

**A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY  
GRADUALLY GETTING CLOSER  
FOR THE PRESBYTERY WINDOWS**

Our 'Window Fund' remains open and all offerings are received with deep thanks. We have received generous responses. [We realise not all donations are eligible for Gift Aid but please consider Gift Aiding if you are a taxpayer so that you can enhance your donation if you are kind enough and able to do so. Envelopes in the porch.] More donations needed and all of whatever amounts much appreciated and for all this support a **very sincere thanks!**

We cannot complete the replacement of the windows in the Apostles' Room until this task is addressed because you will remember that Bath Planners told us some years ago that the church comes under the purlieu of a Graded property and is under the same requirements.

Since Father Bill, OSM arrived in 1999 the windows have been screwed down and can't be opened. It is an obvious problem for many reasons including Security, Health & Safety and needs to be remedied. The Presbytery is a Grade II building re-listed [i.e. just before Christmas 2016] and so replacement and improvement has to be done to a certain standard. Those fortunate to have fixed your windows in recent times will know of the costs likely to be faced and if you think the Priest's House / Presbytery deserves the same care and safety for the priest living there, please donate what you can.

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**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Reminder - If you or a relative is to be in **Bath Clinic** or **St Martin's Hospital** please let Father Bill, O.S.M know their Ward and Room number if known - either by phoning on 01225 832096 (best time between 8.00am-9.00am) e-mail: [stspeterpaulbath@btinternet.com](mailto:stspeterpaulbath@btinternet.com) or a note through his Presbytery letter box.

Father Bill, O.S.M will always arrange for Anointing and for Holy Communion to be taken to those who wish to receive.

If you or a Parishioner from our Parish here or someone you know is in hospital or will be going into Royal United Hospital please let Father Bill M. O.S.M. know. Please contact the RUH Ecumenical Chaplaincy Team also & directly on 01225 814039 or email: [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net) about anybody admitted and especially people from elsewhere or e-mail the Catholic Parish Priests of the respective Parishes [Priest Chaplains at RUH] via St John the Evangelist's if any patient is in need of Anointing.

**RCIA** Try to encourage anyone - perhaps somebody in your own family? - who is questioning their life and might be helped in finding out a little more about the Catholic Church? If you feel a personal invitation from you might be welcome, don't hesitate to ask them to come along. Don't forget, you are the best Ambassadors for Jesus, our Lord and only you can bring people confidently to ask about the Catholic Faith. You are the first contact. RCIA meetings are announced on Fridays at 7.00pm- exploring the different aspects of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the Catholic Church today. Those who do go on to consider becoming part of the Catholic Church - and there is no pressure about doing so - may then join the Church when they have been well prepared at a celebration of Easter sometime ahead. Please speak to Father Bill, O.S.M.

**First Holy Communion 2020:** We invite parents of those who would be ready to make First Holy Communion in 2020 to note the preparation here will commence later in the New Year. If your child [aged 7/8 years old/in yr3] having reached the age of reason [i.e. knows the difference between right and wrong and can understand what we believe about the Real Presence according to their level], then join us in preparing to receive First Confession and First Holy Communion, please speak with Mrs AJ Gate and she will provide one of the forms

Talk with your child and the Family and then with Father Bill, OSM our Parish Priest. This is a great value to support children together in preparing and of especial value also to those not attending a Catholic school. Parents will receive a letter by post when we are going to begin our programme explaining dates on which we hope to meet.

We hope to keep together our lovely group of First Communicants of this year and draw back into involvement those we have not seen as often as we might have hoped or even anymore. We are going to start an FHC Club - if you want to know more please ask.

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH** wishing to know more about the Parish and church here? Do make yourself known to those welcoming in the porch, and - by the way - are there any others of a cheery disposition who feel they could play a part in welcoming parishioners new and veteran in the porch each Saturday evening / Sunday morning?

**On Sundays, please do feel most welcome to go into the Apostles' Room** immediately after Holy Mass for a coffee/tea and make new friends. Many will be delighted to speak with you and offer information about the Parish and about getting in touch with our Parish Priest, Father Bill, OSM Don't miss our cartoon in the Apostles' Room about the welcome that sometimes falls short of what is hoped !!

