Masses:

24th December: 4.00pm - St Antony's
6.00pm - Sacred Heart
12.00 midnight - St Bon's

25th December: 9.15am - Sacred Heart
11.00am - St Bon's

Parish Giving: There are many ways you can give a donation to Parish Funds. A monthly standing order (ask Canon Tom for a form) or use the Dona Donation Card Reader in the Church Porch at St Bon's, Sacred Heart and St Antony's or by a cash donation during the collections or by using the QR Code below.



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