

## MGR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

Whilst the fine summer weather appears, people start thinking about summer holidays and children being out of school, I'm also thinking about what we should be doing this autumn. In light of the whole church synod that is due to be held in 2023 and combined with the publication of the papers that have been sent by a diocese into the National framework. I think it's about time that we reinstated the parish pastoral council, to look at the pastoral needs of our parish and the pastoral aspirations of our parishioners.

I'm only too well aware that the Holy Spirit is not limited to the parish priest. Often the best and most dynamic parishes are those where the views of many are discussed in a forum that can help to sift and sort them into a series of priorities.

So, at this stage what I am seeking is your views or ideas on how progress this idea to re-establish the pastoral council. Should it be elected members, should it just be those who volunteer, or should it be people appointed by the parish priest or some sort of combination of all of these? My personal view is that the committee are more than about six or so people tend to become a talking shop rather than an instrument for change and delivery. Again, I feel that it should meet about three times a year which seems often enough to keep things moving but not so frequent that membership becomes a burden.

These are just some of my views, however what I would really like is to hear your views and suggestions. If you would like to contribute to the debate, please either email me or drop me a written note, so that I have a set of papers to mull over this summer. I would like you to give me your views by the end of the month please.

## EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

**Mother & Baby/Toddler Group:** takes a holiday break! We will resume our meetings in September.

**Rosary Prayer Group:** In view of the needs of our country and the need for peace in the world and especially Ukraine it has been decided to hold the prayer meeting Every Tuesday at 2pm in the presbytery. It is hoped that this will be convenient for everyone especially those picking up children from school. Contact Julia for prayer requests on 01179428696

**Rosary for Peace:** Please join me to pray the rosary for peace in the world. In the church after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time. You can stay as long as you wish. Please contact Andy Russell on 01179241725 for more details.

**Drop in Coffee Morning:** Everyone is welcome on 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.30-12.00. Come along to the presbytery to meet up with old friends or make new ones while enjoying a cuppa. People living with dementia and their carers particularly welcome. Next date -13th July. Any questions contact Veronica Swann 0117 9427018.

**Art Group:** On 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00 - 12.00. All welcome, including beginners, to join small and very friendly group. Bring your own materials. Any questions contact: Penny Millar 07866138669 or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

**Knitting Group:** We are happy to announce that the first meeting starts on 13th July (Wed) in the presbytery - St Clare's room. The group will meet every Wednesday from 10 to 12.00. For details contact Ann Pobjoy: [ann.pobjoy@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ann.pobjoy@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Friday Soup Lunches:** Fridays in the presbytery from 12.00pm. Donations are sent to charity. All welcome at 12.00pm in the Dining Room. More information from Chris Swann on 0117 9427018.

**Children's Liturgy:** Children's Liturgy at every Sunday morning Mass.

**Tea & Coffee:** Join us in the presbytery after Sunday morning Mass.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury:** The Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by Bishop Declan, is taking place again this year on the second Sunday in July; Sunday 10th July 2022. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is 'Mary, Queen of Peace'.

**St. Bonaventure's Feast Day:** Sunday, July 17th. Mass at 3pm. Mgr. Bernard will offer a Healing Mass to celebrate the feast day and give strength and healing to all who have suffered during the past 2 years, either through bereavement, illness, both physical and mental, loneliness and anxiety. The Mass will be followed by a tea party to be held either in the garden or the presbytery. Any offers of help on the day will be greatly appreciated, also cakes or sandwiches will be very welcome. Contact Mary on 07817792773 or Veronica on 07884134599. The Healing Mass will **replace the usual Sunday evening Mass**.

**Please Pray For:** Enzo Maniglia. Eric Pitt. Desmond Anglin. Peter Sewell & Ivy Sewell. Eddie Williams. Paul Tooze. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Anne James. Veronica. Anna McGinn. Nachtter Kaur. Reena James. Margaret McGuinness. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office to give your consent so it can be recorded.

**Livesimply Thought for the Week:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. This Sea Sunday (10 July) lets pray for all those who live and work at sea. To show our support there is also second collection for Stella Maris, the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world so that they will always have a friend in port who they can turn to.

**Missio Red Box Holders:** Invitation to a special Mass - Tuesday July 12 at Sacred Heart Church. Bishop Declan will be celebrating a special Mass at 7pm on Tuesday July 12. This Mass is to celebrate the Beatification and Legacy of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, one of Missio's founders. She was declared Blessed in May 2022 in Lyon and this Mass gives us an opportunity to gather together and celebrate her life and legacy. This invitation is extended to all the parish community.

**CAFOD:** is running a campaign to try to fix the food system. Our food system is broken. It doesn't work for the people who work the hardest and it doesn't work for the planet. Profits come before people, and the farmers who grow our food live in poverty. To join the campaign, come to a 7 stage journey we are holding, starting with a cup of coffee and some cake after 10am Mass on July 10th, where we will learn about what the problem is and what we can do about it. There's another chance to learn about it at the coffee morning on 13th July or after the soup lunch on Friday 15th July.

**Ministry of Acolyte:** Our parishioner, Bart Kowalewski, is undergoing study and formation to become a Permanent Deacon. As part of the journey, Bart and his study colleagues will be instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte. The Mass will be on Friday, 15th July at 7pm in St John the Evangelist Church in Bath. You are warmly invited to either attend in person or watch online on St John the Evangelist Church's website: St. John the Evangelist – Catholic Church ([stjohnsrcbath.org.uk](http://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk))

**Many thanks** from Veronica and Chris for all the good wishes from parishioners on our anniversary. They made it a very special occasion for us.

**Community Food Pantry Update:** Every day in our Community Pantry, we offer 170 food items that anyone in need can take away to feed themselves and their family. From these, more than 30 different items get taken each week - but this is increasing week on week. Alongside this, we're also delivering about 100 bits of food per week to AidBox Community for their free shop, which they're very appreciative of. It's only thanks to your generosity that the Community Pantry is able to operate, and we are incredibly grateful for anything you can give. Nothing is too small to make a difference, just one packet, box or bottle of something - or a small cash donation, which helps us with the cost of shopping for food and delivering it to AidBox Community.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 Mass. Hannah Tully RIP 18.00 Mass. Geraldine and Patrick
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30 Mass. Brenda - on her birthday
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30 Mass. Janette Blackey RIP
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30 Mass. Frank Dolan & deceased members of the family
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30 Mass. Happy summer holidays
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 Mass. Michelle – on her 50 <sup>th</sup> birthday <b>15.00 Mass.*</b> People of the parish; St Bonaventure's Feast Day

**Sunday, 10th July - second collection: Sea Sunday**

**\*Please note the change on the afternoon Mass time on 17th July**