If you are moving away from the Parish, please let us know & don't just disappear. It may surprise you, but Father Bill O.S.M. has an interest in what has happened to you and not just via your obituary in the papers!

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**Times of Holy Mass & Services  
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 (Year C)**

Holy Mass Saturday at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday) and Sunday 10.00am. No Celebration of Holy Mass at The Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre @ Bath Campus at 12 30 today.

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**TIMES OF HOLY MASS & SERVICES**

**Holy Mass: Monday - No Mass this morning**

**Holy Mass: Tuesday @ 09.30am**

**Holy Mass: Wednesday and Thursday  
NO Mass.**

**Holy Mass: As this is the First Friday  
Holy Mass will be at 09.30am  
followed by Adoration which will  
conclude simply at 4pm with Divine  
Praises.**

**Holy Mass: Saturday - No morning  
Mass but there will be the Vigil Mass  
at 6pm and Mass on Sunday at 10am.  
Please see other church bulletins for  
times of weekday Holy Mass.**

**Pope Francis describes the church** as a "field hospital" with many forms of healing happening and, not least, healing within the Church & Parish community where individuals at times undermine the life of the People of God by gossiping, being overly critical without any effort to remedy what is the point of their criticism, bearing grudges and judging others, not supporting the effort to evangelise, failing to encourage which might cost some effort. The Holy Father who so many admire says "healing accompanies Evangelisation". Start putting things right wherever you feel you are at fault and be a Barnabas - a real encourager!

**Don't forget the** regular food collections in the Parish box in the porch **for the Hungry in Bath**, which are delivered to the Foodbank via Genesis.

**THANKS** to the Mums who in the past have occasionally brought the children to help clean the church together. We can all look around the church and see what we could do to give a hand. Thanks to those who did such a beautiful job of preparing the church for the wedding here last Sat. Dayanne and Jon send their thanks. Keep a look out for jobs you might spot on the exterior of the church building which need constant attention! The jobs never take a holiday. All able bodied are thanked for coming and also urged to continue to come on **any Saturday for 10.15am** to work together or at their own convenience on other days. Let Alison Kirkham know when you might need access to tools - cleaning equipment and gardening hoes, rakes etc. We are sure there are more than a few who could come and have fun giving a hand. Do your best! If you can't come on the Saturday morning please offer to come at a time to suit you and it helps to get to know others.

**Do you feel part of our Parish?**

*What should we be trying to do?  
What are you good at doing?*

**We are proud of our Parishioners  
& of each one of YOU;  
it is always marvellous to play a part  
with others!**

Everybody can do something however small!  
All age groups welcome to give a hand!

*Example teaches others  
and the children learn too.  
Children live what they learn.*

*There is joy in helping, as you know*

**Are you a moaner who has plenty to say  
but are not so keen to be supportive in a  
helpful way without criticising?  
We hope we all do what we can!  
If you say, however, you don't,  
what could you and we do about that?**

**WHY DO THEY DO THAT? Sign of Peace here at Ss Peter & Paul:** For visitors and those who only come occasionally, we use a slight bow for the sign of Peace rather than a handshake. Please wait until it is first brought from the Priest at the altar by the altar server. It is quite dignified and works best if all wait for that to happen. This helps those anxious about health issues and parishioners with serious health concerns. It is a very supportive way of helping parishioners avoid dangers from colds and infections passed by hand. Same reason as when we wash our hands visiting the Sick in hospital etc. It is easier if we all do the same even among families. Not a big issue really and a lovely act of charity towards those concerned without intruding into their privacy by making them have to explain why they are not able to shake hands. It also seems to include everyone without too much moving around and fear of missing someone out.

**THE TABERNACLE SANCTUARY LAMP** before The Blessed Sacrament is burning for David Perry's wife, Brigid RIP.

**OUR LADY AND CHILD LAMP** is burning for the intentions of Father Bill M. O.S.M.

If you would like either of these lamps to burn night and day for yourself, for a loved one or a special intention please contact the Sacristan with a written note stating the intention for inclusion in the bulletin AND let Father Bill M., O.S.M. know and he will ensure that is done. The suggested offering is £5.00.

