

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

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## Second Sunday of Christmas 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026



**Sunday Scripture thoughts:** We hear some powerful words in Holy Scripture; but maybe these words (left) are the most powerful. They sum up God's desire for us, His people. His love for us is so immense that he wished to become just like us in all things but sin. We have been reflecting on this over the Christmas period how all this came about through the birth of Christ. May it touch our hearts and change our lives.

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	St Antony's	6.00pm	Second Sunday of Christmas	People of the Parishes
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Second Sunday of Christmas	People of the Parishes
	St Bonaventure's	11am		Ian & Audrey Rogers RIP
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Sacred Heart	6.00pm	Feast of the Epiphany	Mary Hughes (Ann)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Sacred Heart	11.30am	Requiem Mass	Gerard Hughes
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	St Bonaventure's	10am	Requiem Mass	Angela Pitt
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Bonaventure's	9.15am	School Mass	Pupils at St. Bon's
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	St Antony's	6pm	Baptism of the Lord	People of the Parishes
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Baptism of the Lord	Maria Brecel (Ann)
	St Bonaventure's	11.00am		Vincent Kennedy (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 and Canon Vincent Ryan, Gerard Hughes and Elvira Zampella. May they rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** David Williams, Madeline Brown, Antonia Giambrione.

**With Sadness:** It was with sadness that that we heard of the death of Angela Pitt and Gerard Hughes recently. Angelas 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 6<sup>th</sup> Jan at 5.30pm). May they rest in Peace.

**Thank you all:** A big thank you to all who made our Churches look so special over this Christmas period and all who helped with the liturgies, especially our musicians.

**With Thanks:** Canon Tom would like to thank everyone for their kindness over the Christmas period. For all the kind words, cards, gifts and a very generous Christmas offering. It will be used wisely (Or maybe not!). Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

**What is Prayer:** Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a session entitled 'What is Prayer?' on Friday 9 January 2026, 7pm-8pm. This is an online session where we will discover what prayer is, how to pray, and why it is important to pray. More information on how to sign in for this course run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph can be found on the following link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

**A Celebration of Marriage:** Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14 February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. You are all very welcome to join our diocesan family for this Mass. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

**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 4 January; alternatively, please contact Veronica Swann on 07884134599.

**Christian Meditation:** Regular weekly meetings resume on Thursday 8 January at 4pm. To still the mind and open the heart to the indwelling presence of God within us. The Well, Centre for Spirituality, Elsie Briggs House, 38 Church Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3EQ. Info: [Shelagh.layet@gmail.com](mailto:Shelagh.layet@gmail.com) or phone 07983 594182.

**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](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 07887 296983

**Encounter Revive Day- Clifton Cathedral:** 17th January, 9.30am to 4pm. Begin 2026 in the fire of the Holy Spirit by joining us for a Day of Encounter with guest speaker Ros Powell. Let us start the New Year "awake and alert" 1 Thess 5:6. This is a day to renew heart, hope and mission. For more information about the day, email [Encounter@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Encounter@cliftondiocese.com) or contact Ann on 07815 751556. All welcome.

**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).

**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](mailto:toddlergroup.sacredheart@cliftondiocese.com) for details.

**Parent & Baby/Toddler Group (SB):** Restarting 12 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 21<sup>st</sup> January.

**Friday Soup Lunches (SB):** Soup lunches start again on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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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