

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent 21st December



"Joseph... took his wife to his home" (Matthew 1:24) "Marriage is the most beautiful thing God has created", said Pope Francis earlier this year. Married couples, he said, reflect God's love and His image because they become one flesh. Marriage is an exalted vocation and one that is to be encouraged as well as protected. Pope Francis offered three golden words for anyone considering marriage, or for those wanting to grow in their vocation. "Can I?" (with regard to asking their spouse's opinion), "Thank you" and "Forgive me". Take that advice to heart, and don't forget to ask Mary and Joseph to pray for you too.

Saturday 20 th December	St Antony's	6.00pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent	People of the Parishes
Sunday 21 st December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Gordan Sneddon (Ann)
	St Bonaventure's	11am		Eileen Hanley (Ann)
Tue 23 rd December	Sacred Heart	6.00pm	Weekday of Advent	Private Intention
Weds 24 th December	St Antony's	4.00pm	Christmas Eve	People of the Parishes
Weds 24 th December	Sacred Heart	6.00pm	Christmas Eve	People of the Parishes
Thursday 25 th December	St Bonaventure's	midnight	Christmas Vigil	Special Intention
Thursday 25 th December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Christmas Day	People of the Parishes
Thursday 25 th December	St Bonaventure's	11.00am	Christmas Day	Juan Mondragon (Ann)
Friday 26 th December	No Mass Today		St Stephen	No Mass Today
Sat 27 th December	St Antony's	6.00pm	The Holy Family	People of the Parishes
Sunday 28 th December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	The Holy Family	Thomas Sneddon (BD)
	St Bonaventure's	11.00am		Bill & Hanna Tully (Ann)
... Thursday 1 January	St Bonaventure's	12 noon	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Alice Sneddon (Ann)

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

No Confessions on Saturday 27th December

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, Gerard Hughes. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Gordan Sneddon, Eileen Hanley, Michael Corrigan, Peter Sewell, Luisa Polledri, David Williams

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.

Christmas Collection: Envelopes for Canon Tom's Christmas Collection are available from the Church Porches. You can also use the tap and go card readers by the exits at our Churches. You can also make your donation online through 'Dona Donation' on the Parish Website or use the QR Codes below. This Collection is your personal gift to Canon Tom over the Christmas period. Many thanks.

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.

Retrouvaille helps marriages: a program dedicated to healing and renewing marriages. Next date online, run via Zoom from: 12th - 15th Feb 2026. Details on: www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

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.

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.

Parent & Baby/Toddler Group (SB): Restarting in January, 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 (SB): Rosary group meets every Wednesday in St Elizabeth dining room in Presbytery at 2pm. All welcome. Prayer requests welcome. Telephone Julia 07746101030

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.

Women's prayer group (SB): Once a month, on a Wednesday at 6.30pm, in the Presbytery. Our next meeting will be on 21st January.

Hall Manager and Treasurer: Part-time - 8 hours per week. To oversee all treasurer tasks and support the day to day running of the Newman Hall. For further information and application form, please visit the parish website: [Newman Hall | Sacred Heart](#) or contact paula.asquith@cliftondiocese.com. Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 16th January 2026

Friday Soup Lunches (SB): Soup lunches start again on Friday, 16th January 12 noon. Donations are sent to charity. More information from Chris Swann on 01179427018.

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.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: As we sing "Oh little town of Bethlehem" this Christmas, let us remember the suffering and destruction occurring in the Holy Land and other parts of our war-torn world. Let such thoughts inspire us to be grateful for all we have and to share what we can. This is the season of hope - let us put our trust in God who became human to share our troubles, challenges and joys. He calls on us to play our part in building a peaceful, hope-filled world - let us spend time listening to Him and saying yes as Mary did.

With Sadness: It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Angela Pitt and Gerard Hughes recently. Angela's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 8th January at 10.00am at St Bonaventure's. Gerard Hughes' Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 7th January at 11.30am at Sacred Heart (Reception in Church Tuesday 6th Jan at 5.30pm). May they rest in Peace.

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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