Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette

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Parish Newsletter 11th February 2024

Date	***Time***	***Mass / Service***	***Intention***
Sun 11th	9.00am	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	*Francis Ronald Quarry RIP*
Tue 13th	9.30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wed 14th	7.30pm	Mass for ASH WEDNESDAY	
Thur 15th	12.00pm	Funeral of John Campbell RIP	
Sun 18th	9.00am	First Sunday of Lent	
Tue 20th	9.30am	Weekday of Lent	
Thur 22nd	9.30am	Feast of the Chair of St Peter *(School Mass)*	
Sun 25th	9.00am	Second Sunday of Lent	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Mary Short, Robert Walsh, Elizabeth Lanigan, Patrick Coffey, Royston Whittle, Noel Hudson, Ann Carley, Antony O'Shea, Brian Horner, Ernest Short, Dennis Adam, Robert Harding and Miklos Kovacs; all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

****Church Carpark Gates** From Friday 2nd Feb, the church gates car park gates will be locked outside of school/church services hours.

****Rotas - Volunteers needed!** We are looking at getting the weekly rotas back on, for all the volunteer roles in the Parish. Thank you to all those already helping us in one way or another either on Sundays at mass and/or outside of Sunday. If you are happy to go on the rota, please contact the Parish office or put you name & contact details and how you would like to help on the sign up sheet on the table in the porch. For anyone who would like to join our team of volunteers, we need volunteers for *Welcoming, Reading, Offertory Collection, Offertory, Counting, Church Cleaning and Flowers* (no experience necessary, training will be provided if required!). We also need volunteers for the *Organ*, to programme the organ with the music for masses - you don't need to know how to play the organ to do this (Training will be provided). If would like to help or more information about any role, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Ethna/Tim. Many hands make light work, so we look forward to hearing from you! Once we have enough volunteers to have the rota in place, you will be contacted with a start date.

****Confirmation 2024** The information meeting for parents/guardians and candidates who have signed up for the Confirmation programme is on Sunday 11th February in St Augustine's church at 7pm. It will be an opportunity to meet the catechists who will be running the programme and ask questions.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day – Today, we will be celebrating our Patronal Feast. Mass today, will be followed by a coffee morning to be held in the porch, please stay and talk with fellow parishioners, strengthening our community ties. Feel free to have your coffee in church. We would like this to be a truly celebratory day, so please stay and and support OUR FEAST DAY celebrations.

The Social Committee.

Offertory Collection
4th Feb £*tbc*

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Charity Event for Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Irish Disco & Dancing With Irish & Folk Singer, Shannon

on Saturday 2nd March from 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Hall
£20/person, Buffet Included. Contact Sharon Kitchen for more details 07789036649

****World Day of Prayer** **Friday 1st March, 2pm** at Unity Methodist Church, West Street, Oldand Common BS30 9QS, limited parking at the church, please park on nearby streets or come on foot **or at 2.30pm** at The Salvation Army Citadel, Broad Street, Staple Hill. Please try to attend as this years' service has been compiled by the Christian Women of Palestine. Refreshments served after service.

****Lenten Penitential Service** with Bishop Declan on Wed, 6th March at 7pm in Holy Family, Patchway.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 Friday 23rd - 30th August. Information pack available from Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com or call Alexander House on 0117 9025590. Deposits due 31st March 2024. Due to costs, the Jumbulance Service will not be running. Poster with more details on noticeboard/website.

Vacancy at St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School - Head of Theology Would you like to be part of a forward-thinking, supportive school community where your professional development is a priority? Governors of this outstanding 11-16 Catholic school are seeking to appoint for September 2024 , a practising Catholic who is a dynamic and inspirational Head of Theology & PSHE to lead an 'outstanding' RE Faculty (Section 48 inspection October 202). To discuss the post/arrange a school visit, contact Mr Daniel Leiblich, Deputy Headteacher on 0117 3772050 / recruitment@stberns.bristol.sch.uk. Application packs are available on the school website www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk

Listening with the Heart As part of the commitment to growing as a Synodal Church, the department of Adult Education and Evangelisation are offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Lenten Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other parish groups. These short sessions will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. Our nearest session is on **Mon 12 Feb** at Holy Family, Patchway (7-9pm) Sign up using this link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779975336227 . Other dates and venues (including Eventbrite link to register) can be found on the noticeboard/online https://cliftondiocese.com/news/auto-draft-7/.

Lenten Retreat: 'Transformed by Love' Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a Lenten Retreat in six online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: 20 February, 27 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March. To sign up for the series, use this Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqd-irrT0oHtG0TNEr9GZkuPmIVhXQ3bFV#/registration or go to the https://cliftondiocese.com/news/lenten-retreat-transformed-by-love/. Other courses run by 'Light of Truth' here: www.lightoftruth.uk/join. A suggested donation of £5 per person per session is recommended for any of the 'Light of Truth' courses, their details can be found here: www.lightoftruth.uk/contact.

Parish Outreach

*** Kingswood Foodbank Outlet Shopping List: Tins of vegetables, rice pudding, fruit, fish, soup, meat, tomatoes, spaghetti, sponge pudding, baked beans, potatoes, pulses. Cartons of fruit juice, UHT Milk. Jars of pasta sauces, jams, coffee. Packets of custard, biscuits, snack bars. Boxes of cereal, tea bags. Toilet paper, baby wipes, nappies, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, sanitary towels, deodorants, razors, shaving gel, washing up liquid, washing powder, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Drinking chocolate, chocolate, sweets, crisps, squash to drink, cat food, dog food.

*** Soup Run (St Augustine's) *** Donations of small items such as small packets of tissues, wet wipes, deodorants, toothbrushes/toothpaste, soap, disposable razors, individual bars of chocolate are welcomed.

NO DUVETs /PILLOWs, please, as these cannot be used.

All donations can be left in the designated boxes in the church porch on Tue/Thur/Sun mornings

Upcoming Special Collections
25th Feb - CAFOD Lent Fast Day
17th Mar - St Joseph's Home Appeal

Dates for your Diary
11th Feb - Coffee Morning
2nd Mar - Irish Disco & Dance

Parish Office Opening Hours *w/c 11th Feb -*
Mon/Wed/Thur 8.30am - 1.30pm