



The Parish of Our Lady Of Lourdes & St Bernadette

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Newsletter 16th December 2018

Welcome to the celebration of Mass today. A special welcome to any visitors we have today.

The SVP would like to thank everyone for their generosity with their annual collection last weekend. A total of £380.03 was received and will support the work that they undertake for the sick, infirm and elderly in the Parish. They would also like to thank "M" who put a donation through to the Parish Office.

SVP Annual Mass The SVP are holding their annual Mass for the sick, elderly and infirm on today at 3pm in the Mazenod Centre. All are welcome.

Can you help with any of the Ministries on Christmas Morning? ie Welcomers, Collectors, Reading, Offertory, Ministers of Eucharist & Altar Servers? If so, please sign up on the notice in the church porch (with telephone no.) and we will contact you.

Advent Reconciliation & Anointing within our Parishes in Communion will be as follows - **Tue 18th Dec at 7.30pm at St Paul's, Yate** and **Wed 19th Dec at 7.30 at St Augustine's in Downend.**

****Votive candles** Please **do not** place any lighted votive candle on the tray directly below the other burning candles. This could potentially cause a fire. If there is no space left, please wait to light one the next time you are in church. Thank you.

The Parish Office will be closed for two weeks for w/c 23rd Dec and w/c 30th Dec. For any urgent matters, please contact Fr Frank or Fr Jim on the numbers shown above.

Please take note of our the new parish email address above.



New Liturgy Course for 2019 To accompany and complement our Diocesan Year of Prayer, the Liturgy Office is hosting a new course entitled 'Understanding and Praying the Liturgy'. It will seek to enable us to enter more deeply into our understanding of the Mass both as an encounter with the Risen Christ and as prayer itself. Beginning with Bishop Declan we will be guided through the course by a number of excellent speakers, both from within and outside the diocese. Full details can be found on <https://clifftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office> or by phoning Richard Williams or Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595.

CAFOD's World Gifts are alternative charity gifts that transform lives. Perfect for Baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries and especially for Christmas, you can choose a unique, virtual gift that will make a real difference to a family living in poverty. And that warm and fuzzy feeling comes with free delivery! They are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose from a great range, including sending a goat, building a business or helping a refugee child. See the catalogues in the porch or the CAFOD website - <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>



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. (Maria Boulding)

~~ PARISH OUTREACH ~~

****UPDATED Foodbank Shopping List** Jam (NOT homemade), Biscuits, Pot Noodles, Tinned Minced Meat (with our without onions), Tinned Tomatoes or Passata, Angel Delight, Packet Mash Potato, Washing Capsules (Pods), Tinned Mixed Veg., Potted Meat/Fish (eg Prince's Spread), Super Noodles, Small Bottles/ Cans of Low Sugar Drinks, Cereal Snack Bars, Small Tins of Ham, Low Fat Savoury Snacks, Nappy (Size 5 & 6)

Soup Run (St Augustine's) Donations of small items such as bars of chocolate, soap, razors, toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorants are welcomed. **NO DUVETS /PILLOWS, please, as the cannot be used.**

Please leave donated items in their respective boxes in the church porch. Thank you.

***** ANNIVERSARIES *****

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time
Brigid Conlon, Catherine Fitzgerald, Maisie Barrett, Mary Burns,
Albert Welling, Angela Peggram, Bridget Southway

**** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ****

SVP Mass & Christmas Party	Sun 16th Dec	3pm	School
Advent Reconciliation & Anointing	Tue 18th Dec	7.30pm	St Paul's, Yate
Advent Reconciliation & Anointing	Wed 19th Dec	7.30pm	St Augustines
Carol Service	Fri 21st Dec	7pm	60 Barrs Court Road



Carol Service, Friday 21st December

We shall be holding our annual Carol Service on **Friday 21st Dec** starting at **7pm** and to be held at **60 Barrs Court Road.**

Please make every effort to attend this service to enjoy an excellent atmosphere with drinks and mince pies.
The Social Committee.

