

South Bristol Mission Area

Our family of Catholic Parishes

St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham
St Pius Xth, Withywood; The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna
(within the Pastoral Area of St Alexander Briant)



In the name of Jesus: WELCOMED, LOVED, SENT

Palm Sunday, Year B – 24th March 2024

Fr Matt's Reflection for the Week:



This Is Holy Week

One of the things I remember about Holy Week from my childhood was that mum and dad always put a poster up in the lounge window. It came from The Universe newspaper, I think. It was an image of Christ on the Cross with the words "This is Holy Week". There was a bottom section which could be folded down for Easter Sunday with the words "He is Risen". I don't remember much else about Holy

Week, apart from Palm Sunday, Good Friday; hot cross buns; an awareness of spring in the air and then Easter Sunday!

There's a lot more to Holy Week, though. As children we never experienced this. As my parents became more involved in parish life when they were older they came to discover the treasures of the liturgy which so many miss out on. I only came to appreciate this at the age of 29. You see, Good Friday is part of the 'The Sacred Paschal (Easter) Triduum (3 days)'. This starts on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, in which we commemorate the first Eucharist at the Last Supper, and the Lord's call for us to serve each other in charity. It contains the moving "washing of the feet" and finishes with the stripping of the altar and the removal of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose. This leaves the church totally bare for the starkness of Good Friday in which we commemorate Christ's passion as a salvific self-offering – "Through his wounds we have been healed" (Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24). Holy Saturday is a day of waiting as we ponder Christ in the tomb. At sunset we gather for the Easter Vigil, with all the beautiful symbolism of the Easter fire; the Easter candle; the proclamation of Christ as the light. This is the high point of the Christian calendar (and, yes, it fulfils your obligation). It lasts about two hours and if you haven't been before then come! In the meantime, I hope you have a Holy Week ahead.

St Bernadette's: 731 Wells Road, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 9HU

St Dunstan's: 20 Bristol Road, Keynsham, BS31 2BQ

St Pius Xth: Gatehouse Avenue, Withywood, Bristol, BS13 9AB

The Sacred Heart: Chew Valley c/o South Bristol Mission Area Office at St Pius Xth

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Mass Times for the Week

Sunday Readings – Year B

Weekday Readings – Year II Hours: Psalter 2

	Saturday 23rd March Weekday of Lent	9:30-11.30am Adoration & Confessions: St Pius Xth 12:30-2.30pm Adoration & Confessions: St Dunstan's 3.30-5.25pm Adoration & Confessions: St Bernadette's 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation St Bernadette's 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Bernadette's (R) (L/S) <i>Bridget Brimble RIP</i>
	Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.00 Mass at St Pius Xth (L/S) <i>Aley Matthew RIP</i> 11.00am Mass at St Bernadette's <i>Maria Bongiovanni RIP</i> 11.00am Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S) <i>People of the Parish</i>
	Monday 25th March Monday of Holy Week	NO MASS
	Tuesday 26th March Tuesday of Holy Week	5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (R) & 6.30pm Mass at St Pius Xth <i>Colette Thorne RIP</i>
	Wednesday 27th March Wednesday of Holy Week	11am Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral
	Thursday 28th March The Sacred Paschal Triduum Holy (Maundy) Thursday	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Bernadette's 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Dunstan's
	Friday 29th March The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	10am Walks of Witness St Pius Xth and St Dunstan's (see over) 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at St Bernadette's 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at St Dunstan's 6pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at St Pius Xth
	Saturday 30th March Holy Saturday	10am Morning Prayer at St Dunstan's 12pm Blessing of Easter Baskets at St Bernadette's 8.30pm Easter Vigil at St Bernadette's 8.30pm Easter Vigil at St Dunstan's
	Sunday 31st March Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)	9.00 Mass at St Pius Xth (L/S) <i>People of the Parish</i> 11.00am Mass at St Bernadette's <i>People of the Parish</i> 11.00am Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S) <i>People of the Parish</i>

