

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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## Second Sunday of Advent 7<sup>th</sup> December



**"Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight" (Luke 3:4)** *Going Straight*, the spin-off to the classic BBC sitcom *Porridge*, saw Norman Stanley Fletcher leave prison and seek to become an honest member of society. Sin locks us up in prison. Our call is to 'go straight' and, through right relationship with God, to allow God's will to be done in us. Whatever state of life God is calling you to, be it marriage, priesthood or consecrated life, the call to 'go straight' will always be strong. Don't worry if you're not there yet. Who is? The good news is that we can get ever closer by going to confession.

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	St Antony's	6.00pm	Second Sunday of Advent	People of the Parishes
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Second Sunday of Advent	Angela Laporta (BD)
	St Bonaventure's	11am		Elizabeth Farrell (RD)
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Sacred Heart	6.00pm	Feria	Julian Zaturski (Ann)
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> December	St Antony's	9.15am	Feria	St. Antony's Donors
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	St Bonaventure's	6.30pm	Feria	Canon Tom Finnegan
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> December	St Antony's	6.00pm	Third Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Third Sunday of Advent	Thomas Sneddon (Ann)
	St Bonaventure's	11.00am		Kirsty Lewis (RD)

KEY: RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'd=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. May she rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Hanley, Julian Zaturski, Vivian Oreffo, Mary Kinder, Margaret Heyes, Thomas Sneddon.

**Angela Pitt:** We are saddened to share the news of the death of Angela Pitt, who was a long-standing parishioner at St Bon's. Please keep Angela and her Family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

**Cafod cake and plant sale at Sacred Heart** last week raised £300. Thank you for your support.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

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

**St Bon's Church cleaning:** A cleaning session at St Bon's will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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!

**UCM Foundation Meeting** on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in the St Margaret Room, with Christmas readings, stollen and mince pies, and exchange of Christmas cards. Capitation fees for 2026 and Diary money for 2027 are now due.

**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)** will have their final session of term and Christmas party next Wednesday (10 December), after which we will have a break until 14 January.

Contact Laura Webb: [toddlergroup.sacredheart@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:toddlergroup.sacredheart@cliftondiocese.com) for more details.

**Rosary Prayer Group:** 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: 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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