

SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL



CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22nd - 23rd December 2018 Year C Psalter 4 and Proper of Season
 DPL: St. Edmund, Calne; St. Anthony of Padua, Melksham



SAT 22nd	CS	5.00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Elizabeth Watkins (Fmass)
SUN 23rd		11.00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
MON 24th	St P	6.00pm	VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS	Mary Thompson RIP
MON 24th	St P	12mid	MIDNIGHT MASS (Carols from 11.30pm)	People of the Parish
TUES 25th	CS	9.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY (At St Lawrence)	
TUES 25th	St P	11.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY (At St Paul's)	Healing Intention (Hmcd)
Wed 26th	CS	9.30am	Mass Feast of St Stephen	Vincent Maguire Intention
Thur 27th		9.30am	Liturgy of the Word and HC (Convent)	
Fri 28th		9.30am	Mass	James Withers (Anni)
SAT 29th	CS	5.00pm	The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph	Michael & Mary Magner
SUN 30th	St P	11.00am	The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph	Mark Freeman
Tues 1st	CS	9.30am	Mass	
Wed 2nd		9.30am	Mass	Maurice Pike (Anni)
Thur 3rd		9.30am	Liturgy of the Word and HC (Convent)	
Fri 4th	CS	9.30am	Mass	
SAT 5th	CS	5.00pm	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Sheelagh Green RIP
SUN 6th		11.00am	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	



Confession at St Lawrence Saturday 10.00am- 10.30am, after 11.00am Mass at St Paul's or by appointment.

To contact a Priest: Fr Jim Williams (01454) 312161 or Fr Frank Bermingham 0117 9833939.

Parish Office Our Lady of Lourdes 0117 9498743. To send items for the Newsletter e-mail Bill Jennings - 633wejennings@gmail.com

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES IN COMMUNION FOR MISSION

St. Augustine				St. John Fisher		Our Lady of Lourdes			
Sat	22nd	Mass	6.00pm	Wed 26th Mass 9.30am		Sun	23rd	Mass	9.00am/6.00pm
Sun	23rd	Mass	9.30am			Sun	23rd	Baptism	2.00pm
Mon	24th	Vigil Mass	6.00pm			Mon	24th	Christmas Eve Carol	3.30pm
Mon	24th	Carol Service followed by				Mon	24th	Vigil Mass	4.00pm
		Early 'Midnight Mass'	9.00pm			Tue	25th	Christmas Day Mass	9.00am
Tue	25th	Mass of Christmas Day	10.30am			Wed	26th	No Mass	
Thur	27th	Mass	9.30am			Thur	27th	Mass	9.30am
Fri	28th	Adoration	7.00pm			Fri	28th	W&HC	9.30am
Fri	28th	Mass	7.30pm			Sat	29th	Mass	9.30am
Sat	29th	Mass	6.00pm			Sun	30th	Mass	9.00am/6.00pm
PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE TO CONFIRM TIMES: staugustinesbristol.blogspot.co.uk								PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE TO CONFIRM TIMES: ololbristol.blogspot.co.uk	

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 'Immediately after the Annunciation Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. After the overwhelming invitation to be the mother of the Saviour it would be understandable if Mary were to focus upon herself and her own well-being but Mary's first thought is not for herself. Her first reaction is to go and be of service to someone else.Mary can teach us about the effects of true prayer. When we encounter the Lord in prayer whether in solitude and silence or during the Liturgy, if it is genuine prayer, a genuine encounter with the Lord, then it will inspire us to serve others.'



CHRISTMAS - We come to crib and kneel before the image of the infant Jesus. The word infant means literally 'without speech'. God speaks his word to us silently. Before Jesus says a single word he silently reveals to us the face of God and in the infant Jesus we see that God is humble and gentle. That continues to be the way God speaks his word to us. The Lord silently gives himself on the Cross and in the Eucharist. As we sing in the carol 'O little town of Bethlehem: 'How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given. So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in'.

44 BONUS BALL: Special Game 818 w/n 16 Barbara Britt £25 to the winner and £25 to the Building Fund. Going on Holiday? Pay in advance see P.O'Rourke or K. Chapman.