(R) Sacrament of Reconciliation available (L/S) livestreamed through our website

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RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) DURING LENT Saturday 23rd March All Parishes

there will be three opportunities to just drop in for Confessions with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament too. See Mass Times for the Week table. The spiritual benefit and necessity of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation can never be underestimated. Both Fr Matt and Fr Michael are always happy to hear Confessions before any Mass. If you need to contact Fr Matt to arrange to celebrate the Sacrament, then please do so. There are always Confessions available before the weekday Masses and from 5pm to 5.25pm on a Saturday evening at St Bernadette's.

PARISH HEALING MISSION: We are blessed to be able to welcome into our parishes 'Littleway Healing Ministries' from **Thursday 25th April to Sunday 28th April**. Led by Fr Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs Pauline Edwards and their team of experienced prayer ministers, this is an opportunity to be open to the healing power of Christ. There will be a Healing Service at St Dunstan's on Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm. There will be the opportunity for extended times of healing prayer at St Bernadette's on Friday 26th April. There will also be a Healing Open Day at St Pius X from 10am to 4pm. Healing prayer will also be offered at the 5.30pm Mass, 9am and 11am at St Bernadette's. Flyers and invites will be available next week. This is an opportunity to invite anyone along who may feel they need healing. Come Holy Spirit!

EASTER OFFERING: The Easter Collection is, along with Christmas, Fr Matt's main source of income. Easter Offering envelopes are available in the church. You will also be able to give an offering via the digital collection plate or the website as of Palm Sunday. If you would like to make a direct donation, Fr Matt's a/c details are: M H Anscombe, 20-51-43, 70115525

DATES AND TIMES FOR THE SACRED EASTER TRIDUUM:

St Bernadette:	St Dunstan:	St Pius X:
Holy Thursday, 7.30pm	Holy Thursday, 7.30pm	
Good Friday, 3pm	Good Friday, 3pm	Good Friday, 6pm
Easter Vigil, 8.30pm	Easter Vigil, 8.30pm	
Easter Sunday Mass, 11am	Easter Sunday Mass, 11am	Easter Sunday Mass 9am

IF YOU NEED, OR CAN OFFER, A LIFT FROM ST PIUS XTH TO THE TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS AT ST BERNADETTE'S OR ST DUNSTAN'S, PLEASE EMAIL Bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com or ring the office asap.

WALK OF WITNESS Friday 29th March 10am River of Life, Hartcliffe

In Withywood Christians Together in Hartcliffe and Withywood unite to pray for our community as we wend our way through the area starting 10am at the River of Life (BS13 OPT) and finishing with refreshments at 11:45 at St Pius Xth (BS13 9AB). The route is designed so that you can join us where you feel most comfortable, the whole length or

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part way through. See the poster in church or on-line. We look forward to seeing you. For more info contact Debbie on 0772 9833 779.

WALK OF WITNESS Friday 29th March 10am St John's, Keynsham

In Keynsham: 10 am Starting at St John's Church and ending at Market Walk where a short service is held. Refreshments will be available at the Keynsham Baptist Church, butter hot cross buns and teas/coffee! If you can help with First Aid Assistance or stewarding please contact June Lowe, juneannel@talktalk.net or 07494 350596.

CAKE & PRODUCE STALL Sunday 24th March after 9am Mass St Pius Xth

Some tasty treats for Easter on sale raising funds for Orphans in The Wild.

CTWH LENT LUNCH Sunday 24th March 12 noon URC

Churches Together in Whitchurch and Hengrove are hosting a Lent lunch at United Reformed Church, Whitchurch village. Please come along and enjoy a light lunch in support of the hungry in the world.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Sunday 24th March 3pm St Bernadette's

The Stations are a 14-step devotion/pilgrimage commemorating Jesus's last few hours on Earth as a man. Each station recalls and meditates on a specific event. Why not come for 30-40 minutes sharing this extremely moving part of OUR story especially if you haven't experienced it before!

