

MGR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

One of the great things about this week was the set of pictures from the Webb Ellis telescope showing us the universe over 13 billion years ago. However, my personal highlight was being involved in something that is looking forward rather than backwards. Last Saturday I was at the Ordination of Father Joseph Meigh in Clifton Cathedral.

I have known Joseph since he was a teenager and would often play the keyboards at our Sunday evening Mass in Saint Peters Church in the centre of Gloucester. Even in those days, which is about 15 years, one could see a real level of love for the church that Joseph had and still has. He was and is a talented musician who would often write his own music. Not looking to be some YouTube Internet sensation but more about writing church music to express his love for the Lord.

As you will see in today's picture of the week, I am laying my hands on Joseph's head. This is something done by all the priests at an Ordination as they join the bishop in praying for the outpouring of the spirit, on this new servant of the church. This is always a very poignant part of the ordination rite, and it was made more so for me as I realised Joe is the last of our current of seminarians. This means that it is likely to be at least another six years before another seminarian is ordained. I will then be in my late 70s so it's possible that I won't go to another ordination. When I think back to my day at seminary, we had 11 students just in Oscott Seminary, all of them went on to be priests.

Looking back often reminds us of God's generosity but looking forward always encourages us to trust that the Lord who has blessed us and will not abandon us. So, we place all our trust in HIM.

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

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. The Healing Mass will **replace the usual Sunday evening Mass.**

Reminder for the Memorial for Mary Barrett who passed away on 2nd Feb 2021: The Barrett family invite all who knew Mary Barrett to join them in a celebration of her life with a memorial mass at 11 am **on Wed 20th July 2022** at St Bonaventure's Church. Afterwards join the family for food and drinks at *Clifton Observatory, Litfield Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3LT*. Please respond to lizlarondie@gmail.com by confirming your attendance and whether you would like seats on the coach (to and back from Observatory). The family request the congregation to dress in bright colours and to bring a flower from a garden to be placed on the altar, these flowers will be laid on Geoff and Mary Barrett's grave the following day.

Parent & Baby/Toddler Group: takes a holiday break! We will resume our meetings in September. If you'd like to be added to the WhatsApp group, please contact Claire: 07871627928.

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 -10th August. 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: Every Wednesday from 10 to 12.00 in the presbytery, St Clare's room. Please bring your own materials. For details contact Ann Pobjoy: ann.pobjoy@blueyonder.co.uk

Friday Soup Lunches: The small group of soup makers are taking a well-earned break for the summer. We will be back in September, watch this space for start date.

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

Tea & Coffee: Join us in the presbytery after Sunday morning 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: A spell of hot dry weather helps us to appreciate just how precious water is. It is important to keep ourselves hydrated as temperatures rise. However, we drink only 4% of the clean tap water we use; the rest goes to wash our clothes, ourselves, to flush the toilet or water the garden. As summer temperatures continue to hit new highs, supplies of fresh water are increasingly threatened. You might like to support a charity such as [Water Aid](#) that works to ensure that others have access to clean water.

Part-time Parish Property Manager for Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, and St Antony's, Henbury, Bristol: To work with the Parish Priest and the Parish Administrator to provide site support in order to ensure the smooth running of the parish properties at both parishes. A good understanding of Health & Safety regulations is required. And a good understanding of the distinctions between statutory requirements, regulations, and recommendations. Facilities and Estate Management experience is desirable. This will be a paid position. Part-time, 1.5 days a week. If you are interested, please contact Jo Savery or Fr Colin Mason in the Sacred Heart parish office on 0117 962 0676.

Community Food Pantry Update: The uptake of food for the food pantry continues to grow and we found the demand was so high last week that we had to do a shop three times the size we normally do. But thanks to the generosity of the congregation and surrounding community, especially those who celebrated their First Communions in July, we had enough money to do a very large shop for the pantry and also still deliver the 100+ items that were needed at AidBox Community (ABC). As we dropped the food at ABC, four families were in the hub and were able to put together a meal each for two days, as well as stocking up on hygiene essentials. It was touching and humbling to see your generosity in action - truly helping individuals who need it.

Where do I leave food donations? Please put food donations either in the clear box labelled "Community Food Pantry Donation Box" at the back of the church or in the box outside the front door of the Presbytery. How do I donate money? There is a "Food Pantry" button on the Donation Point inside the church if you would like to make monetary donations by card. Or you can give cash to Mgr Massey or put it in an envelope through Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 17th July	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10.00 Mass. Michelle – on her 50 th birthday 15.00 Healing Mass.* People of the parish; St Bonaventure's Feast Day
Mon 18th July	No Mass
Tuesday 19th July	No Mass
Wednesday 20th July	9.30 Holy Souls 11.00 Mary Barrett RIP – Memorial Mass
Thursday 21st July	10.30 Mass. Year 6
Friday 22nd July	9.30 Mass. Private intention
Saturday 23rd July	9.30 Mass. Happy summer holidays
Sunday 24th July	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10.00 Mass. Bishop Declan 18.00 Mass. People of the parish

***Please note changes of mass times**