

# Sacred Heart Tisbury & All Saints Wardour Castle

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When visiting our churches please use hand sanitiser, wear a mask and follow guidance-  
thank you **Please book with Father Robert as usual.**

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| <b>JANUARY</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b>  | <b>Year B Proper of Feast</b>              |
|                |           | <i>Diocesan prayer league Good Shepherd, Batheaston</i>                          |  |
|                |           | Sacred Heart: 9 a.m.   |  |
|                |           | Exposition 6.00 p.m. Mass: 6.30 p.m. ( <i>Stanley and Elizabeth Rivlin RIP</i> ) |  |
|                |           | All Saints' Wardour: 11 a.m.   |  |
|                | <b>11</b> | <b>Monday</b>  | Weekday in Ordinary Time                   |
|                |           |  | Sacred Heart: 8.45 a.m. MP, 9.00 a.m. Mass |
|                | <b>12</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   | Weekday in Ordinary Time                   |
|                |           |  | All Saints, Wardour: Mass at 9.30 a.m.     |
|                | <b>13</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | Weekday in Ordinary Time                   |
|                |           |  | Sacred Heart 8.45 a.m. MP, 9.00 a.m. Mass  |
|                | <b>14</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass           |
|                | <b>15</b> | <b>Friday</b>  | Weekday in Ordinary Time                   |
|                |           |  | Sacred Heart: 5.45 p.m. EP, 6.00 p.m. Mass |
|                | <b>16</b> | <b>Saturday</b>  | Weekday in Ordinary Time                   |
|                |           |  | Sacred Heart: 8.45 a.m. MP, 9.00 a.m. Mass |
|                |           |  | 9.30 a.m. Confessions                      |
|                | <b>17</b> | <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  | <b>Year B Psalms 2</b>                     |
|                |           | <i>Diocesan prayer league St Thomas More, Bradford-on-Avon</i>                   |  |
|                |           | Sacred Heart: 9 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Exposition 6.00 p.m.                          |  |
|                |           | All Saints' Wardour: 11 a.m.   |  |

Confessions can be heard before or after any Mass, or by appointment.

**PRAYERS:** for the sick: Tony Grummett, Nick Weeks, for our doctors and their staff, for those at Albany House, The Hays and Clouds House; for those recently died including Anne Wigglesworth RIP. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace Amen*

## **OTHER PARISH NEWS:**

**Lockdown:** For any sort of assistance, ranging from a telephone call to help with food shopping and delivering, Michael Hodges is co-ordinating a group of volunteers in the Parish. Contact him on 01747 870254 and email [michael.jeremyhodges@gmail.com](mailto:michael.jeremyhodges@gmail.com)

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2021 - The Society for the Protection of Unborn children will be holding its annual appeal this weekend 9/10 January 2021.** SPUC is currently campaigning to stop home abortion, which gives women abortion pills to take at home without medical supervision. This is one of the most dangerous threats to unborn children and mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and help to protect mothers from increased risk of coercion and serious health risks. Donations can also be made online at [www.spuc.org.uk/donate](http://www.spuc.org.uk/donate). More information from [gill.roddis@gmail.com](mailto:gill.roddis@gmail.com)

If anyone would give me a lift to Salisbury Crematorium on Jan 28th for a brief service @ 1 pm, I would be grateful. RM

**A link with *Laudate Si*:** You may be already aware of the “Chase and Chalke” programme of Heritage Lottery projects happening just to the S and E of Tisbury. There is a real need for local people to be involved in it. Tisbury is sometimes called the ‘capital’ of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. **Voices from our faith community would be very welcome.** <https://cranbornechase.org.uk/landscape-partnership-scheme/>  
**STELLA MARIS (AoS):** a box is in the porch at the back of the church for **collections of surplus chocolates, biscuits, shower gel** etc to be dropped off in Southampton with the knitted hats (231!). Many thanks for all received so far. They will be much appreciated by the seafarers.

**Latest lockdown:** At the moment, all places of worship are allowed to open, with strict safety measures in place. Masks are compulsory. Cardinal Vincent Nichols welcomed the decision to keep churches open. He said: "The regular practice of our faith in God is a well-established source of both personal resilience and dedicated service of those in need. Such resilience and enduring service are vital in these difficult circumstances. I am glad that no measures have been introduced that would obstruct or curtail this essential source of energy for the common good. Catholic parishes will continue to serve the needs of their local community. In one parish, for example, the provision of food for the needy has increased by 400% since March last year."

**Could you be a School Governor?** Clifton Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/> for more information and to complete an online nomination form or contact [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or 07710094976. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

### **Sunday: Baptism of the Lord.**

During lock-down, in the battle against the Covid virus, we are constantly reminded to sanitise, to wear masks, and to keep our distance. It is easy to get frustrated with these exhortations, to see the Government as Nanny. Nanny knows best. But it is also possible to apply a Christian spin to them, to make them part of our daily prayer.

Take washing. There is a lot of water in today's readings. Washing is not just a Christian or Jewish thing, though Jewish liturgical rules expect members to wash before food (remember the authorities asking why Jesus' disciples did not wash before eating food). Moslems are also expected to wash before prayer, with each mosque offering the necessary facilities. Hindus bathe in the River Ganges. Christians enter the church by being baptised with water. Until Covid came along we were encouraged to dip our fingers in the water stoup to bless ourselves and remind us of that baptism. Most of that has gone while the Covid virus regulations apply.

But the symbolism of a fresh start with an inner cleansing is still valid. The Government expects us to wash our hands frequently, not as the pagan Pontius Pilate did when sentencing Jesus, but to avoid passing on the virus. And we can add to that. Every time we wash, when we sanitise, we can remember our Baptism, when we were given a fresh start, washed spiritually, with conscience cleansed. Daily examination of conscience has always been a part of the Christian's daily prayer. And we can still go to Confession. Sanitising, washing regularly day by day should remind us to do that. Another feature of the Government's Covid policy is to wear a mask. A mask is something to hide behind. It is quite difficult to recognise a person, even one we know well, when half the face is covered. But how about reflecting, every time we put our mask on, that God still knows us individually, sees us as we really are, sees behind the mask. And what will God see? I repeat, examination of conscience, is necessary for inner cleansing.

That leaves, Keep your distance. Part of a Christian's daily routine - if you are working on being a saint - is to remember the things which are good for us and the things we should avoid. So we try to be careful, to keep a distance - what would be on your list? - unhealthy food (chocolate?), too much alcohol, cigarettes, people and places which are sources of temptation. Nature abhors a vacuum, science tells us, so in place of just avoiding something, we should try to fill it with healthy, godly things. And you can make another, better list for that. Not to please Nanny, not to please the Government, but to please God.

Fr Robert Miller