



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Year of Prayer
2024

Patchway



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Sunday Readings Year B ~ Weekday Readings Year II ~ Prayer of the Church ~ Psalter: 3

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B'

"Repent and believe the Good News"

"SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD"

Saturday	20th	6.00pm	3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B'	John Bryan RIP
SUNDAY	21st	9.30am	3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B'	People of the Parish
		11.00am	3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B'	1st Holy Communion Children ~ Induction Mass
Tuesday	23rd		NO MASS TODAY	
Wednesday	24th	9.30am	St Francis de Sales St Joseph's Pastoral Centre	Marion Edwards RIP
Thursday	25th	9.30am	Conversion of St Paul	Sr Teresa Minogue RIP
Friday	26th	9.30am	Ss Timothy and Titus	Sr Teresita Heenan RIP
Saturday	27th	11-11.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		6.00pm	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B'	Christine Miskella RIP (1st Anniversary)
READERS 3rd SUNDAY 'B' 21/1/2024 EUCH MINISTERS			6.00pm Chaniel Correa ~ Carol Correa Sam Witts ~ Charlotte Witts	9.30am Saranna Tam ~ Anna Saiu Maria McNally ~ Becky Law
READERS 4th SUNDAY 'B' 28/1/2024 EUCH MINISTERS			6.00pm Kevin Loud ~ Wendy Shore Carol Correa ~ Anne Clark	11.00am Roopa Miranda ~ Alicja Balec Becky Thornton-Smith ~ Jane Garland
			9.30am Tim Bowly ~ Greta Hoole Christelle Chung ~ Pia Harper	11.00am Swapna Charles ~ John Ainslie Edward & Peter Nicks

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Those who are sick in our parish, ~ Jenny Dunn ~ Francoise Galy ~ Mary Morrison ~ Mike Chin ~ Dolores Willey ~ Mary Crozier ~ Veronica Trew ~ Vera Quinn ~ Jean Young ~ Tommy Campbell ~ Tony Cooper ~ and all who are, housebound, and living in sheltered or care homes in our parish. We pray for God's healing love on them, and all those in hospital or receiving any treatment, or awaiting the results of medical tests.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD: We pray for and ask the Lord to take into his care all those who have died, those who have died recently, those who have died as a result of war and violence and natural disasters. We also pray for all those who will die alone and unloved, and un-mourned. May they rest in the Lord's peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS

TIME: Veronica Lamb '98 ~ Dorothy Boschi '19 ~ Sarah Harley '75 ~ Marian Stock '75 ~ Kathleen Finnegan '79 ~ Patrick O'Connor '17 ~ Michael Jankowski '13 ~ David Winstanley '99 ~ Francis Hawkins '97 ~ Michael Flynn '09 ~ John Van de Burg '89 ~ Gordon Davis '92 ~ Baby Cameron Wood '02 ~ Enid Bagley '15 ~ Eileen Maddaford '22 ~ Paddy Redman '23 ~ Rita Dickens '23 ~ John James '84 ~ Jon Kemp '88 ~ Mary Rich '13 ~ Fr John Flynn '75 ~ Fr Eamon McGlinchey '05 ~

Fr Arnold Stacey '86 ~ Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

We join Bishop Declan and all the diocese in praying for St Joseph's, Stonehouse. Annunciation, Woodchester.

FINANCE

Please note that weekly Offertory Donations, Second Collections, ad-hoc donations etc. can now be made online at

www.holyfamilyrcchurchpatchway.co.uk using the "donation link" on the home page, as well as via contactless terminals in the Church itself. Monies donated in this way take a week or two to process.

14th January 2024

Offertory Cash: £551.75 ~ Digital: £ 193.00

Total: £ 744.75

Thank you for your support and generosity

THIS SUNDAY ~ SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

"... It is fitting, then that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness. Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of

God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity" (Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter, Aperuit Illis, nos 2-3, dated September 30, 2019)

THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in the northern hemisphere, is traditionally observed from the 18-25 January. The theme this year, 2024, is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27).

Let us pray for our friends in the other Christian Communities throughout our parish, that united in Christ we may be able to show to witness to the communities in which we live. We pray for the community of St Chad's, Amberley Road Baptist, Concord Church ~ Aerospace, Holy Trinity, Bradley Stoke and all the 'House Churches' throughout our area.

Christian Unity Prayers

Saturday

God of love, Who write love in our hearts, instil in us the courage to look beyond ourselves and see the neighbour in those different from

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B'

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5.10 This text relates how the preaching of Jonah met with an immediate response in the pagan city of Nineveh. The people recognised in his voice the voice of God, and undertook to reform their lives. The story shows the possibility of a heathen city repenting and turning to God. It also shows God's readiness to show mercy, even to Gentiles. The theme of repentance is the connection with the Gospel.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 7:29-31 Paul in the Second Reading was convinced that the parousia was imminent. He is not recommending that husbands should stop loving their wives or that they should put on a hypocritical show of sorrow or rejoicing. He is asking for a detachment from the dear, familiar things that tend to absorb us.

