



# NEWSLETTER

## CHRIST THE KING

### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

David Sweet, Father Bernard Carpenter, Veronica (Vee) Grother, Father Paul Gonsalves MSFS.

### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES

**OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Patrick Knight, John Netley, Sylvia Hird, Mrs Cook, Basil Devitt, Bernard Ryall-Mack, John Sheerin, Brian Rowlinson, David Lyons, David Gant, Madge Smith, Mary Carroll, John Quinn, Jim Treanor, Gabriel Melao, Michael Enright, Mary Auty, Ted McCabe, Georgina Tuck, Eric Hill, John Carter, Edward Wilson, Mrs Wilson, Margita Jakes, John Grimoldby.

### AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Madeleine Page, Alma Hamilton, Chris Edley, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Margaret Smith, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margartha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Hazel Grimoldby, Jan Rimmer, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Bernadette Fiddaman, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Monica Macauley, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vic Smith, Norman Surrige, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Christ The King	Deceased Members of the Helm and Brandreth Families
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St George	Christ The King	Minnie Crossman RIP
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St George	Christ The King	Pauline Atherton RIP
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Christ The King	Sr Kathleen Jordan
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mary Howson RIP
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mgr Patrick Lynch RIP
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Deceased Members of the Crossman & Boyce Families
Thurs	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Fr Richard Northey - fiftieth anniversary of ordination
Thurs	28 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Fr James Byrne RIP
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Teresa	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mai Kelly and Family
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Feast of St Andrew	Sara Louise Frounks RIP
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Feast of St Andrew	David Sweet RIP
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am	St George	First Sunday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Mann and Bodich families
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am	St George	First Sunday of Advent	CMBF
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	First Sunday of Advent	Lucy Bussatil RIP

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**CONFESSION TIMES:** At St George's: Sat 10am-10:30am;

Thurs 12 noon -12:30pm

At St Teresa's: Fri 9:30am -10am

At St John Fisher: Sat 5pm-5:25pm

**ADORATION TIMES:** At St George Tues-Sun-6:30am-7:30am;

Wed 6:30am-9:30am; Tue-Fri5-6pm; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am -

midnight; Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour);

St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-6pm; Thurs10-12pm

**PRAYER GROUPS: Charismatic Prayer Group:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7.00pm-8.30pm St. George's Church; 2nd and 4th Wed 10am-11.30am St. George's Centre

**Mother's Prayer:** Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre.

**Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together:**

Thurs 1pm-2:15pm, 5<sup>th</sup> December St George's Centre

**Pray the Rosary:** Tues 6:15pm St George's Church; 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.

We celebrate this weekend the Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the liturgical year. Next weekend is the First Sunday of Advent, with all the hope and new beginnings of the Advent season. I often find that I'm quite prepared for the Lenten season, having thought and prayed carefully about how I might live the deeper prayer, fasting and almsgiving that we're invited to, but can come into Advent less prepared. Perhaps this week is an opportunity to pray about what the Lord is inviting us to do during this season. The First Sunday of Advent will mark the introduction of our new lectionary, with new translations of the Bible that we will pray with at Mass. Bishop Bosco has written a beautiful pastoral letter for this weekend, inviting us to use this as an opportunity to "renew our commitment to hearing God's voice in Scripture – not only during Mass but also in our daily lives." I always find Advent a great opportunity to renew and deepen my relationship with God's word. Our advent almsgiving opens our hearts more fully towards others, especially the weakest and most vulnerable. Last Wednesday was 'Red Wednesday' the day on which we are invited to pray for persecuted Christians. We offered Mass and had a holy hour for them. We will now be dedicating our Wednesday evening holy hour from 5-6pm each week to prayer for persecuted Christians. Copies of Aid to the Church in Need's report on persecuted and forgotten Christians are available from all our churches. They are an excellent charity to support. MPs are debating the assisted dying bill this coming Friday, 29 November. Please do write to our MP about this and join us as we pray very specially during our Friday adoration time for this intention. In this week's newsletter, Roddy writes powerfully about his taking our donations to the Open Door. Perhaps you might consider donating to the Foodbank or Open Door as part of your Lenten almsgiving.

FATHER TOM DUBOIS

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW LECTIONARY DAY:** At the beginning of Advent, we will start using the new lectionary with improved translations of the Biblical readings used at Mass. We have a special day this Saturday 23rd November to explore the new lectionary. An opportunity to pray & reflect on the Word of God, & look at how the readings are chosen & how we might go deeper in praying with & understanding these. Starts at St George with 9.30am Mass 3:30pm.

