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Clevedon*

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Welcome to our Parish Community

We hope that this Parish Directory will be of help to you in learning more about our community and what is happening within it.

Every Parish is only as strong as its members.

We ask everyone in our Parish to take on an active role. This can be in the Liturgy, as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Musician or Choir member, Reader or Altar Server. It may be helping the church to be kept clean or by flower arranging. Perhaps your talents are in Catechesis of the young and future members, building maintenance, computing, organisation or administration.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved – we hope you will. 01275 873205

Parish Clergy

Father Reg Gray, OFM

Parish Priest and Guardian

Fr Isidore Faloona, OFM

Father Maurice Ryan OFM

Permanent Deacon

John Woodcock, OBE

Regular Events

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT on the first Saturday of each month after the 10am Mass

BUSYBEES Mother and Toddler Group meets on Fridays during term time in Greyfriars from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Contact Sarah Hale:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10 am Sunday Mass

Co-ordinator Vicki McHugh

Tessa Lawrence

CHILDREN'S MASS First Sunday of each month at 10 am

CHOIR meet every Thursday at 7.30 pm in Church

Co-ordinator Catherine Hanley

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP meets in the Retro Choir Monday evenings at 7.30pm

Contact Patrick Dillon:

GREYFRIARS PRAYER GROUP meets in the Sacristy on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm

Contact Neil Quinn:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meetings every two months on Tuesday evenings

Contact : Gillian Matthews

ROSARY and St Antony Novena in the Church every Tuesday at 7.30 pm

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER meets on the second Sunday of each month in Greyfriars at 3 pm.

Contact: Maureen Kingston-Lee

SIXTY PLUS GROUP meet twice each month in Greyfriars on Wednesdays at 2.30pm

Contact Sheila Wakefield:

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meets every two weeks on Tuesday evenings in the Retro choir at 7pm.

Contact Carmel Wear:

Directory

Altar Servers

If your child has made their First Communion and would like to help by serving on the altar, please contact the Parish Office.

Contact Parish Office

Baptisms

If you would like to make arrangements to have your child baptised and attend the pre-baptism course, details can be obtained from the Parish Office. Baptisms take place on the first Sunday of the month.

Contact Parish Office

Brass Cleaning

A small group of volunteers who clean the brass in the Church. Additional help is always welcome.

Contact Michael Hale

Busy Bees

Mother and Toddler Group, which meets in the Parish Hall. For further information see Mother and Toddler Group and regular events.

Contact Sarah Hale

CAFOD

CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Our Parish Representative and parish group are very active in raising money to help the third world and works closely with the regional organisation of CAFOD.

Contact Neil Quinn

Catenian Association

A lay association of Catholic business and professional men.

Contact Paul Keenan

Godfrey Dingley

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy is at 10 am Mass It is designed for children aged four to eleven years old (approx). We are always grateful for parent co-operation and more catechists.

Contact Vicki McHugh

Tessa Lawrence

Choir

The Choir sings at the 10 am Sunday Mass and meets each Thursday evening at 7.30 pm for rehearsals. They are always glad to see new members.

Contact Catherine Hanley

Church

The Church is open daily from 9am until dusk, seven days a week via the Marine Hill entrance.

Church Cleaning

A small group of dedicated parishioners work hard to keep the Church looking so magnificent. If you can spare an hour, once a week, you would always be welcome. The team normally meets on Thursday after morning Mass.

Contact : Parish Office

Church Laundry

A team of willing volunteers who are responsible for looking after the altar linen

Contact: Paul Keenan

Clevedon Bereavement Support Group

The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday each month at the Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon.

Local Contact Angela

Collection Counters

Each Monday morning, a team of 2 or 3 parishioners count the collection. If you would like to help by being added to the rota please contact the Parish Office.

Contact Parish Office

Confirmation

Catechetical sessions are organised for the candidates as well as a meeting for the parents. Candidates must be in Year 7 or above when they begin the course.

Contact Parish Office

Contemplative Prayer Group

This group meets every Monday in the Retro Choir at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Contact Patrick Dillon

Churches Together in Clevedon

Representatives from each Church Group in Clevedon meet to discuss ways of promoting ecumenical activities and bring different faiths together.

