

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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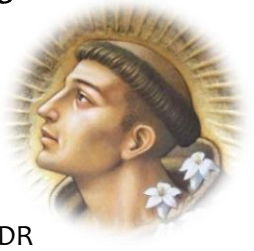


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Third Sunday of Advent 14th December



"You too have to be patient" (James 5:8) "How many sleeps until Christmas?" ask excited young children at this time of year, as their parents get frustrated by their lack of patience. Following Jesus as a disciple and discerning God's will in our lives requires patience. Forbearance is needed as the Lord seeks to work with us, shaping us to be the people we are called to be. It won't happen all at once. It can also be a long and painful road. However, the reward for being faithful makes it all worthwhile. As for the answer to the initial question – it's eleven! Be patient now readers!

Saturday 13 th December	St Antony's	6.00pm	Third Sunday of Advent	People of the Parishes
Sunday 14 th December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Third Sunday of Advent	Thomas Sneddon (Ann)
	St Bonaventure's	11am		Kirsty Lewis (RD)
Tue 16 th December	Sacred Heart	6.00pm	Weekday of Advent	Special Intention
Weds 17 th December	St Antony's	9.15am	Weekday of Advent	Holy Souls
Thursday 18 th December	St Bonaventure's	9.15pm	Weekday of Advent	Liz Farrell (RIP)
Friday 19 th December	St Bonaventure's	9.15am	Weekday of Advent	School Mass – Pam Rose (RIP)
Sat 20 th December	St Antony's	6.00pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent	People of the Parished
Sunday 21 st December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Gordan Sneddon (Ann)
	St Bonaventure's	11.00am		Eileen Hanley (Ann)

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: Angela Pitt and Canon Vincent Ryan. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Thomas Sneddon, Gordan Sneddon, Eileen Hanley, Elizabeth Morris, Joyce Preisner.

Canon Vincent Ryan RIP: Vincent died peacefully in Southmead Hospital on 9th December. Funeral arrangements are still to be made. Please keep Vincent and his family in your prayers.

Sacred Heart Christmas Church Cleaning: We shall be getting together to make Sacred Heart church super-clean ready for Christmas on Thursday 18th December. If you can join us for a while between 09.30 and 11.00, we shall be very grateful for all assistance.

St. Antony's Church cleaning: on Monday 22nd December all are most welcome to help us clean and decorate St Antony's church from 10am-noon.

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!

Christmas cards at Sacred Heart are on sale at the back of the church.

Remembering our late loved ones at Christmas (SB): Christmas is a time for families and loved ones to be together. Sadly, there are those who cannot be with us anymore but that doesn't mean we don't think of them. This year, once again, we'd like to create a tree and carpet of red poinsettias at St Bon's to remember those who cannot be with us anymore and at the same time, help those who need our help at Christmas. We are asking for a donation of at least £10 so that poinsettia can be placed in memory of your loved ones and the balance of your donation will be equally split to support CAFOD, the homeless in Bristol and our Food Pantry. Appeal details and envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at St Bons: This year's Christmas party for our senior citizens will be on Saturday 10 January from 12 to 2pm. Members of the welfare team will be collecting names after Mass 28 December and 4 January; alternatively, please contact Veronica Swann on 07884134599.

Tea and Tots (SH) We're having a break for the Christmas holidays, and look forward to welcoming you back on Wed 14 Jan. Contact Laura Webb: toddlergroup.sacredheart@cliftondiocese.com for details.

Rosary Prayer Group (SB): Rosary group meets every Wednesday in St Elizabeth dining room in Presbytery at 2pm. All welcome. Prayer requests welcome. Telephone Julia 07746101030

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: 14 January. 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): We will have 'bring & share' lunch on Friday 19th December. Soup lunches start again on Friday, 16th January. Donations are sent to charity. More information from Chris Swann on 01179427018.

Livesimply Thought for the Week Thinking about gifts for family and friends this Christmas? What if this year we asked ourselves three questions before we made a purchase? Why are we doing this? There's still time to agree with adult friends and family members not to buy presents or to set a price limit. At what cost? (think beyond financial and include the environmental impact) At whose expense? (who will be negatively impacted by this decision?) Will what you buy change as you consider these questions?

Christmas Masses:

24th December:	4.00pm - St Antony's	25th December:	9.15am - Sacred Heart
	6.00pm - Sacred Heart		11.00am - St Bon's
	12.00 midnight - 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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