**EXODUS 90:** Calling all Catholic adult men who are seeking to develop their relationship with God through 3 core pillars: prayer, asceticism and fraternity. Exodus 90 is a spiritual challenge that lasts 90 days, starting on the 20th Jan & concludes on Easter Sunday. We will meet as a small group once a week for an hour to support and guide each other on the journey. Please visit <https://exodus90.com/how-it-works/> to understand all that is involved and the commitment required. Jacob will be giving a more detailed talk after the masses on the weekend 11/12th January. For any questions, contact Jacob at [Jacob.m.keogh@gmail.com](mailto:Jacob.m.keogh@gmail.com) or Fr Tom.

**LEGION OF MARY:** A number of people expressed interest in the Legion of Mary following my recent newsletter piece, so we are moving forward with establishing the Legion in our parishes. John Jordan will be coming from Bristol to speak about the Legion at Masses on 8 December. We then invite anyone interested to a meeting in St George's Rectory at 6.15pm on Thursday 12 December.

**MAMRE:** next meet Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December after 9:15 mass in the Catholic Centre. Faith discussion for adults & craft activities for families followed by lunch. Signup at the back of the church.

**THE BOOK GROUP:** will meet next on Wednesday 3rd December 2.00 pm at Taringa Trull, Reading 'On foot to Constantinople.' by P.L. Fermor. New members welcome.

**ADVENT SERVICE:** 4pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, St Georges Church. The theme will be that of our Jubilee Year of 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope', reflected in readings, reflections and music.

**BEYOND THE THRESHOLD:** creating safe spaces for people to find out who we are, what we believe and what we're like! Starting Saturday 18 January at St Brendan's College, Brislington, from 10am (9.30am refreshments) and led by International Speaker and Author, David Wells as our keynote speaker. To register for the day please click on the Eventbrite link: <https://beyondthethreshold.eventbrite.co.uk>

**FRENCH GATHERING:** some parishioners have asked for a monthly gathering for French speakers. Initially the format will be a 1/2 hour spiritual conference/exchange followed by a ½ hour social time while eating puddings supplied by these parishioners. We'll then review the format & see if people want to continue or change this. First meeting is Thursday 12 December at 8pm in St George's Rectory. The theme will be 'Entrer dans l'année sainte: comment nourrir la vertu de l'espérance'.

**WALKING GROUP:** next walk Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, leaving at 10.45 am from The Catholic Centre. This will be a shorter walk – we will be enjoying the autumn colours around Vivary Park. All welcome!

## **NOTICES**

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Immaculate Conception, Clevedon with Yatton; St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea; St Joseph, Portishead..

**Standing Orders: 17/11/24**

St George: £1827.96 St Teresa: £359.07

**Offertory Collection: 17/11/24**

St George: N/A St Teresa: £298.88

St John Fisher £ 174.15

**FR BERNARD CARPENTER RIP:** Fr Bernard was a retired priest of our Diocese who died last week at the age of 97. Bishop Bosco will be celebrating his funeral on Wednesday 4 December 1pm at St George's. We will receive his coffin into St George's at 6pm on Tuesday 3 December followed by a Mass. Please do come to one of these Masses if you can, to pray for Fr Bernard and give thanks for his life and priestly ministry.

**PRAYER MINISTRY:** will be available to all after every Mass (except 8am St. George's) on 1st Sunday of Advent 30 November/1st December. Prayer Ministry is also available every Wednesday during the Parish Charismatic Prayer meeting.

**MOSS CLEARANCE:** our Diocesan surveyor has recommended removing the moss from our church roofs. This is now well underway at St Teresa's and will begin at St George's this week. This will involve a MEWP where possible and extensive scaffolding for other areas. Parking should be largely unaffected but there may be days when a couple of spaces need to be coned off. We hope to have the bulk of the work completed by Christmas. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** practice and get together on Saturday 30 November in the Church from 12.00pm to 2.00pm. Lunch provided. We will be looking at the new liturgy around the Book of the Gospels, so the invitation is to both new and experienced servers.

**ST GEORGE JESSE TREE:** will be in St Georges Church from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December Church.

As is our tradition we will be donating to 'Open Door Charity' for the homeless in Taunton. Please take a tag and return your present and place under the Jesse Tree by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Many thanks.

**ST TERESA JESSE TREE:** will also be out on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. All donations to Taunton Food Bank.

**IMPACT:** our group for teenagers will meet 24<sup>th</sup> November from 5.30-7pm in St George's Rectory.

**ST TERESA:** our famous "Sausage in a roll" is back! Dec 1<sup>st</sup> after Mass. List to help in the Narthex.

**PARISH LUNCH:** We are having a lunch at The Catholic Centre on the 18th January for Pensioners or people living on their own. Time to be confirmed and more details to follow. Spaces are limited, if you are interested, please contact the Church office with your name and contact details.