

## GENERAL NEWS:

### CHRISTMAS MASSES IN OUR PARISHES



#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve: 5pm St Bernadette's School Hall  
 6pm St Dunstan's  
 10pm St Dunstan's  
 Christmas Day 9.30am St Bernadette's School Hall  
 11am St Dunstan's



**FAMILY CRIB SERVICE:** For our much younger members of the parishes, we will be holding a short crib service at St Dunstan's on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.00pm. Come along and join in with the Christmas story. Come dressed as your favourite Christmas character. **Any children wishing to take part in the retelling of the nativity story, please come to the hall for a quick rehearsal at 2pm.**

**CONFESSIONS:** Fr Matt is always free to hear confessions before Mass and is especially available from 5.00 to 5.25pm on Saturdays, before the Vigil Mass. Please don't forget to make use of this Sacrament, which is so essential as we seek to grow in the love of the Lord. There will also be confessions available this Wednesday and Thursday from 10.30am to 11.30am at St Dunstan's.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** The Christmas collection is Fr Matt's main source of annual income. Christmas offering envelopes are available. You can also give him a gift via the 'donate' button on the website, or the digital collection plate. If you would like to make a direct donation, please send to:

A/C Name: M Anscombe; Sort Code: 20-51-43; A/C No: 70115525

Fr Matt thanks you in advance for your support of his ministry.



WISHING ALL OF OUR  
 PARISHIONERS A HAPPY &  
 HOLY CHRISTMAS

## CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST BERNADETTE & ST DUNSTAN

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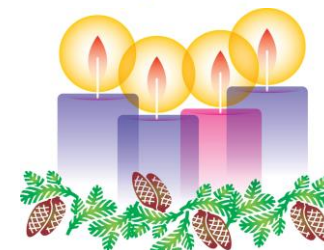
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**In the name of Jesus: WELCOMED, LOVED, SENT**

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

ALL OF OUR SERVICES MARKED "L/S" ARE LIVE STREAMED

Just go to the website - [www.stbernadettedunstan.org.uk](http://www.stbernadettedunstan.org.uk)

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S) Hugh & Olive McCorry RIP <b>9.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Secondary</b> Kit Mulvaney RIP <b>11.00am Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S)</b> Joyce Evelyn Scolding & Steve Scolding RIP
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent II	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent II	No Mass
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent II	<b>10.00am Mass at St Dunstan's</b> Private Intention <b>10.30am – 11.30pm Confessions at St Dunstan's</b> <b>3.00pm Family Crib Service at St Dunstan's</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent II	<b>10.00am Mass at St Dunstan's</b> Angela Abbott RIP <b>10.30am – 11.30pm Confessions at St Dunstan's</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent II	<b>5.00pm Christmas Mass at St Bern's School</b> <b>6.00pm Christmas Mass at St Dunstan's</b> <b>10.00pm Christmas Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S)</b>
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> Weekday of Advent II	<b>9.30am Christmas Mass at St Bern's School</b> <b>11.00am Christmas Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S)</b>

## GENERAL NEWS:

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022:** The First Holy Communion preparation programme will begin in our family of parishes on the **Saturday 19th of March 2022**, with 5 focused sessions and the celebration of First Holy Communion will happen on **Saturday 14th May 2022**. To register your child for First Holy Communion preparation, please contact Caroline on: [caroline.sadd@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:caroline.sadd@cliftodiocese.com)

**SYNOD:** Pope Francis wants to know where we are on our journey in faith. The Synod is an opportunity for our voices to be heard and for us to listen to each other and the Holy Spirit. There will be a number of opportunities for you to participate in January, on 3 Tuesday evenings (11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>), a Saturday morning (22<sup>nd</sup> Jan) with one or two other opportunities too. More information to follow.

## ST BERNADETTE'S NEWS:

**BUILDING WORKS:** "It's looking like the church and the hall will be complete towards the end of February. Work on the presbytery will start early in the new year. I will keep you posted! Patience was never my forte but I'm learning....Thank you for yours."

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** At present, your prayers are asked for:

Marina Moran, Bernard Coombs

*Please let us know if there are people you would like to be included in the prayer of the parish.  
We need them to agree to be on the list please*

## ST DUNSTAN'S NEWS:

**PLEASE PRAY:** For the repose of the souls of Gwen King and Richard Mould.

**PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS:** As St Dunstan's Hall will be the venue for a Churches Together Christmas lunch, it would be useful if as many people as possible could park in the town car parks for the 11am Mass.

**FAMILY CRIB SERVICE:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 3pm – see 'General News' for more details.

**Any children wishing to take part in the retelling of the nativity story, please come to the hall for a quick rehearsal at 2pm.**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER YOUTH CHRISTMAS GATHERING:**

**Open to young people Year 7 and above.** Come and join us at 6.30pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at St John's Hall, Keynsham for a Christmas Gathering. To find out more or to register your interest please contact Caroline on [caroline.sadd@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:caroline.sadd@cliftodiocese.com)

**HOUSEBOUND/HOLY COMMUNION VISITS:** If you know someone housebound, on their own, or who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let Deacon Lester know. His details are: 01275 332878 or 07890 023068 - [lester.yeo@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:lester.yeo@cliftodiocese.com)

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS:** Coffee will be served in the hall after 11am Mass on each 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**NO TEA AND COFFEE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**CTKS CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** The lunch will be hosted at St Dunstan's Church Hall from 12.00 to 3.00pm. All dietary needs will be catered for and transport provided if needed. Contacts for bookings:

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June Lowe: [juneannel@talktalk.net](mailto:juneannel@talktalk.net) Tel: 0117 9860097

**GREENERY FOR CHRISTMAS:** If you have any greenery (plain or/and variegated) suitable for decorating the church – e.g. holly, ivy, conifer, laurel – please cut some, give it a good drink and get it to church by 10.30am Christmas Eve. If you fancy helping to decorate the church, please come along then. Thanks.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:** will meet again on **Tues 21 Dec at 2.30pm** in the Walsingham Room. Our next monthly meeting will be on **Sat 8 Jan at 10.45am**, again in the Walsingham Room. All are welcome! For further info please contact Margaret or Brian Wilson on 0117 4034012.

**THE ART GROUP:** Now meeting on the first Wednesday of the month from 11.00am to 12.30pm. Light lunch provided afterwards. Come in for coffee after Mass if you wish. All materials etc. provided.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS:** Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. **NO TEA AND COFFEE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** At present, your prayers are asked for Tony Potts, Molly Hogg, Paul Dawson, Michelle Fraser, Kate Parsons, Monica Moss, Keith Sullivan, Michael Hannigan, Larry McGeer

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**FACE COVERINGS:** These are currently mandatory in places of worship.

