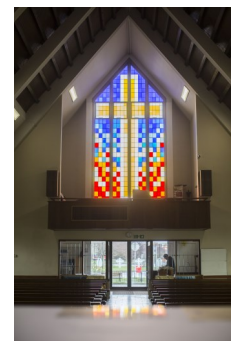


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 via
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Sunday Readings ~ Yr. C
 Weekday Readings ~ Yr. II
 Prayer of the Church:
 Psalter: 2 & Season

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'C' "Preparing a way for the Lord" NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER 2021 MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday	5th	6.00pm	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'C'	Pam Walsh's Intentions	Congregation / Online
SUNDAY	6th	9.30am	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'C'	People of the Parish	Congregation
		11.00am	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'C'	Mike Smith RIP	Congregation / Online
Tuesday	7th	9.30am	St Ambrose	Francois Galy's Intentions	Congregation / Online
Wednesday	8th	7.00pm	Immaculate Conception of the BVM	People of the Parish	Congregation / Online
Thursday	9th	9.30am	Weekday in Advent	Ann Bean RIP	Congregation / Online
Friday	10th	** 8.30am **	Weekday in Advent	James Nash RIP	Congregation / Online
Saturday	11th	11~11.30am	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION		
		6.00pm	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'C'	Annette Driver RIP	Congregation / Online

IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING COVID AND THE OMICRON VARIANT ~ ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 11 YEARS AND OVER ~ ATTENDING HOLY FAMILY FOR MASSES AND SERVICES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING ~ COVERING NOSE AND MOUTH AT ALL TIMES. *If you have an exemption from wearing a face covering, please provide medical proof of exemption. This is for the safety of all.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Those who are sick in our parish, Maria O'Keefe ~ Jenny Dunn ~ Pat Sleightholme ~ Alan Marshall ~ Fr Michael Derrick D'Mello ~ Fr Louis Beasley-Suffolk ~ Francois Galy ~ those who are suffering from Covid 19 virus 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, especially ANNETTE DRIVER RIP and those who have died as a result of the Covid 19 virus throughout the world. 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: Angela Hazell '07 ~ Ena Dalton '05 ~ Baby Georgina Griffin '03 ~ Olga White '07 ~ Gerry Quinn '14 ~ Isobel David '06 ~ Isobel Dainton '08 ~ Patricia White '07 ~ Hilda Keating '07 ~ Philip Pomphrey '09 ~ Roy White '14 ~ Deacon Robert Cornell '09 ~ Canon Louis McEnery '73 ~ Fr James Kelliher '05 ~ Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

FINANCE: You can now donate to the Offertory Collection via Dona Donations ([Click here](#)) and also via the button' on the Home Page of the parish website 'Donate with Dona'. Donating this way also gives you the option to Gift Aid your donation. You can donate using a Debit or Credit card. There is a charge, and it is also linked to the Digital Collection Plate in the back of the Church. You will notice that there are options for your donations: OFFERTORY COLLECTION ~ MASS STIPEND ~ HOLY SOULS. Click on the button of the one or more you wish to donate too. The Mass Stipend Button is useful for those who request a mass to be celebrated for a particular intention. You will still need to give the details of the Mass Intention to Fr Eugene, so he can book the Mass. Thank you to all who have donated in any way, we really do need your donations to survive.

Please note: Mass on Friday 10th December will be at 8.30am ~ as Key Stage 1 from St Mary's School will be visiting the Church for the morning.

CHRISTMAS TREE OF MEMORIES
 Each year we have had a Christmas Tree just outside the Church with Christmas lights and it has been decorated with 'labels' on which are written the names of our loved ones, we will not be seeing over the Christmas period or the names of those who have died who were close to us. This year to try and be more environmentally sensitive, I have acquired wooden ornament shapes on which you can write the names of your loved ones, please use both sides and write as many names as you can on one ornament, so as to conserve supplies for others. Because they are wood, I have had to get 'permanent markers' to use on them. They will be fixed to the tree by string, so please make sure they are 'looped' well on to the branch. We will remember all those whose names are on the tree in our Masses over the Advent and Christmas season. *There is no charge for the ornaments etc. But I feel you should*

know the cost to provide the tree and ornaments was over £200, any donations will be gratefully received.

