

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, Brockworth

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SUNDAY MASS:

9.00am

Pro Populo

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday NO MASS
Tuesday 9.15am
Wednesday NO MASS
Thursday 9.15am
Friday NO MASS
Saturday NO MASS

Nativity of the BVM

Fr Chris

Feria

Patricia Barnett RIP

CONFESSIONS: after Mass upon Request.

Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting: In spite of the balmy summer weather our Christmas Fayre is only 3 months away and your help is needed now to organise and plan this parish social and fundraising event. If you are able to help in any way, please come along to our first planning meeting after Mass on Sunday 6th September in the small meeting room next to the church hall. No previous experience needed and parishioners new to the parish especially welcome! See Jo Taylor or Maria Mak for further information.

Caritas Clifton Administration Support: We have had a Caritas initiative in the Diocese as part of the Catholic Social Action Network for many years. (www.csan.org.uk). The bishop is now keen that this is developed into a practical resource for parishes. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the setting up, and administration, of initiative. This could be for a few hours per week or days. For more information, please contact Deacon Robert von Hawrylak on caritasclifton@cliftondiocese.com.

World Apostolate of Fatima: On Saturday and Sunday September 26th and 27th, Clifton Cathedral will be hosting a Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. Details of the programme will be publicised on the Cathedral website and noticeboards over the coming days.

The Joy of Faith (11th-13th September) and 'Loving God, Living Simply, Living Deeply' (24th-27th September) are opportunities for prayer, learning and reflection at the Monastery of Our Lady and Saint Bernard, Brownhill. For more information please visit <https://www.bernardine.org/brownhill-programme>.

Adoremus 2026: the National Eucharistic Congress, takes place in London on Saturday 10 October 2026. Adoremus is a national celebration of the Eucharist, bringing together Catholics from across England and Wales for prayer, worship, catechesis, and public witness. See poster on noticeboard or diocesan website for more details.

Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage to Padua October 2027: We are giving forward notice of a plan for a Cathedral Parish

Pilgrimage to Padua and the surrounding area for the 5th – 12th October next year. At this stage if you are a parishioner and you would be interested in receiving more information, please email Cath at cliftonpilgrimage@yahoo.com for a full programme.

St Francis of Assisi Pilgrimage Walk: This year marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi and Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Year to commemorate this. Saturday 3 October 2026 is exactly 800 years since St Francis died, and the day before his feast day. To mark this a walking pilgrimage is planned in the Diocese of Clifton with two legs: The Bristol leg will start at Clifton Cathedral at 10.30am (9 miles). The Clevedon leg will start at the Franciscan church of the Immaculate Conception, Clevedon at 1pm (6.4 miles). The two legs will convene at around 4.30pm at the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea, for refreshments and prayer. Those who wish can stay for the 6pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Francis. For more details and to register please go to: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/a-franciscan-pilgrimage-in-the-diocese-of-clifton.com>

From the words of Pope Leo XIV's General Audience last Wednesday:

"Dear brothers and sisters, in this final catechesis on the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, we recall the reasons the Council Fathers promoted a liturgical reform. When the Church carries out a reform of the liturgy — a constant process of development across the centuries — there is an important distinction to be made between the divine, immutable elements, and the human elements, which may undergo various modifications. The need arose for the faithful to celebrate the liturgies more consciously and actively, not "as strangers and silent spectators," but participating fully in the salvific mystery. In this way, the Christian people learn to recognize sacred realities, offer themselves with and through the hands of the priest, and become more open to receiving God's grace. At every celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, let us ask for God's help to be strengthened on our journey and to enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord".