

St John the Evangelist

South Parade, Bath



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

2011

Clifton Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered
Registered Office: St Ambrose, North Road, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW
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PARISH TEAM

Clergy: Fr David Ryan, Parish Priest
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We wish you a
Happy and Holy Christmas

Christmas Message



I am looking forward to my first Christmas at St John's. May God's love be poured out strongly upon us and be expressed in our hearts, homes and in the heart of Bath City Centre. May I take this opportunity to thank each of you for welcoming me into the parish and helps me to settle down so easily. This year marks the preparation year for our 150th Jubilee Year in October 2013. May this Christmas help us to realise the special gifts and talents that God has given to us and enable us in the New Year to offer ourselves afresh to our community. As we remember the birth of Jesus, may each of us be ready to serve one another in unity and peace. God bless you and your loved ones, and especially, those who will experience Christmas among us away from their families.

With my special blessing

Fr David

Advent



17th December

11 am Deanery Reconciliation Service
3 pm Polish Confessions

18th December

5.45 pm Vigil Mass
10 am Morning Mass
 Christmas Tree decoration after the Mass
6.30 pm Evening Mass
7.45 pm Candlelight Service of Carols with
 the Festival Choir

19th December 9.30 am Mass followed by Confessions

20th December 10 am Mass followed by Confessions

2.15 pm Service of Carols for families

21st December 10 am Mass followed by Confessions

22nd December 10 am Mass followed by Confessions

23rd December 10 am

24th December No morning Mass

5.45 pm First Mass of Christmas
Families with young children are especially welcome this Mass. Children are invited to dress as shepherds and angels and a special re-enactment of the Nativity will take place

11.30 pm Service of Carols followed by
Midnight Mass

25th December 10 am Christmas Day Mass, Carols &
 Eucharist

12.30 pm Polish Christmas Mass

No evening Mass

Christmas Week



Monday, 26th December <i>St Stephen</i>	11 am	Mass	
Tuesday, 27th December <i>Feast of St John the Evangelist</i>	11 am	Mass	
Wednesday, 28th December <i>Holy Innocents</i>	10 am	Mass	
Thursday, 29th December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	10 am	Mass	
Friday, 30th December <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	10 am		
Saturday, 31st December <i>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	11 am	Mass	in LSU
	5.45 pm	Mass	

Thank You

A very special thank you to all who helped in any way to the life and work of our Parish:

Eucharistic Ministers; Readers; Parish & Festival Choirs; Altar Servers; Sacristans; Church Cleaners; Flower Arrangers; Brasswork Polishers; Parish Treasurer; Collectors; Counters; Website Team; Administrator; Stewards; Repository; Church & Hall Cleaner; Catechists; Children's Liturgy Group; Fabric & Finance Committee; Parish Pastoral Council; RCIA Team; Prayer Groups; Car Parking Team; Clock Maintenance Team.



CRIB DONATIONS

We thank Steven Hurren and his family for building our Crib this year. Please visit the Crib and take the children to visit Baby Jesus.

As usual, offerings at the Crib will be sent to the Diocesan Children's Society.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Traditionally, the Offering at Christmas Masses is a gift to the Priests of the Parish. Thank you on behalf of all the clergy.

2012 Parish Diaries

Our parish diaries will be available before Christmas.

MARRIAGE CARE DAY

3rd March
10th June

Bristol Marriage Care:
Tel: 0800 389 3801
141 Whiteladies Road, Clifton
Bristol BS8 2QB

STANDING ORDERS

In 2012 we would like to encourage as many parishioners as possible to give via Standing Order; and if you are a Tax Payer, please consider signing a Gift Aid form available at the back of the church. If you can do this, the church will benefit at no extra cost to yourself.

150th Anniversary Celebrations

2012 will be a year of preparation for our parish for the forthcoming Anniversary of our church. Your suggestions as to how you want this important historic event celebrated will be sought in the New Year. A suggestion box will be made available from January and a Jubilee Committee will then be set up to plan this very important event. No suggestion too small.

Catholic Schools

A Happy and Holy Christmas greeting is sent to the staff and pupils of St John's Primary School, St Gregory's Catholic College, Prior Park College and St Brendan's Sixth Form College.

As we thank them for their dedication and hard work, we hope they will enjoy a well-earned rest and return in the New Year refreshed for the new studies.