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THIS SUNDAY: This Sunday is all about the “Divine Community” - in other words, the way in which our God is in himself a communion of love: Father, Son and Spirit, distinct yet perfectly united - three persons, one God. We hear of the perfect union between Father and Son, revealed in the mysterious poem of the First Reading, where the Son is “Wisdom” joining the Father in the act of creation. This union bears fruit in the Spirit, who pours this perfect love into our hearts, so that we may imitate the “Communion of Love” by living together and hoping for our place within the Divine Community.

AN OPEN CHURCH: During this Week, the Church will open at **7.30am** each morning and will close around 6.30pm.

LANGUAGE SHEETS: Those of you who might like to follow the Liturgy of the Word in either Italian, Spanish, French or Polish will be able to make use of the sheets that can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Please help yourself and take them with you as you leave.

SUNDAY CONFESSIONS: There will be a priest in one of the confessionals from about 5.50pm until 6.20pm ... but please don't turn up at the last minute - Mass begins at 6.30pm.

EXHIBITION ON THE EUCHARIST: St John's is hosting an exhibition curated by and flowing from the prayerful initiative of Blessed Carlos Acutis, a young Italian man with such a love for the Blessed Sacrament. Around our Church across this month of **June**, and **July and August** there will be a narrative of saints and places so touched by the Eucharist across the centuries. This pilgrimage around the Church enables us to deepen our understanding of the Real Presence of the Lord and a love that is revealed in this great gift of himself. The Exhibition, enabled here by Tom and Angelina, will feature panels around the north and south aisles and exhibits in the Lady Chapel and the Sacred Heart Chapel, too. There is also a display of some beautiful things that are always 'at the service' of our celebration of the Eucharist. There is a simple and beautiful guide to the exhibition and it becomes a prayerful trail in itself. You don't have to complete the exhibition all at once; you can come back! Use the trail in such a way that ends in the Sacred Heart Chapel during the week for a time of prayer.

FIRST COMMUNION 2022: This Sunday we see forty children come to receive and celebrate the gift of the Eucharist for the first time. After their weeks and months of preparation, this is their encounter with the Risen Christ in Holy Communion... and a beautiful feast to celebrate it, too. We continue to keep them in our prayers – Matvey Jaworski, Krzysztof Grzybowski, Gabriel Souza, Alicja Predka, Aleksander Nienaltowski, Ronnie Ogden, Kaizer Pio Gentallan, Patryk Zahora, Agata Kielnikowska, Laurie Mander, Oscar Mander, Rafferty Hulton, Frances Sy, Calogero Pace, Domenico Pace, Amelia Doroba, Lena Dukacziwska, Erin Daniels, Isabella Cox, Julia Knap, Aiden Sejas, Hudson Davies, Benitha Karleigh Co, Isabella Roberts, Filip Dabek, Nadia Szczypinska, Sophia Edwards, Daniel Kurdyk, Maisey Willis, Enrick Fernandes, Laura Krajewska, Lena Chelstowska, Aleksander Saja, Zofia Szemborska, Renee

TRINITY SUNDAY (Year C)

12 – 18 June 2022

First Mass of Sunday

Mass: 5.45pm *Ints of Eileen Syndecombe*

SUNDAY 12 June **TRINITY SUNDAY**

Mass: 9.30am

Bill Randall RIP

Mass: 11.00am

Polish Mass: 12.30pm

First Communion: 2.30pm & 4.30pm

Confessions: 5.50pm – 6.20pm

Mass: 6.30pm

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MONDAY 13 June **ST ANTHONY OF PADUA**

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Mass: 9.30am

Richard Beale RIP

TUESDAY 14 June

Mass: 8.00am

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Fergus Lyons

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 15 June

Mass: 8.00am

Stevan de Souza RIP

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

THURSDAY 16 June

Mass: 8.00am

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Michael Delaney RIP

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

FRIDAY 17 June

Mass: 8.00am

Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Confessions: 9.40am

Mass: 10.00am

Adoration: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Evening Prayer: 5.30pm

Rosary: 6.00pm

SATURDAY 18 June

Morning Prayer: 9.00am

Mass: 9.30am

Fr Peter Cornwell RIP

Confessions: 10.00am – 10.30am & 5.00pm – 5.30pm

First Mass of Corpus Christi

Mass: 5.45pm

Campbell, Mariella Packer, Patryk Trebacz (Poland), Nela Trebacz (Poland), Aleksandra Gryglas (Poland). A great celebration for the children and their families; a great celebration for our parish and for the Church.

ADORATION: Adoration is most certainly a pulse in our parish community and a blessing for our city, too. With adoration each day (Tues-Fri), there are the added opportunities of Friday (7pm – 8am) and Saturday (7pm – 8am Sunday). Starting this Thursday as a prayerful preparation for Corpus Christi (next Sunday), adoration will also take place each Thursday from 7pm going through to Friday morning at 7.45am. These three evening and vigil times allow us to watch before the Lord in those still and tranquil hours, longing for the dawn, longing for the Lord who comes. It is so good to encounter people who cross our threshold to be drawn into the tranquillity and peace that comes from being before the Lord. It is good to see so many taking up the challenge of the giving of an hour or so during the night. If you want to offer yourself for an hour's prayer – either in Church during the day or in the Chapel for one of the evenings - do 'sign up'. Catherine, AJ, Angelina or George would be happy to allocate you a time.

ORDINATION OF JOSEPH MEIGH: Deacon Joseph has been at St Mary's this last ten months or so and is to be ordained priest at the Cathedral on **Saturday 9 July**. You are warmly invited to come along to the ordination and St Mary's have arranged a coach. The coach leaves at 9.30am from St Mary's and will return, leaving the Cathedral at 1.30pm. £10 coach fare. You'll need to contact St Mary's to reserve a space on the bus. bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com

WORSHIP AND PRAISE during Adoration on a Wednesday from 12.30pm until 1.30pm. Do come along – prayer and music before the Lord.


FRIDAY LUNCHESES: Friday lunches have borne fruit in simply bringing people together across the weeks of Lent and Easter. They have been such a good thing – seeing 20, 25, 30 people sat down in conversation around a delicious meal – that they continue now beyond Pentecost. All you need do is turn up. A hearty fresh soup, with fresh bread, fruit and cheese await you... all served and laid up for you, too. Come and enjoy the conversation and the company. There is no charge for the lunch, just an offering that helps pay for the next week's lunch. **Every Friday at 12.30pm.**

LECTIO DIVINA: Caroline Price brought the Lenten and Easter Lectio formation sessions to an end this last Wednesday and it has been so good to have had her company over these last months. Don't forget that there is a Lectio group that meets each Monday afternoon in the St Matthew room, beneath the presbytery and accessed from the lower car park. You'd be welcome to come along,

CHILDREN'S ADORATION each Friday at 4.30pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This simple hour before the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to draw families together in stillness and in prayer. Do come along if you can.


THE SYNOD – A DIOCESAN PRESENTATION: Bishop Declan invites every parish to an evening liturgy at the Cathedral on **June 22 at 7pm** when he will also present Clifton's Synod report to each parish. Fr Christopher will be accompanied by our three Synod Delegates in receiving the report on behalf of the parish... but it would be good if others were there in the gathering. You will need to register your 'presence', and to facilitate this, you are asked to book onto the event via this link (Eventbrite): eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023: World Youth Day will next take place in Lisbon in 2023. The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from **July 31 to August 8, 2023** for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and support one another in our faith journey. If you are interested in learning more about the Clifton Diocese World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, and will be at least 18 years old on 1 April 2023, please register your interest at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com - Please spread the word to any young adults you know who may be interested in attending World Youth Day!



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS
7th, 9th and 15th of June at 7pm
WYD LISBON 2023

Join Jason and Simon to learn more about our plans for formation and WYD 2023. Email us to sign up for a session wyd2023@cliftondiocese.com



MARRIAGE MASS – SATURDAY 2 JULY: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2 July (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. He will send a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2022 or those who will marry during this year. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversary during 2022 or getting married this year please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com so that a personal invitation can be sent out, leaving details of your names, address, and the number of years you are both celebrating.

VOTIVE CANDLES: If you would like to offer one for your intention for the week, please use the brown envelopes by either chapel and pop them into the parish office. They cost £5 and each candle will be labelled with

the donors intention and hung in the votive glasses for the week.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart: *Ava*

Lady Chapel: *In thanksgiving*

A STAY IN HOSPITAL? If you or a member of your family is going into the Royal United Hospital, please contact ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net or call the RUH Chaplaincy 01225 428331 on arrival. It can be such a useful thing to know so that the Chaplaincy team can call upon you.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: We remember **Colin de Paul** who died during this last week. His funeral will be here at St John's on Thursday 7 July at 12noon. May he rest in peace.

A PARISH CENSUS 2022: Keep those census forms coming in! The online facility allows you to fill in your details online and update as-and-when. If you are not connected... do not despair! There will be a laptop or two set up with folk to help you fill in the details. The system will also allow new arrivals and returners to be part of the process and also offer us a clear vehicle of contact and communication. We can use this opportunity to explore a harvest of skills and gifts that can be put to good use with a very clear *follow up* to ensure that what is offered is made good use of. The Parish Census team, drawn together, will begin to make things available for you. If you want to look here, then you can begin to 'sign up' stjohnsrcbath.org.uk/parish-census/.

