

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

After 10:30am Mass

Middle School - School year 6 to year 8

After 10:30am Mass - 1.30pm

YOUTH - School year 8 to year 13

After 10:30am Mass - 1:30pm

TUESDAY

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

16th December

LEGION OF MARY

6:30pm in the Parish Hall

THURSDAY

RCIA @ 6:30pm – 7:30pm

FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

ADORATION (in Honour of Sacred heart)

5:30pm: MASS

6:00pm - 6:30pm: Adoration

SATURDAY

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Total Collection: £1,405.07 Others: £243.63

1st Collection: £462.85 2nd Collection: £150.24 Contactless: £548.35

EMCS FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30TH NOV

Saturday	6.15pm	Chris Mahoney
Sunday	10.30am	Lily, Anto Jerome, Rosalind, Alexander, Amir Kaspar
	5.15pm	Athena Segundina & Vivian Delatorre

READERS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7TH DEC

Saturday	6.15pm	Chris Mahoney
Sunday	10.30am	Agnas & Angelo
	5.15pm	Vivian Delatorre

ALTAR SERVERS FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30TH NOV

Saturday	6.15pm	Chris Mahoney
Sunday	10.30am	Livia, Joana, Thomas, Daniel, Adanna, Zoe, Brooke, Gabriel, Dumebi, Imandi & Joshua
	5.15pm	

From the Parish Register



ST. MARY ON THE QUAY

Under the Care of Divine Word Missionaries

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Church Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday: 10.00am to 7.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am to 6.30pm

Child Protection Reps: James Hackett & Roque Rodrigues

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30th Nov 2025– First Sunday of Advent – Year A



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REFLECTION

Dear parishioners, Friends and Visitors, welcome to St Mary on the Quay. This Sunday the Church celebrates **First Sunday of Advent.**



In the early church, there was an expectation that Jesus would return within a foreseeable future. It gradually became clear that this was not going to happen. Two thousand years later we still nourish the expectation - rightly - but for the most part do not expect to see it in our own lives. Except, of course, when we die, which can sometimes happen unexpectedly but will come to all of us eventually. We are all warned to stay awake and be ready. This is mostly interpreted as trying to lead a good life, keeping up our prayer life and joining in public worship. But maybe we should also consider our priorities. What is most dear to us? What is our favourite dream? When death approaches, would we wish we had chosen differently? It is never too late to change. Jesus' love and mercy are always close. He wants to share eternal bliss with us more than we can possibly conceive. Let's respond Now.

Mass Intentions Week Commencing 30th Nov – 6th Dec, 2025

Sunday 30th	10.30 am	Marjorie Walkley	RIP
	05.15pm	For parishioners seeking for job	
Monday 1st	12.15pm	Stephen Adams	For blessing
Tuesday 2nd	12.15pm	Father Gilles	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 3rd	12.15pm	Robert Maddalena	Travelling Mercies
Thursday 4th	12.15pm	Fatima and Swati	Birthday Blessing
Friday 5th	12.15pm	Jean-Francois Cornetto	
Saturday 6th	12.15pm	Maria Concepcion Suacillo	Birthday Thanksgiving
	06.15pm	Eve Seveg	Healing

We pray for the sick in the Parish and those known to us.

Mass Time: Week Days: 12.15pm (Monday to Saturday)

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 6.15pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 10.30am (Choir) & 5.15pm (Choir)

Mass on Holy Days of Obligation: 12.15pm & 5.30pm

Confessions: Monday to Saturday 11.30am to 12.00pm

Baptisms: If you are planning to baptise your child please contact the Parish Office for more information or speak to a priest after the mass.

Marriage Preparation: Any couple from our parish who are intending getting married in the Catholic Church are asked to note that the Church requires **at least six months notice prior to their wedding date**. Couples need to speak to a priest so as to fill out the forms and also participate in a Marriage Preparation course. Kindly, view the guidelines on our website before making any arrangements. <https://www.stmaryonthequay.com/rc-marriage>

This Sunday's Readings at Mass

Parish Mass Book Page 82 (First Sunday of Advent)

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm: 121 "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."
Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14
Gospel: Matt 24:37-44



The Creeds

The Nicene Creed can be found on page 11 of the Parish Mass Book.
 The Apostles' Creed can be found on page 12 of the Parish Mass Book.

PARISH NEWS

BIRTHDAY BLESSING: The birthday blessings for **November borms** will take place on **Sunday, 30th November**. During the Mass, the priest will invite all those who marked their birthday in September to come forward for their birthday blessings.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Our parish Christmas Fair is set on **Sunday 7th December** after the 10:30am Mass in the parish hall. If you can help in anyway, please contact the priests, Pastoral Council members or Rosalind during the week. If you can contribute food, gifts, drinks, prices and among others for the stalls please bring them to the Sacristy for the weeks ahead. Your contributions are much appreciated.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS BALL, 2025: This year's Christmas Ball will take place on **Saturday 13th December at 6pm beginning with Holy Mass in our Church** (St. Mary on the Quay, 20 Colston Street, BS1 5AE). Tickets are available for interested persons. Kindly see the back of the church for more information about the Ball.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: The Application forms for children who have reached their 8th birthday by 1st September 2025 are available from the sacristy and will need to be returned by the 11th January 2026. The Course will commence on 18th January.

PARISH MASS BOOK: At the moment, we have one set of parish mass books for Cycle C, and we need 5 sets for Cycles A, B, and C. One copy is costing £4.95. We are seeking your generous contribution to acquire Parish Mass Books for our church.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 10:30AM MASS: Tea and Coffee will be served on **Sunday 30th November after the 10:30am Mass**. Kindly take note.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH: We spend a lot of money to run our church every day, so we need your help to run our beautiful Parish. If you use online banking and are able to set up direct debit or standing order which would be a big support for the Church, below is our Parish Bank Account details:

CLIFTON DIOCESE RE PARISH OF ST MARY ON THE QUAY, BRISTOL



Account Number: 66286573

Sort Code: 52-10-03

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Thank you all for your support.

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