FOOD BANK COLLECTION Easter Weekend St Bernadette's

Please donate to the monthly food bank collection at St Bernadette's on the Easter weekend. See poster in the narthex for essential items required - but all donations are appreciated.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP Tuesday 2nd April 10.45am St Dunstan's
Saturday 6th April 2.30pm**

Do join us for a time of silent prayer with some restful music, a teaching & a cuppa afterwards. This is an ecumenical group, meeting for about an hour, to which everyone is welcome. We follow the path of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Please contact Margaret or Brian Wilson on 0117 403 4012 or go to www.wccm.uk

ST DUNSTAN'S ART GROUP Wednesday 3rd April 11am St Dunstan's Hall

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at about 11a.m. for art, light crafts and needlework followed by a light lunch. For more information phone Brian on 01172393892.

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS Thursday 11th April 7.30pm On-line

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering an introduction to the fundamental aspects of catechesis: What it is, how to use the catechism and Scripture as foundations, and what methods to use. This training is for seasoned or new catechists

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working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. First of six sessions.

STAY & PLAY **Friday 19th April** **10 -11.30 am** **St Bernadette's Hall**
Open to local parents/carers, please do consider joining us for a hot drink, while your little ones play. This small, friendly group is a great chance to meet other local families. We will be taking a break over Easter. Back on the 19th April.

PARISH HEALING MISSION **Thursday 25th April – Sunday 28th** **All parishes**
Jesus promised: "Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed." Come and experience the healing power of Jesus. Posters now on display. More details to follow.

FAMILY FUN DAY **Sunday 5th May** **1pm-4pm** **Emmaus House**
All welcome. With an environmental theme organised by our South Bristol Laudato Si Group. More details to follow after Easter.

BAPTISMAL PREP. **Saturday 18th May & 1st June** **11am-12.30pm** **St Bernadette's**
If you are looking to have your child baptised at St Dunstan's or St Bernadette's, please get in touch with Caroline Sadd as soon as possible. Caroline.sadd@cliftondiocese.com. For St Pius Xth contact Debbie on Bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com for dates of the preparation sessions at St Pius Xth.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2024: LAST CALL If your child is in Year 3 or above, and they would like to make their First Holy Communion, or your son/daughter is in Year 8 or above and would like to explore Confirmation, which completes Baptism and confers the fullness of the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask that you please register them to secure a place on this year's programme by emailing us at bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com. You will need to be living in one of our four parishes.

CARPENTERS FOOD & SUPPORT **Wednesdays** **10am – 2pm** **Withywood Centre**
Last session: **75 people** given food for **1575 meals**, **910kg distributed**, **698kg donated**. Farewell and all the best to one of our clients as he starts his new job, he was very appreciative of the food given to him. If you would like us to do some shopping and have it directly delivered to the Centre, you can donate straight to our bank account. Please email carpenters@withywoodcentre.com for the bank details. Donations of food and bags can be brought to church or taken direct to the Withywood Centre Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Suitable for preschool and primary school children, do encourage your children to come along to listen to the Word of God, learn about our faith and pray together, all at an appropriate level for them. If you could help with the sessions, please get in touch with the parish office or the relevant person in the parishes.

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OPEN CHURCH All Week 9.30am to dusk

St Dunstan's

Open during the day for quiet reflection and private prayer. Drop in anytime.

A WELCOME CUPPA: Served weekly after the Masses at St Bernadette and St Pius Xth. And in the St Dunstan's Hall after 11am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, and after Wednesday Mass in the Hall every 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND: Please contact Deacon Lester or Debbie.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION by arrangement with Fr Matt or Fr Michael
Also see liturgies marked R in the Mass Times

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

† **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:** For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

† **For our Diocesan Prayer Link:** For Canon Tom Gunning, Deacons Stephen Munday, Michael Roberts and Thomas Moffatt and the parishioners of Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph: Weston-Super-Mare.