Offertory Collection 9th Dec £251.58	SVP Annual Collection 9th Dec £380.03	Gift Aid Oct SO £1,026.78 Tax £232.75
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Thank you for your generosity




MASS TIMES FOR OUR PARISHES IN COMMUNION

	Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette	St Augustine's Downend	St John Fisher, Frenchay	St Paul's, Yate	St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury
Sun 16 Dec	9.00am Mass 3.00pm SVP Mass (Mazenod) 6.00pm Mass <i>(Deceased Members of the Shore & O'Brien Families)</i>	9.30am Mass		11.00am Mass	
Mon 17 Dec	9.30am Mass				
Tues 18 Dec	9.30am Mass	6.30pm Mass		7.30pm Advent Reconciliation & Anointing	9.30am Mass
Wed 19 Dec		7.30pm Advent Reconciliation & Anointing	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	
Thurs 20 Dec	9.30am Mass	9.30am School Christmas Mass		9.30am Word & Communion Service (Convent)	
Fri 21 Dec	9.30am Word & Communion Service	7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm Mass			9.30am Mass
Sat 22 Dec	9.30am Mass <i>(Violet Hughes RIP)</i>	6.00pm Mass			5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 23 Dec	9.00am Mass <i>(The Mulvaney Flynn Family)</i> 2.00pm Baptism 6.00pm Mass	9.30am Mass		11.00am Mass	

CHRISTMAS EVE Mon 24th Dec	3.30pm Carol Service 4.00pm Vigil Mass	6.00pm Vigil Mass 9.00pm Midnight Mass		6.00pm Vigil Mass 11.30pm Midnight Mass	
CHRISTMAS DAY Tue 25th Dec	9.00am Mass	10.30am Mass		11.00am Mass	9.00am Mass


THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Sunday 16th December 9.00am Mass Welcomers: Mary Winters Jean Balmond Organ: Pat Mallin Readers: Maureen Glynn Jean Balmond Collectors: Dan McNab Mary Jordan Bob Perks Volunteer Offertory Procession: Muriel Nicholls Volunteer Ministers of Communion: Chris Newport Volunteer	Sunday 23rd December 9.00am Mass Welcomers: Millie, Ian & Josie Morgan Organ: Jean Balmond Readers: Kathy Edwards Nonso Okoye Collectors: Joe Longbottom Muriel Nicholls John Campbell Volunteer Offertory Procession: Millie, Ian & Josie Morgan Ministers of Communion: Mary Winters Volunteer
6.00 pm Mass Welcomers: Lisa Young Gracie Young Readers: Mike Rawlings Collectors: Rosa Major Patsy Marks Offertory Procession: Pat Lockett Volunteers Ministers of Communion: Tim Hughes Kim Bacon Volunteer Collection Counters: Phil Stefano Volunteer Church Cleaning: Joe Diorazio Michael Heselgrove	6.00 pm Mass Welcomers: Joan Dibble Margaret Nicholls Readers: Rosa Major Collectors: Volunteers Offertory Procession: Children/ Volunteers Ministers of Communion: Adrian Figurski Teresa Long Volunteer Collection Counters: Christine Newport Michael Heselgrove Church Cleaning: Ethna Bourke Kim Bacon



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS
 Every Wednesday 7.30pm
 Mazenod Centre
 Secretary: Margaret O'Driscoll
 ☎ 0117 961 2952

St Vincent de Paul Society
 Every Thursday 8.00pm
 Mazenod Centre.
 President: Dan McNab
 ☎ 9325264

WOODLAND PLAYERS
 Every Thursday, 8.00pm
 School Hall
 New members welcome
 President: Josie Reed
 ☎ 9675747



**Parish Office Opening Times w/c 16th December - Mon/Wed/Fri - 9am-2pm
 w/c 23rd December & w/c 30th December - CLOSED**