FINANCE NEWS:

Last Sunday's collection: £698.44

Online and Contactless Giving: £250

Standing Orders: £978

Gift Aid on S/O: £244 Candles: £265.10

Thank you

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Don't forget that if you are putting cash into the collection and you pay UK tax, you can add an extra 25% in tax reclaimed to your gift simple because you fill out one of the white envelopes and pop your offertory into that. That GA bonus makes such a difference... at not extra cost to you! Just take the time to complete the simple form on the envelope.

CRICKET TEAM: A first win of the season! Last Wednesday St John's played an away fixture against Buro Happold in the wide open spaces of a very windy Keynsham. St John's won the toss and batted first with James Ward and Ash Smith opening up and putting on an opening stand of 27.. David Cherriman came in at 3 and after a few swings succumbed to some tight bowling. Andy Hamilton and Chris Barry then guided the team to a competitive score of 114 for 3. Jonny Bayliss opened the bowling and had Buro Happold 8 for 2 early on, then Stuart Bridgens came on and took some wickets, along with James taking a wicket with his first ball and Chris Barry getting his second stumping of the season, it looked a simple job to close out with Buro Happold 39-6 although they were always ahead of the required run rate and a strong seventh wicket partnership go their team close to

a winning a position, however with Jonny coming back on to get two vital wickets which along with some great support in the field from Graeme Hood, Richard Granville and Tom Rynkowski pulled everything closer. With a super over looming Ash Smith bowled the last man for St John's to win by 8 runs. A really close game in the end with St John's just getting over the line.

ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL: Open Mornings which will be from 9am until 11am on Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 June. All visitors must book an appointment in advance via the school website at Saint Gregory's Summer Open Events – Saint Gregory's Bath (st-gregorys.org.uk)

VESPERS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI: Corpus Christi is celebrated on **Sunday 18 June**. We can gather for sung Evening Prayer at **5.00pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction over the city of Bath at the West Doors of the Church. It gives us opportunity to come before this great Sacrament of Christ's presence and to pray for the people of our city.

BATH ABBEY ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: This year the Abbey are celebrating 25th anniversary of a girls' choir and the concert in July reflects this occasion. They are particularly excited to be performing a newly commissioned work 'God's Mirror' by critically acclaimed composer, Roxanna Panufnik. The concert also features works by other British women composers and the Abbey Girls are joined by the Lay Clerks in what promises to be an exciting and fresh evening of music! The Concert is on Saturday, 9 July. Tickets are now available from Bath Box Office (with reserved seating). Prices: £20, £15, £10 with age 16 and under @half price

RECRUITMENT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – PRIOR PARK SCHOOLS: Prior Park Schools is partnering with Nurole, the leading board-level hiring platform, to recruit new Trustees. You can find out more and register your interest here. For any questions please contact william.prescott@nurole.com. For an informal and confidential discussion, you can also contact John Shinkwin who is the Chair of Trustees jshinkwin@priorparkschools.com or Emma Sandberg, Director of Operations and Finance and Clerk to Trustees esandberg@priorparkschools.com.

FR PRATAP'S AUTUMN VISIT: Many of you support the work and mission of Fr Pratap through the Monsignor Kelly Fund. Fr Pratap will be making a visit to the UK in September and October and is due to visit Bath from **8 – 14 October**. He will be making an appeal whilst here for support for some projects he is involved within the Diocese. Remember, the best way and the safest way to send Fr Pratap your offerings is through the Mgr Kelly Fund. Money is transferred in a safe way.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Declan is inviting our diocesan community to gather together at the diocesan shrine of Glastonbury on **Sunday 10 July**. Keep the date free.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Stefan Shaw and Betsy Gaitan Andrade who were married here this weekend.

Also, we keep in our prayers Natalie and Jason Ambrose who celebrate the blessing of their marriage this coming Saturday and also Greta Zafferri and Sergio Molla Aracil who are to be married here next Sunday afternoon. We ask the Lord to bless all our married couples as they come to celebrate the joy of his love and goodness.

A VIGIL FOR PEACE and healing in our world takes place in our Cathedral in Clifton from 8pm on Friday 24 June to 8am on Saturday 25 June. You can take part in the vigil either in the Cathedral or via livestream. There's a poster in the porch giving details of the vigil.

CREAM TEA AT THE BARN: Friday 24 June at 'The Barn', the Life Project are inviting you to join them for this Nation Cream Tea Day. Poster in the porch with details.

LGBT+ MASS: The monthly Mass takes place at St Nick's, Lawford's Gate, on **Sunday 19 June** at 3pm. All welcome.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

There are language sheets for the readings available at the back of the church – French, Italian, Spanish and Polish – as well as Mass cards to guide you through the Liturgy.

First reading Proverbs 8:22-31
A reading from the book of Proverbs

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.
The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
– and the waters will not invade the shore –
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

Psalm Psalm 8:4-9
**How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

Second reading Romans 5:1-5
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel John 16:12-15
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'