

SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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GAUDETE SUNDAY
 15th - 16th December 2018 Year C Psalter 3 and Proper of Season
 DPL: St. Patrick, Brockworth; Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown
 Second Collection: Building Fund



SAT 15th	CS	5.00pm	GAUDETE SUNDAY	<i>Freddie Burgess RIP</i>
SUN 16th		11.00am	GAUDETE SUNDAY	<i>Peter De Payva (Fmass)</i>
Tues 18th	CS	9.30am	Mass	Service of Reconciliation and Healing 7.30pm at St Paul's
Wed 19th		9.30am	Mass	<i>Veronica Harvey RIP</i>
Thur 20th		9.30am	Liturgy of the Word and HC (Convent)	
Fri 21st	CS	9.30am	Mass	<i>Lorcan O'Rourke (Fmass)</i>
SAT 22nd	CS	5.00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>Elizabeth Watkins (Fmass)</i>
SUN 23rd		11.00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
MON 24th	St P	6.00pm	VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS	<i>Mary Thompson RIP</i>
MON 24th	St P	12mid	MIDNIGHT MASS (Carols from 11.30pm)	<i>People of the Parish</i>
TUES 25th	CS	9.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY (At St Lawrence)	
TUES 25th	St P	11.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY (At St Paul's)	<i>Healing Intention (Hmcd)</i>
Wed 26th	CS	9.30am	Mass Feast of St Stephen	
Thur 27th		9.30am	Liturgy of the Word and HC (Convent)	
Fri 28th		9.30am	Mass	<i>James Withers (Anni)</i>
SAT 29th	CS	5.00pm	The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph	<i>Michael & Mary Magner</i>
SUN 30th	St P	11.00am	The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph	<i>Mark Freeman</i>
Tues 1st	CS	9.30am	Mass	
Wed 2nd		9.30am	Mass	<i>Maurice Pike (Anni)</i>
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	
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	15th	Mass	6.00pm			Sun	16th	Mass	9.00am/6.00pm
Sun	16th	Mass	9.30am			Sun	16th	SVP Mass (Mazenod)	3.00pm
Mon	17th	No Mass		Mon	17th	Mass	9.30am		
Tue	18th	Mass	6.30pm	Tue	18th	Mass	9.30am		
Wed	19th	Advent Recon Svce	7.30pm	Wed	19th	No Mass			
Thur	20th	School Christmas Mass	9.30am	Thur	20th	Mass	9.30am		
Fri	21st	Adoration	7.00pm	Fri	21st	W&HC	9.30am		
Fri	21st	Mass	7.30pm	Sat	22nd	Mass	9.30am		
Sat	22nd	Mass	6.00pm	Sun	23rd	Mass	9.00am/6.00pm		
Sun	23rd	Mass	9.30am	Sun	23rd	Baptism	2.00pm		

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staugustinesbristol.blogspot.co.uk

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ADVENT REFLECTIONS

'If you want God, and long for union with him, yet sometimes wonder what that means or whether it can mean anything at all, you are already walking with the God who comes. If you are at times so weary and involved with the struggle of living that you have no strength even to want him, yet you are still dissatisfied that you don't, you are already keeping Advent in your life. If you have ever had an obscure intuition that the truth of things is somehow better, greater, more wonderful than you deserve or desire, that the touch of God in your life stills you by its gentleness, that there is a mercy beyond anything you could ever suspect, you are already drawn into the central mystery of salvation.'



44 BONUS BALL: Special Game 816 w/n 31 J. Nicholson, Game 817 w/n 46 H. McDonald £25 to the winners and £50 to the Building Fund. Going on Holiday? Pay in advance see P.O'Rourke or K. Chapman.

What's on?

Advent Reconciliation & Anointing
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Tue, 18th Dec
Wed, 19th Dec

7.30pm St Paul's
7.30pm St Augustine's, Downend



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**



SVP CHRISTMAS PARCEL COLLECTION



From the 1st December to the 16th December inclusive, the SVP will be making their annual appeal for items for the Christmas parcels that they distribute to people in the parish and school community who would benefit from a parcel. The following items would be appreciated. Tinned goods, biscuits, sweets, squash, cereals, rice, pasta, pasta sauces, Christmas puddings and cakes. Small gifts for men and women such as boxes of chocolates or biscuits. Items of food that would make up a meal for needy families would also be appreciated. A Parishioner donates mince pies so these are not required. **No toiletries please.** Supermarket vouchers would also be appreciated. Please leave the donations either in St Lawrence Church or St Paul's Church. The parcels will be made up on the 20th December and distributed on the 21st December. Thank you for your kind support. **If you know of anyone who would benefit from a parcel please contact a member of the SVP or the Parish Office.**

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

THANK YOU - to all those who helped clean St. Paul's Church last Monday. We are now ready for the feast of Christmas. Sr. Greta.

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.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Hilary McDonald, she has been in hospital for a month and is now home. She has constant and severe pain in her face. The doctors have told her it is a rare condition and no known cure.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If Cards are left on the table at the back of the Church, please write the FULL name on each envelope. Each year many cards are not collected as there are so many with just "Mary" or "Pat" on them. We have many Marys and Pats in our Parish. **Thank you Sr. Greta.**

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.

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.

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

8th/9th December
Offertory Collection –
£443.87

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>



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Meets regularly at St Paul's. To join please phone 01454 312161
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