Gospel: Mk. 1:14-20 The first half of Mark's Gospel (1:1-8:26) describes Jesus' ministry of preaching and healing in Galilee. Jesus begins his preaching by calling on people to repent and embrace the Good News. The call to repentance connects his preaching with that of John the Baptist. If the Ninevites responded so fully to the preaching of Jonah, how much more fully should we respond to the preaching of Jesus. For Mark 'believe in the Gospel' means 'believe in the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.' The Gospel goes on to relate to the call of the first four apostles: two sets of brothers, Peter and Andrew, James and John. We see the same prompt and positive response as we saw in the Ninevites: 'At once they left everything and followed him.'

ourselves, that we may truly follow Jesus Christ, our brother and our friend, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday

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Monday

Gracious God, You who are the source of all love and goodness: enable us to see the needs of our neighbour. Show us what we can do to bring about healing. Change us, so that we can love all our brothers and sisters. Help us to overcome the obstacles of division, that we might build a world of peace for the common good. Thank you for renewing your Creation and leading us to a future which is full of hope: you who are Lord of all, yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

Tuesday

Father of love, In Jesus, you showed us the meaning of hospitality, by caring for our fragile humanity. Help us to become a community that welcomes those who feel abandoned and lost, building a house where all are welcome. May we come closer to one another as we offer the world your unconditional love. This we pray in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Wednesday

Holy God, your Son Jesus Christ came among us to show us the way of compassion. Help us by your Spirit to follow his example, to serve the needs of all your children, and so give united Christian witness to your ways of love and mercy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who makes us more open to each other, resolves conflict, and strengthens our bonds of communion. May we grow in mutual affection and in the desire to announce the Gospel message more faithfully, that the world may come together in unity and welcome the Prince of Peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2024

Continues this Saturday 20th January 2024.

Group One 10.10am ~ 11.10am

Group Two 11.30am ~ 12.30pm.

Please make sure your child arrives **BEFORE** the start time and drop them off at the Parish Centre not in the carpark. Please make sure you collect your child on time. The course will continue next

week Saturday 27th January.

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

Pope Francis has named 2024 the Year of Prayer, a year spent in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope. There's a new page on the Clifton Diocese website to share news about the year of prayer, new resources to deepen your prayer life, and point towards celebrations that will come in 2025. The first event for the year of prayer will be a livestream on the diocesan website **Pilgrims of Hope: The 2025 Jubilee in Clifton 1 February (7:30-8:45 pm)**. It will introduce the jubilee year, providing context for the current three-year programme (2023 – Year of the Council, 2024 – Year of Prayer, 2025 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope), as well as background for jubilees – how they originated, their role in Scripture, and how jubilees have been used in the Church. It will conclude by exploring the theme that pope Francis chose, Pilgrims of Hope, and how Clifton Diocese can journey together over the next few years towards this great celebration.

Check out the [Jubilee Page](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/jubilee/) on our website – www.cliftondiocese.com/jubilee/ - right now, you can find our resources from the 2023 Year of the Council on the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council (Sacrosanctum Concilium, Dei Verbum, Lumen Gentium, and Gaudium et Spes). More resources will be added over time, so check back regularly!

NORTH BRISTOL AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE FOOD BANK.

Here is the latest list of items required:-

12/1/2024

TINNED FRUIT ~ TINNED VEGETABLES ~ SPONGE PUDDINGS ~ COFFEE ~ UHT MILK (LONG LIFE) ~ WASHING POWDER ~ TOILET ROLLS ~ DEODORANT ~ *You can now browse and purchase the items that they need this month. The team at Give Today then make sure your donation is delivered directly to their door. North Bristol and South Gloucestershire foodbank is a project founded by Ebenezer Church and Filton Community Church, working together towards stopping hunger in their local area. go to this website. www.givetoday.co.uk/nbsgfoodbank Please put your donations in the collection box just outside of the Sacristy door. Thank you.*

INVITED: A TWELVE WEEK FORMATION COURSE

God offers us a radical invitation but what does it mean to say yes? What does it mean to be a Catholic? What do we believe and how do we grow deeper in our Faith? This twelve-week course will enable us to explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. **Who is Invited?**

This is a course for anyone who is interested in

learning more about their faith and passing it onto others. The course will take place from January to May 2024 at The Immaculate Conception, Stroud. For the full outline of the course and to express your interest please complete the booking form on the diocesan website and send catechists@cliftondiocese.com.

Cost of Full Course £60 or £7.50 per session.

Although it is not necessary to attend every session (they are stand-alone) we hope that the group will grow together as a community. We suggest if you can afford more, please do send what you can, it could help those who cannot afford the full fee. As we do not want anyone to feel excluded on the grounds of finance, please contact us at: catechists@cliftondiocese.com. There is a place for everyone.

Journals – Participants are encouraged to bring a book for journaling – help will be given with how to do this.

The sessions will be 7pm to 9pm including time for refreshments.

Situations Vacant

Clifton Diocese: Principal Surveyor

As part of an established Property Services team, the Surveyor is appointed as the lead for minor works and capital projects as well as day to day management of the estate. The diverse portfolio includes churches, church buildings, residential accommodation, operational property and some commercial investment assets, many of which are Grade I & II listed.

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Help us to ensure another HOPPY Easter for the children of Patchway by donating Easter Eggs for the Patchway Town Council Easter Egg Wall 2024! In 2023, through the generosity of our community and businesses, 698 Easter Eggs were distributed across the town for every primary school and pre-school child.

We are once again asking residents, organisations, sports teams and businesses to donate Easter Eggs for us to distribute to children across the town through our primary schools and pre-schools in the build-up to the end of term and the school Easter Holiday.

The Council team will work with our friendly partners across the town targeting an Easter Egg for children across the Town this Easter.

Please donate eggs by 20 March for us to distribute through schools by 25 March.

Eggs can be donated at Patchway Town Council, Callicroft House (10.00am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri) at <https://www.patchwaytowncouncil.gov.uk/post/help-build-an-easter-egg-wall-for-the-children-of-patchway>