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE
 Tuesday 21st December 2021 ~ 7.00pm

JOURNEY IN FAITH
 Thursday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm continues
THURSDAY 16th December 2021.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL ~ CLOSING 12th DECEMBER 2021
 As we progress with preparing for our Christmas celebrations, it is good also to remember those for whom Christmas is a difficult time, trying to provide food for family and not have the resources to do it. You are always very generous to the appeal and I know the price of things has gone up and money is tight, but we nearly always buy more than we need 'just in case'! *Also, if you know of someone or a family who could do with a little Christmas cheer, please let me know. Any names given will be dealt with in strict confidence.* We are appealing for non perishable food items, **CHRISTMAS ITEMS:** Christmas Chocolate, Christmas Biscuits, Christmas Pudding, Selection Boxes, Tinned Ham, Savoury Snacks, Gravy, Tinned Custard, Fruit Juice, Stuffing, Jar of Coffee, Tea bags, Festive Cake, Tins / bags of Sweets, Tinned Soups, Rice, Packs Mince Pies (long expiry date), Confectionary, Tinned Fish, Jam, Breakfast Cereal, long life Fruit Juice, Instant Mash Potatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Cooking Sauces, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned meats, Rice Pudding, UHT Milk, Tinned Fruit. toiletries, cleaning supplies, Christmas crackers, unwrapped gifts. Squash ~ Tinned fish ~ Tinned Meat ~ jars of cooking sauces ~ Instant Mash ~ Sponge puddings ~ JAM ~ Noodles ~ Biscuits ~ Tinned Custard ~ Tinned Tomatoes ~ Tinned Vegetables ~ Tinned Spaghetti ~ ~ Rice pudding ~ noodles ~ Teabags ~ Coffee ~ Washing up Liquid ~ Deodorant ~ Toilet Rolls ~ Shampoo ~

Sharing the Word of God today
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'C'

First reading Baruch 5:1-9 : The prophet Baruch delivers a comforting message to Zion. Her sorrows are ended and her children will be restored to her from exile. God will level a highway to facilitate their return, and bring about a great restoration. Even though the actual return from exile fell far short of the glowing picture painted here, it did point the way to the messianic era. The reading leads into the Gospel where Luke introduces us to the herald of the Messiah, John the Baptist.

Second reading Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11: This reading deals with the second coming of Christ. In his love for his fellow Christians, Paul prays that their love for each other may increase more and more. This will help them to become pure and blameless, and thus prepare them for the coming of the Lord.

Gospel Luke 3:1-6: To underline the universality of salvation, Luke sets the event within the framework of world history. In the manner of an Old Testament prophet, John undertakes to prepare the people for the coming of the Saviour by calling them to repentance.

Insight and change

Sometimes when people point out something that is wrong with us we can see what they're saying, recognise it as true, but proceed to do nothing about it. Like the father who told his daughter, "We must have a little chat" and she responded by pointing out that the only time they ever had a "little chat" was when he wanted to lecture her on something. "And besides," she said, "why is it that you always come off looking so good?" He recognised that what she said was true, but doubted his ability to change. We know from experience that insight doesn't necessarily lead us to change. Recognising the truth does not compel us to alter our ways. Particularly when our self-esteem is injured, the truth can have the effect of paralysing us rather than energising us to action. Sometimes the prospect of what the change would involve disheartens us. We feel it's too much; we're too long in the tooth; we're too set in our ways. Or we're not ready yet. Most of us can recognise ourselves in St Augustine's honest reflection: "You showed me that what I said was true, and I was convinced by the truth. But my only answer was those dreary words: 'Soon, soon; presently, presently' or 'Leave me alone for a little while.' But my 'presently' came to no present, and my 'little while' lasted a long time." None of us is born again that easily.

Shower Gel ~ Toothpaste ~ Toothbrushes ~ Jams & Spreads ~ Cleaning & Laundry Products.

PLEASE LEAVE ALL YOUR DONATIONS BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE ALTAR.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Amberley Road, Patchway, BS34 6BY
RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2022

Is your child due to start school in September 2022? Why not book a time to come and look around our school and meet with the Headteacher?

Please ring 01454 866786
or email

admin@holyfamilypriamary.co.uk
Everyone welcome

Time to Start School?

If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (online) that is available from the school admissions team of the SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL, for admission during the 2022-23 school year.

If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school.

Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022.

'DARE TO DREAM'

We continue our journey this Autumn as we 'Dare to Dream' the future of our Diocese. Each new video and reflection will be available on the Friday before each Sunday.

Taking this time to reflect will enable all of us to contribute more fully to the conversations that every deanery will be having to discern how we grow our parishes to be places of mission, serving the poor and responding out of our abundance to the needs of the local community and the wider world.