## FINANCIAL

*Thanks to all who seriously and generously play their part in funding the regular work of the Church here in our various needs and all other apostolates that go on from here and for keeping what you give under review and taking seriously the need to support weekly the parish through regular covenanted and gift aided contribution. It is recognised that we need to strengthen this. We would be helped by seeing an increase in Gift Aided Offertory collections by those who didn't realise this would help to achieve and ensure financial stability in the Church's budgeting.*

There are three indicators of what it means to be an adult parishioner here:-

- I belong to the weekly gathering here for Sunday Holy Mass with co-parishioners or those who live within the parish boundaries.
- I play a part in the Ss P & P Parish by being present regularly, sometimes doing a specific task such as cleaning, flower arranging, cake making, or taking part in one of the various parish groups meeting and serving communal needs.

- I am part of the Parish Finance Plan (Gift Aid and planned Giving) & by Standing Order if at all possible for when absent or attending elsewhere that Sunday. **If you don't fit into any of these above categories, then ask yourself if you might re-think!**

**DON'T BE AFRAID OF OBSERVING SILENCE IN THE CHURCH AFTER HOLY MASS! OTHERS ARE REALLY VERY GLAD.**

### ANNIVERSARIES and LATELY DEAD

We pray for the repose of the souls of all lately dead. Victims of all tragedies, wars and terrible violence throughout the world & natural disasters and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time including **Sr Dorothy Eyre, Valentine Adams, Kit Murray, Rita Forshaw, John Pierce, Alfred Harris, Cecilia Pritchard, Olive Knott, Henry Maggs, Marco Lorente, John Hannah, William Kelly, Kathleen Simpson, Aecheson Blake-Kelly, Michael Giles.** . May they, together with all the Faithful Departed, our own loved ones, and the most forgotten Holy Souls have a full share in the Resurrection.

### REMEMBERING SICK and INFIRM FRIENDS

We make special remembrance of all the sick including Mrs Sue Clements, Ray Gunning (Canon Tom Gunning's brother), Mrs Janet Gate, Mrs Gladys Brewer, Bill Banks, Mrs Betty Hawkins, Samuel Hawkins, Jim & Anne Bardon, Ruth Saul, Jess Gate, Barbara Molloy, Mrs Marion Frawley, Mrs Marion Diplock, Joan O'Hanrahan, Dorothea and Eddie Saul, Ron & Imelda Fuller, Irene Moore, Mrs Jo Windsor, Harry Barron, Mrs Marion Nash, Mrs Phil Leech, Bernard & Kay Barron, Mrs Ann Perry, Mrs Maggie Keane, Mrs Ann Cusack, Charles Carr, Eugene Farrelly, Margaret McNally, Denzil & Philomena Lincoln, Mrs Frances Samuel and all other parishioners and loved ones who bear illness and for those who care for them and for all who have been bereaved. The sick are always prayed for, even if a name does not appear on the list. Please advise us when people recover, so that the newsletter may alter hopefully with good news.

**KEEPING FIT!** Every day people across in the field devote time to physical exercise both morning and evening, which seems a great idea; many exercise their dogs also – perhaps you do too and that keeps the pets fit and is a way of meeting others. Spiritual exercise is a great idea as well, and perhaps the wonderful freedom here to share in offering Holy Mass not only on Sundays but every and any day one can manage to be here is something many might easily want to include in their daily programme. It is a good way of strengthening Parish Community too and a number of benefits come from being present. Lectio Divina is a brilliant form of spiritual exercise. If you would like to try it, let Father Bill, O.S.M.

**FATIMA PRAYER:** The Angel of Peace at Fatima, kneeling, bowed until his forehead touched the ground and taught this prayer to The Children of Fatima Lucia, Jacinta & Francisco and encouraged the children to repeat these words three times.