Contact Tessa Lawrence

Deacon

A permanent Deacon is an ordained layman who may be married and who is assigned to assist the Priest as needed.

Contact John Woodcock

Diocesan Child Protection

To work for the protection and safety of all children with whom the Diocese of Clifton has contact or for whom it has responsibility.

Deanery Pastoral Council

A group of clergy and lay people who meet to discuss Diocesan matters under the guidance of the Bishop. For further information contact the Parish representative.

Contact Kate Tucker

Eucharistic Ministers

Ministers are trained and then commissioned on an annual basis for the parish to help with the distribution of Holy Communion both in church and to the local sick and housebound.

Contact Ann and Joe Duddy

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a group of lay parishioners who assist and advise on financial and material needs for the parish.

Contact Bill Hampton

First Communion

The First Communion course for children aged 7 and above begins each October and continues until the children receive the Sacrament of First Communion in June. Details are always given in the parish newsletter and names must be entered before the cut-off date which is published in the parish newsletter.

Contact June Woodcock:

Flower Arranging

A dedicated group of parishioners who arrange flowers in the church and by arrangement for weddings and funerals. Volunteers are always welcome.

Contact Sheila Hampton

F M U

As Franciscans minister to the parish, parishioners have committed to support the Friars who are working in the missions abroad. Missionary collection boxes are available.

Contact Fr Maurice Ryan

Friary Fayre

This usually takes place mid November and is our main fundraising event of the year. Help is always welcome.

Contact Parish Office

Fundraising/Social Group

A group of parishioners who meet to come up with ideas for social events and raising money for various projects within the Parish. They are always looking for ideas and offers of help.

Contact Annemarie Mitchell:

Funerals

Priests will endeavour to visit the family as soon as possible after bereavement. Undertakers chosen by the family give the funeral arrangements in writing through the Parish Office. Where possible members of our parish community are encouraged to be present at a Requiem Mass. For this reason the usual time for a Requiem Mass is 10 am.

Contact Parish Office

Gift Aid (formerly known as Covenants)

This is for parishioners who pay tax and donate regularly to the church. Gift Aid is a major source of income for the parish. It allows the parish to reclaim tax back on your contributions at no cost to yourself.

Contact Bill Hampton

Greyfriars Prayer Group

This group meets each Wednesday evening in the Sacristy at 7.30pm.

Contact Neil Quinn

Hall Bookings

The Parish Hall is available for bookings throughout the year. Booking forms are available from the Parish Office.

Contact Parish Office

Holy Water

Available at the front of the Church next to our Lady's Chapel.

House Blessing

Available on request.

Contact Parish Office

Latin Mass Society

The Latin Mass Society exists to encourage followers of the Mass in the traditional Tridentine rite and arranges Masses in Clevedon and elsewhere in the Diocese from time to time.

Contact Bob Garner

Marriage

Couples who wish to marry should first contact the Parish Priest. Notice of weddings should be advised well in advance of the date of the marriage.

Contact Parish Office

Marriage and Family Life

Anne-Marie Sparrow has agreed to take up the position of Marriage and Family Life Coordinator for our diocese. This is an important need identified in our diocesan pastoral guidelines 'Called to be a People of Hope'. "The family is at the very centre of both the Church and society. Family life needs all the support that we can give." Following Anne-Marie's appointment Vicki McHugh has volunteered to be our parish liaison contact.

Contact Vicki McHugh

Marriage Preparation

The Diocese encourages couples to complete a Marriage Course before they marry. These are held in Bristol and are arranged by Marriage Care. There is also a national organisation called Engaged Encounter and Marriage Encounter. Details can be found on their website:

www.wwme.org.uk

Contact Marriage Care

or email m.care@btconnect.com

Mother & Toddler Group (Busy Bees)

The Mother and Toddler Group meet each Friday morning during term time from 10.30am to 12 noon in Greyfriars. All are welcome.

Contact Sarah Hale

Music

Music plays an important part in the Liturgy and the parish community. New members are always welcome.

Clevedon Contact Catherine Hanley

Yatton Contact Mark Britton

New Parishioners

In order to register, New Parishioner Forms are available from the Parish Office and the Parish website. We would be grateful if parishioners who move within the parish would notify the parish office as this enables our records to be kept up to date.