What's on?

Fabric and Finance
Parish AGM

Thursday 10th January
Tuesday 15th January

7.30pm
7.30pm

The Presbytery
St Paul's



PARISH CHRISTMAS PRESENT



WE HAVE PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED FOR ST PAUL'S PAVED AREA!!

CHRISTMAS WISHES Sisters Fidelis and Greta wish everyone a truly Blessed, and Peace filled Christmas and New Year and we also express our thanks for all the good wishes and gifts we have received.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

We are asking for children to join us in the tableau at this Mass. We need Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, Innkeeper, Narrators for speaking parts, as well as a donkey, sheep and of course shepherds and angels. **If you are coming to this Mass and your children would like to join the celebration please see Judith or Victoria after 11.00 Mass. If you are not coming to 11.00 Mass I can be contacted on 07717 082873.** We will have a practice on Saturday 22nd December in St Paul's church at 11.45.

Altar Servers- Feast of St Stephen

The **26th December (Boxing Day)** is the feast day of St Stephen, the patron saint of altar servers, with **Mass being celebrated on this day at St Lawrence's at 9.30am.** This is a time where we can celebrate the service given by the servers to the parish and to thank them for everything that they do. It would be wonderful to see as many of them as possible at this Mass. Any questions please do find me at the end of Mass. **Many thanks, Francesca**



Luke Wathen

Please come hear what this young man is doing in the missionary field, encourage and support him.

The Smiles
FOUNDATION



**THURSDAY 3rd
JANUARY AT 7.30PM**

OUR LADY OF
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ROAD
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Coffee after 11.00 Mass

It would be very helpful to have a good number of volunteers so we can have refreshments every week. Please see Judith after Mass if you can help. Thank you.

STAMPS

I am still collecting used stamps for Charity, which can be left in collection boxes at the back of each Church. Please leave about an inch of envelope around each stamp. Many thanks. Sr. Greta.

Come and SEE—(Spiritual Enlightenment and Encouragement.) Program for 2018/19 for the 1st Thursday of the Month at 7.30pm. A series of talks about people's journeys with prayer and how it helps them in their vocations and life.

COUNTERS -REQUIRED URGENTLY

Volunteers needed to create a team of counters. We have one volunteer, two more needed. This will maintain the requirement to count once every six weeks. Please contact Terry Organ (email address: GA.chippingsodbury.stlawrence@cliftondiocese.com), or one of the team members whose contact details are on the rotas at the back of each church.

Food Bank Requirements for December : The following items are required by the Food Bank : jam (not homemade), biscuits, tinned minced meat, small tins of ham, tinned tomatoes or Passata, Pot Noodles, Super Noodles, Angel Delight, packet mashed potato, tinned mixed vegetables, potted meat or fish, cereal bars, low fat savoury snacks, small bottles/cans of low sugar drinks, washing capsules. Thank you for your continued support.

School Admission Appeal Panel Members.

The Department for Schools and Colleges are looking to recruit new panel members for School Admission Appeals. Appeals generally take place during May, June and July. However, there are popular schools across the diocese who also have a few in-year appeals during the academic year. As a panel member you will receive regular training and can claim for travel expenses. During the bulk appeals (May-July) or where there are several appeals to be heard in one day, lunch and refreshments are also provided. Panels are made up of three members, with one member also chairing the hearings. If you would like to find out more about how appeals are conducted and what is involved, contact Jenny Fitzgerald on 0117 9025599 or email jenny.fitzgerald@cliftondiocese.com

Collections

15th/16th December
Offertory Collection - £381.19
Building Fund -
Collection - £174.07

Safeguarding our Vulnerable Adults and Children: All church activities are subject to safeguarding policies and procedures. We encourage everyone to access these policies which can be found in the Diocesan Resource along with important contact numbers on the safeguarding pages. **Parish website:** <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/cliftondiocese.html>



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

Meets regularly at St Paul's. To join please phone 01454 312161
Email csandyatesvp@gmail.com

Useful links:

www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk
www.cliftondiocese.com
www.vatican.va

If you are interested in learning about the ethos, aims, and works of the Legion of Mary
Tel: 01454 321749