† **For all those who have asked for prayer for particular needs and intentions:**

StB: Harry Jenkins, Marina Moran, Delphine Street, Peter and Judith Vickery;

StD: Tony Cadman, Connie Courtier, Chloe Edgell, Rosemary Evered, Michelle Fraser, Michael Hannigan, Ann Jones, Pauline Kendrick, Larry McGreer, Robert & Shirley Nevett, Tony Potts, Kate Parsons, Kath Scott, Michael Selway, Keith Sullivan, **PX:** Bob Bennett, Marites Bray, Alison Dean, Anna Dominic, Cath Griffiths, Malcolm Jones, John McLoughlin, John Ryalls, Keeley Timbrell; **SH:** Louise Browning, Mary Grey, Jeanne Moore, Meg Ryan.

† **For the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and their families:**

StB: Monica Wilcox, David Lavelle. **StD:** Nick Doyle, Sean Cashman. **PX:** Brendan Maloney (Requiem Mass 10.15am Friday 12th April at St Pius Xth), Aidan Healy, Jack McHale.

† **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year:** Anton Bantock, Penelope Bell, Daniel Brewer, Joseph Carroll, Janet Coulthard, Mary Dyas, John Edwards, Dorothy Evans, Joan Gamble, Roger Cohill, Michael Griffin, Robert Harrison, Mary Herra, Sally Hodgkins, Sarah Hodgkins, Mary Keaney, Florence Kennedy, Eileen McNeely, Patrick Mullen, Joe Trainer, Edith Tucker.

BULLETIN PLEASE: If you want to receive the bulletin each week by email then please sign up on the website, at the bottom of the home page. It couldn't be easier!

Any notices for inclusion need to be emailed to bristol.calledtomore@cliftondiocese.com or submitted to the Mission Area Office by 12pm Wednesday.

SAFEGUARDING EVERYBODY, EVERYDAY

Being loved and being kept safe go to the very core of the Church's Ministry to all and in particular our children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

You can speak to any of our parish safeguarding reps in confidence if you have any concerns or you are offering to carry out a ministry that will need a DBS check and want to find out more:

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Other useful numbers: Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator 0117 9540993
or in an emergency call **999** or Childline **0800 1111** any time free

Contact Details for the Mission Area Team

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Mission 'Thought for the Week' *from Pat Clarke, St Dunstan's*

We are now in Holy Week and we reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus Christ made, providing atonement to save us from sin, a sign of His deep boundless love for humanity.

It always seems strange to me that only a week before his crucifixion the crowds exalted and praised him on high, but such is our frailty and fallibility as humans. However, Jesus knew he would be betrayed and that the crowds would soon turn against Him. He had to fear and endure, as both man and the Son of God, the torture and pain that would befall Him.

Now in these last few days of Lent I am pondering on what I can do to fulfil the deeds I set myself when Lent began. I know I have tarried, but I am happy in my faith and the knowledge that Jesus, the Son of God accepts my frailties and my will to continue.



pray for us
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we place all
our trust in You

St Bernadette
St Dunstan
St Pius X
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mission Area Prayer

**Father,
pour out your Holy Spirit
upon our parishes
to deepen in us a thirst and
passion for mission.
Grant that your gifts
of faith, hope and love
will lead us in true
discipleship,
so that the Good News
of Jesus Christ
will find a home in
our hearts
and open us to the needs
of all.
Then, trusting in your
Almighty power,
give us the desire
and courage
to proclaim our faith in Him
to a broken world.
Amen.**

Palm Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into
Jerusalem, the children came to
meet him; in their hands they
carried palm branches and with
a loud voice cried out:
"Hosanna in the highest!"

PSALM RESPONSE:

My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, O Christ king of
eternal glory: Christ was
humbler yet, even to accepting
death, death on a cross, but
God raised him high and gave
him the name which is above all
names. Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Father, if this chalice cannot
pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.