Contact Parish Office

Organists

Organists help in our weekend Liturgy and at other times. They may also be contacted to play the organ at weddings, funerals, etc.

Contact Brian Sack

David Field

Parish Liturgy Group

A small group of parishioners who liaise with the Parish Priest to create a Liturgy in which the whole Parish can be involved.

Contact Vicki McHugh

Parish Newsletter

The Parish produces a weekly newsletter which includes details of Mass readings, prayer lists etc., details and reminders of forthcoming events in the parish and in the diocese and news of other churches in Clevedon. Items for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to the parish office.

Photocopying Team – Parish Office

Parish Office

The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm to assist with any enquiries.

Contact Parish Office

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is an elected body. The purpose of the PPC is to take on the responsibility of evangelisation and mission as contained in the Parish Mission Statement

Contact Gillian Matthews

Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)

Parishioners are involved in the preparation of the Prayer of the Faithful. Each month a group of parishioners prepare the Prayer of the Faithful for the Liturgy. If you would like to be involved please contact the Parish Office.

Contact Parish Office

Readers

Parishioners are involved in reading the Word of God and the Prayer of the Faithful. There is also an opportunity to read during other services. Rotas are issued every three months. If you are interested in becoming a reader we have a course to train new volunteers.

*Contact Maureen Youde
Susan Barnes*

Registration of Marriages

Parishioners who are to be married in the Church should contact the Registrar of Marriages, 41 The Boulevard, Weston super Mare, well in advance of their marriage.

Contact

Repository

The Repository is open before and after Sunday Mass and the Vigil Mass on Saturday, for the sale of cards, books, etc. A rota is in existence to help with this work.

Contact Michael and Ruth Hale

Sacrament of the Sick

The Eucharist is taken to our sick and those who are house bound by Eucharistic Ministers and the Priests.

Contact Parish Office

Sacristan & Procurator

Responsible for the Sacristy and the provision of liturgical items for weekday, Sunday Masses and special occasions, plus cleaning maintenance of linen, vestments, etc.

*Clevedon Contact Paul Keenan
Yatton Contact Doris Stockham*

School Chaplains

St Francis Catholic Primary School

School Governors

Foundation Governors are appointed to serve for a term of four years on a School Governing Body. Three parishioners are represented on the Governing Body of St Francis' Catholic Primary School.

*Contact Martin O'Neill
Jo Roberts
Patrick Harland*

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

If not already known to us, we would be most grateful if the Parish office could be notified of any sick and housebound parishioners.

Contact Parish Office

St Bede's Catholic College

St Bede's School is the senior Catholic School for the Parish. This is a very successful school which has been awarded 'Beacon' school status for their achievements.

Headteacher Ms C Hughes

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

St Francis' Catholic Primary School is the Parish school situated in Nailsea. It is a very popular successful school. Transport is available from Clevedon and Yatton.

Headteacher – Caroline Hostein

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

For information on Governors of the School, see School Governors.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

St Joseph's is the Parish primary in the neighbouring parish of Portishead.

Headteacher

Social and Fundraising Events

If you have any ideas or would like to organise a social event for the parish, please liaise with Annemarie Mitchell or the parish office *Contact Parish Office*

St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Society is for men and women willing to undertake active charitable works in the Parish. They meet fortnightly on a Tuesday evening in the Retro Choir.

Contact Carmel Wear

Secular Franciscan Order

Members of the SFO follow the Franciscan way of life as a true but non-religious order. They meet in Greyfriars, Clevedon, at 3 pm on the second Sunday of each month.

Contacts Patrick Tessell (President)

Francesca Russell (Secretary)

Transport (Yatton)

A group of parishioners who help organise transport for the priests to Yatton.

Contact Susan Barnes

200 Club

This is a fundraising scheme which operates within the Parish. An annual subscription of £12 (paid annually or monthly) enables a parishioner to take part in a monthly draw. There are four draws of £200 and eight of £25.

Contact Pat Carey

Ushers

A group of men and women who welcome people to church, help take up the collection and ensure hymnbooks, etc. are collected and stored. Volunteers always welcome for the Rota.

Website

Access information on Parish, Weekly Newsletter,
Duty Rosters, School and Parish Contacts and much more.

www.clevedon.friary.info/

Webmaster Godfrey Dingley