

Dear friends at All Saints and St Saviour's,

Thank you all for welcoming me so warmly this morning at the Licensing within the Mass. Bishop Paul spoke powerfully and reassuringly about our witness to the Catholic faith in Weston-super-Mare. I cannot wait to get started in seeking to build the kingdom of God in our parish and local community.

It was good to see some of the congregation of St John's there too. We are together doing a new thing and we shall all need courage, commitment and confidence in the months ahead.

Those who were present might have spotted that the License was from today until 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024. This brings it in line with the License I hold as Interim Minister at St John's Clevedon. But I am sure that will not be the end of my ministry among you, but it does bring into sharp focus the need for us to make this new arrangement work with as much speed as we can muster. I am so grateful to Fathers Stuart and Andrew for supporting me in this new arrangement by being prepared to cover the Sundays when I need to be at St John's.

From Easter Day there will be three weekday Masses at All Saints, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, all at 10am.

I have moved my rest day to Tuesday each week so that I can be at St Saviour's for Coffee Church every Wednesday, which will continue just as it is. I hope to preside at the Parish Mass every other Sunday beginning on 16<sup>th</sup> April, the second Sunday of Easter. There will be a welcoming glass of wine that day after Mass! If you need or want to see me then please come to St Saviour's on Wednesday, or to the Masses on Thursday and Saturday.

29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

If you need to contact me for anything my mobile telephone number is 07968 505643, and the landline at the Vicarage is 01275 879617.

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This is an important year for me as I celebrate 40 years of priestly ministry. It has brought me to some amazing settings: Emmanuel College, Cambridge; St Pancras, London and Holy Cross Cromer Street; Bristol Cathedral as Residentiary Canon and Precentor; and fourteen years as Senior Provost of Woodard Schools. But it just might be that these last few years of ministry and the settings in which I minister are the icing on the cake!

I so look forward to meeting you all.

Have a blessed Holy Week and Sacred Triduum,

With my prayers,

Brendan