***"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You."***

*We hope ALL PARISHIONERS and friends who managed to get away for a break had a Happy & Safe Summer Holiday and also we hope those who stayed at home will find some refreshment and peace.*

**Renewal** of already Commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion, Commissioning of New Ministers and Re-commissioning and **Renewal & First Commissioning** of Readers of the Word will take place along with a refresher session and a time of prayer together for all who serve in these roles once all have returned.

**Parish Car Parking:** Many users of the playing field and casual parkers are using the Parish car park at early and late times of the day. Some request permission but the Parish Priest can't know the ownership of all cars any more than can parishioners despite what you might think. May I remind all of the need to park with thoughtfulness regarding the needs of others especially when space is limited on celebratory occasions. Others too need to have access to the various parts of the car park. Please avoid the space immediately in front of the notice boards & the disabled exit route from the Apostles' Room. Thanks for your awareness & kind cooperation and understanding.

**Children at Holy Mass** are a joy and we encourage all parents who make the effort to get little ones ready to be here for the Sunday holy Mass. We know parents are doing their best to help the little ones learn to take part in the Mass with us all in the church throughout Holy Mass and some are playing a part as Readers, Singers, Altar Servers. Please encourage them to discover how they might help – the best encouragement is to show them how.

We know, too, that where possible you will try to assist others sharing the Mass by showing sensitivity to their need to hear and not be too distracted by untoward behaviour. The glass walled Reconciliation Room used by the Altar Servers is at the disposal of parents during Holy Mass & available for parents when they need a spot for calming their children at certain moments when a little one is upset or crying. Take them in there when there is such a need. The hope is that by the time of reception of First Holy Communion, the children will learn how to play a part and the parents as first and best teachers will know when they have come to that understanding.

Please feel most welcome to go into the Apostles' Parish Room immediately after Holy Mass for a coffee/tea and a chat with friends. If you yourself find it impossible to be silent in the church, then please make every effort to speak softly if only out of courtesy for those trying to pray and as an example to our children in the Lord's house. Some Parishioners have this one chance in their week to pray before the Lord in the Tabernacle. We must try not to spoil that moment for them or for ourselves. Thanks very much for supporting this appeal.

**The Petitions' Book** for your own special needs may be written in the book which is brought to the altar during the Offertory procession which are in addition to the Parish Priest's intention offered 'pro populo' i.e. 'for the people' every Sunday.

**CHURCH CARE** Thank you to all who help clean and tidy the Church regularly during the year as well as for our very special feasts and who do other sometimes thankless and unseen jobs that makes life more comfortable for us all. Thanks to all who give time and energy and never think we take it for granted. Also thanks to Alison and others who help for being here daily to have things ready for daily Holy Mass supported by daily Mass goers. Cleaning & Flower arranging don't just happen as we all know. The storms showed the gutters were in great need of clearing and so thanks to John Eddison & Hans Kremer for doing a great job on them.

### **Ss Peter & Paul?**

Our Parish "new" church is the tip of a longer parish history having started in the 1830's in the chapel of the Immaculate Conception first in Midford Castle itself and then later in a purpose built chapel; after that the Parish community moved to the chapel of Our Lady of the Snows in Prior Park College where it remained until 1965. As a journey down memory lane, On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August a small group of Daily Mass goers went after the morning celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows to pray in the Chapel in PPC which is dedicated to Our Lady of The Snows and we sang the Regina Coeli anthem in honour of the Mother of God and prayed for all our Parishioners including those who come to the College for their Education.

If you are new to Ss Peter & Paul or if you have been coming on and off for a number of years you will agree it is really good to find the church here when you need it, isn't it? We owe a great debt to those who provided it and supported it over many years and who still care for it lovingly and generously.

Before leaving the church, say a prayer that you will always find the house of God here when you return and pray for those parishioners who have now gone before us who did so much to provide our church and all the things that have helped us to worship God in this Holy Place both in the past and the times when we feel moved to come. Let us pray for those who have drifted away from the life of Faith or for those who no longer wish to walk with us here.

Perhaps one day you and all who worship here will be glad to be remembered by those who come after us.