NORTH BRISTOL FOOD BANK

More than ever, there are families in this area who need your support to help make ends meet. The Food Bank is currently appealing for the following: Long Life / UHT Milk ~ Tinned Potatoes ~ Tinned Fruit ~ Sponge Puddings ~ Washing-up Liquid ~ Deodorant ~ Crisps and other savoury snacks ~ Sweet Treats. If you can help with donations, please bring them to Mass and deposit them in the containers by the Sacristy door. They are always looking for shopping bags also, so if like me, you have a pile of them, please sort out a few and donate them too!

"STELLA MARIS" APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA ~ Sailors Mission for Portbury & Avonmouth Docks.

Recently we have heard about problems in the

supply chain to provide good for us to buy! A great deal of what we buy and need is delivered through our local ports. Throughout the pandemic, ships have visited both Portbury and Avonmouth delivering goods. Over the Christmas and New Year many ships will pass through the docks, all contained sailors who will be away from the homes and families. In previous years, we have helped them to remember that even though they are away from their loved ones, they are still valued and appreciated. **We are appealing for items, that they will appreciate, especially in our cold wet weather: Wooley hats, gloves, thick socks, warm jackets and clothes. Toiletries, including shower Gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shaving foam, deodorant, combs. Chocolate, sweets, savoury treats, biscuits etc. Please leave any donations in the labelled box on the altar. I aim to deliver our gifts to the Portbury Dock Mission before the 19th December.**

CLIFTON DIOCESE LITURGICAL DIARY 2022

£6.50 Contact Fr Eugene for a copy.

CLIFTON DIOCESE DIRECTORY 2022

£5.00 Contact Fr Eugene for a copy.

RAFFLE FOR A CHRISTMAS HAMPER

ASDA kindly donated goods for a Christmas Hamper which have been 'embellished' with some extra goodies! This is now ready to be raffled for the next 2 weekends. Members of the SVP will be at the back of the Church selling tickets. The proceeds of the tickets will go to Parish Funds.

St Bonaventure's Church warmly welcomes you to celebrate Christmas with us at our annual Christmas Concert. It will be hosted on Friday 10th December at St Bonaventure's Church, Egerton Road, BS7 8HP, starting promptly at 7.00pm. We are delighted to welcome back the Renewal Gospel Choir who were hugely popular when they joined us in 2019. Two of the members of the choir sang with the Kingdom Choir, at Prince Harry and Megan Markle's wedding. They are an amazing choir, vibrant, and joyful. Drinks and mince pies will be served at the interval and a collection will be made to charity. For further details on Christmas at St Bons check out our social media or email the parish office on bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com @stbonsbristol.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP 2022:

We are inviting children who will be 8 years of age by 31st August 2022 to apply to join the First Holy Communion Group 2022.

To apply, you need to email me at bristol.holyfamily@cliftondiocese.com asking for an application form that can be completed online.

Copies of Baptism Certificates will be required. Please remember at least one parent / guardian MUST be Catholic.

The course will run on Saturday mornings in the Holy Family Parish Centre, depending on the numbers applying there may be the need for more than one group.

The catechists who run the course are giving of their time freely, and this is the only time the course can be run. *If your child has other activities running at the same time as the course, then we would expect the First Holy Communion Course to take first place.*

Attendance at one of the Sunday Masses at Holy Family is also part of the course, and children will be expected to sign in for Mass. The course will run on Saturdays during school terms. The course is run by the Parish only.

THE COURSE WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY 15th JANUARY 2022.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY WILL BE SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2022.

All information will be treated as per our current GDPR policy. Closing date for applications **SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2022.**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT HOLY FAMILY

Friday 24th December ~ Christmas Eve
4.00pm Christmas Family Mass
6.00pm Christmas Family Mass

NB: 2 Christmas Family Masses to alleviate the pressure of large numbers.

11.15pm Hymns and Readings to welcome Christmas

Saturday 25th December ~ Christmas Day
12.00am Christmas Mass at Midnight

9.30am Christmas Mass

11.00am Christmas Mass

No first Mass of Sunday

Sunday 26th December ~ The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9.30am Mass

11.00am Mass

I would encourage you to attend Mass for Christmas and also, for our Patronal Feast on the Sunday.

PLEASE BE SENSIBLE!

If you have a new persistent and continuous cough, runny nose, loss of smell / taste, high temperature, please do NOT attend Mass and seek a COVID TEST.

Please do not assume it is a Cold!

Covid is still a highly transmissible virus and we are ALL vulnerable to it, as we are to the flu etc.