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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th October 2026

Sunday Scripture Thoughts: Companies use a number of different selection techniques in order to recruit new personnel. These can be anything from a traditional interview all the way through to a full-blown assessment centre. Whichever process they use, the employers are seeking to choose the right people for their business venture. From a Christian point of view, we must always remember that we have not been chosen because of any skills that we have or any interview techniques we have mastered, but instead we have been chosen simply because we were in the mind of God from before all time. With that loving message being constantly reinforced, we can move forward in hope to discern how we can explicitly live this out through our vocation.

Saturday 17th October	St Antony's	6.00pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Barry Clark (Ann)
Sunday 18th October	Sacred Heart	9.15am		Paul O'Hare (RD&BD)
	St Bonaventure's	11.00am		Wendy Whitcher (RIP)
Tuesday 20th October	Sacred Heart	6.00pm	Ordinary Time	John Gibbs (RIP)
Wednesday 21st October	St. Antony's	9.15am	Ordinary Time	Special Intention
Thursday 22nd October	St Bonaventure's	9.15am	Ordinary Time	Majella McCormack (RIP)
Friday 23rd October	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
Saturday 24th October	St Antony's	6.00pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Godfrey (RIP)
Sunday 25th October	Sacred Heart	9.15am		People of the Parishes
	St Bonaventure's	11.00am		Sheila Gaines (RIP&BD)

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

Confessions: Saturdays 9.45am-10am Sacred Heart, 5.15pm-5.30pm St Antony's, 10.30am-10.45am St Bonaventures

In our Prayers this Week...

Sick: Margo O'Connell, Mnandi Ogbunude, Chioma Ogbunude, Master Muna Nkemakkonem, Philomena Green, Theresa Perry, Jim Garety, Margaret Rogers, Giovanni Maniglia, Pamalita Francis, Kathleen Howard, Teresa Woodhouse (senior), Joan O'Shea, Geraldine Briody, Pat Fowley, Jim Seymore, Rod Jones and Mary Mason.
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: Alberto Fernades, Giovanni (John) Coletto and Philomena Lydon. May they rest in peace.
Anniversaries: Roger Mason, Calogero Spoto, Elizabeth Farrell, Marie-Therese Mulroy.

First Holy Communion 2027: Application forms for children in Y3 and above across all three parishes are now available to collect from Canon Tom after Mass. Please collect, complete and return the form to him

With Sadness: The Funeral Service for John Coletto will take place at St. Bonaventure's Church on Thursday 29th October at 11.15am. May he rest in peace.

With Sadness: The Requiem Mass for Alberto Fernades will take place at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 30th October at 11.15am. May he rest in peace.

Prayer for Pope Leo: Bishop Bosco has written to Pope Leo assuring him of the prayers and thoughts of us all in the Diocese of Clifton/ Please use this prayer in your own prayers for the Holy Father. *Loving and merciful Father, We entrust to your tender care our Holy Father, pope Leo. Be close to him in his illness, strengthen him in his recovery and fill his heart with your peace. Bless those who care for him, restore him to full and lasting health, and renew his strength for the ministry to which you have called him. May he always know the love and prayers of your people throughout the world. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, keep him safe in your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen*.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Sunday October 18: Every year in October, Catholic communities worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday (WMS). "One in Christ, United in Mission" is the theme that Pope Leo X1V has chosen. Through prayer and generosity, all Catholics are encouraged to help share God's love and to support the church where it is young or where it is facing great challenges. There will be a retiring collection for Mission this Sunday after all Masses.

Talk on the Power of the Rosary: At Clifton Cathedral, by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP, Promoter General for the Holy Rosary of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). The talk takes place on Thursday 22 October at 7pm (refreshments from 6.15pm) in the Apostle Room of the Cathedral.

Christmas Fair at Clifton Cathedral: in support of the St Kizito's Baby Home in Uganda will take place on 21 November from 10am to 12 noon in the Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and support this wonderful cause.

Christmas Repository & Christmas Cards (SB): will be on sale at St Bon's every Sunday in November.

Climate Action Group (SB): The group is meeting at St Bon's Presbytery on Monday 2 November. Come at 7.00pm for a shared meal or at 7.30pm for the start of the meeting. All are welcome.

Telling our Story Conference: to explore how our parishes can flourish in Communion for Mission and the challenges we face, on Saturday 14 November, 10am-3pm at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. Our keynote speaker will be Fr Jerome Ajakaiye, who will offer his thoughts and encouragement as a Parish Priest. Telling our Story is an opportunity for us to listen to the stories of one another, hear what works and what have been the challenges that we have encountered and overcome. Fr Jerome will share with us his experience as a Parish Priest and the fruits of his ministry. In addition, individuals from around the Diocese will share their stories of seeds that have been sown and flourished. To register for the day, please click on the Eventbrite link: https://shootsofhope.eventbrite.co.uk

Magnifica Humanitas: The first encyclical letter of Pope Leo has been received with great interest and excitement from around the world. Pope Leo has, from the beginning of his Papacy, focused on AI as a central issue and sees it as a new phase of the industrial revolution. His great desire is that we should not be fearful of engaging with the conversation, whoever we are, because we are all embodied beings who desire real human relationships.
A day exploring Magnifica Humanitas on 24 October at St Brendan's College, Brislington, offers all the opportunity to go deeper into the encyclical. We are delighted to say that we will have with us Bishop Bosco, Dr Austen Ivereigh and Professor Carmody Grey (tbc) who together, will unpack for us the encyclical from their perspective and lead us into conversation. Full details: Magnifica Humanitas | Clifton Diocese

Starting School? If you have a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2027 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Bristol Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2027.

Livesimply thought for the week: As autumn approaches, trees are shedding their leaves. If you have a garden, you'll be faced with the task of raking them up. Left on lawns they can cause damage but, before you get rid of them, have you thought of putting them on flower/vegetable beds and at the base of trees and shrubs? The leaves provide important nutrients for the soil but also help provide shelter for pollinating experts such as bees, butterflies and moths.

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.

Retiring Collection:

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this week for MISSIO. Please give as generously as you can.

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