



**WEDDING:** We congratulate Crecilda and Amer who are being married here in St Marys next weekend.

**HIRING OF CHAIRS:** We have received donations of 150 chairs to hire and the proceeds to go to Church Extension Fund. If anyone wishes to hire the chairs contact Deacon Elias on 07833746001, Parish office.

**GIFT AID FORMS:** Parishioners who took Gift Aid forms after last month's Sunday Mass appeal are kindly asked to return them to the parish office as soon as possible so we can begin claiming the additional 25% Gift Aid from the Government.

**AWAKENING** led by AFCM (Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry Birmingham, UK). There will be praise and worship on 10<sup>th</sup> May starting with rosary from 2.30 - 6pm, followed by praise and worship, preaching of Word of God, adoration, healing service.

**OFFERTORY GIFT AID:** The very best way for parishioners to help us is to set up a standing order, as it provides a regular and largely predictable income, with minimal processing costs. St Mary's have two Offertory accounts; one for your regular offertory giving and one for the Church Development Fund.

If you are a UK taxpayer your offertory contribution can be Gift Aided, whereby the parish can claim, from the UK Government, an extra 25% on every donation you make at no cost to you. This is an extremely important part of the church's finances and to achieve this all that is required is for a Gift Aid declaration form to be completed and signed alongside the standing order instructions.

For all Non-UK taxpayers, all that would need to be completed is the standing order instructions. Forms can be collected from the Parish office.

**CHURCH FINANCE MEETING:** There will be a Church Finance meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2026 at 6pm

**GIFT AID ON CANDLES:** We can now claim Gift Aid on candles lit on the stand in front of the Church. In order to claim this you will need to put your details on the card reader and tick the gift aid box.

**CHURCH EXTENSION:** The last week Collection + Fundraising came to 367.71 Some volunteers have decided to prepare delicious food or snacks and sell them after every Sunday Mass. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Natasha Vas on 07720 982226.

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

**VACANCY** - Safeguarding Officer - Part-time – 21 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy provides an opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol.

**A VOTE OF APPRECIATION:** As representative members of the Parishioners of St Mary's RC Church along with Dream Catchers organised a Fund Raising event on the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. With all your support and donations managed to raise £14,500/- towards the church Extension project. We would like to thank everyone who supported towards the good cause.

**THE KNIT & NATTER GROUP** have been busy knitting Lenten Crosses for lent. This year we are asking for a small donation to charity raising money for our church extension. The items are available after Mass during Lent. Many thanks to all the knitters for your wonderful efforts.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** If you have changed your address since registering as a parishioner, you are now able to amend your entry yourself through the Parish website. On the home page, scroll down to 'Parishioner Registration' and follow the link. Please select 'Change of Address' (there is no need to re-register).

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last Sunday came to £2337.92 Many thanks for your generosity.

**HOLY PLACES AND CHRISITANS IN THE HOLY LAND:** This annual collection contributes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Christian Shrines of the Holy Land. It also offers financial support to Christian communities living in Holy Land. The amount came to £2235.91 Many thanks for your generosity.

**MISSIO:** The **MISSIO Red Boxes** are ready to collect from the Sacristy.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Mass scaling, travel survey and more. Help with office work. We are also looking Eucharistic Ministers/ readers to help out during Sunday Masses.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** The first Mass intention will be printed in the Newsletter. The other Mass Intentions shall be prayed for and the names will be read on the requested day but will be offered somewhere else. Please put your Mass intention in the envelope and add your phone number and drop in the box provided at the back of the Church two weeks in advance. **Please do not use the card machine for Mass intentions.**

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.