



St Peter's Catholic Church

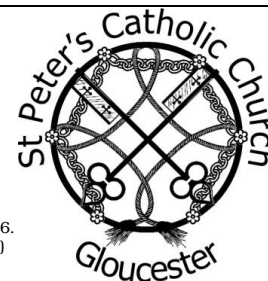
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2nd January 2022 Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 2nd January <i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Religious Communities</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Mary Cannon & Grace Murphy RIP 9.00am Mass Princy Alwyn RIP 10.30am Mass Mignon & Olga Rayapen RIP 12.30pm Polish Language Mass 5.30pm Mass People of the Parish
Monday 3rd January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Intentions of Tommy Smith
Tuesday 4th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass Antony P A RIP
Wednesday 5th January <i>Weekday of Christmas</i>	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm Mass Intentions of Ann Hipwell
Thursday 6th January <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9.30am Mass People of the Parish 6.30pm Mass Intentions of Terri Tyreman
Friday 7th January <i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Ints of Tommy & Nora Higgins 8.00pm Polish Language Mass
Saturday 8th January <i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Annie (Peggy) Lee RIP 10.45am – 11.30am Confessions 5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass Albert Turner RIP 7.30pm Polish Language Mass
Sunday 9th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.00am Mass Molly Searls RIP 10.30am Mass People of the Parish 12.30pm Polish Language Mass 5.30pm Mass Thanksgiving – Paul Family

Christmas Thanks: Thank you to all who enabled our Christmas Masses to be fitting celebrations of the Birth of Christ. A special thank you to stewards, those who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully, musicians, singers and readers and all who put the crib in place.

Fr Liam and Fr Stephen write: A sincere thank you to all for the many Christmas greetings, cards and gifts received and especially for the very generous Christmas Offering.

St Vincent de Paul: Next meeting of the parish conference of the SVP is in the presbytery after the evening mass on Tuesday January 4th

Crib Donations: Donations will go to Gloucestershire Bundles, a charity that helps families in crisis all over the county, providing emergency packs for women and families with children up to teenage years who find themselves in crisis. Thank you for your support.

Happy New Year: We wish all parishioners and families every blessing for peace, safety, health, and happiness in 2022.

This Week: The Prayer of the Church this week is from Week 2 and the Proper of Season. Thursday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The Epiphany of the Lord: One of the traditions associated with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord found in the Directory of Popular Piety concerns the blessing of homes. Using chalk, a householder marks the inside of the main door of the house or lintel with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year connected with crosses (20+C+M+B+22). The initials CMB are also the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless the house). Some blessed chalk is available at the back of the church should you wish to follow this tradition.

Happy Christmas! We wish all parishioners of the Good Shepherd Ukrainian Church in Gloucester a very Happy Christmas. They follow the Julian calendar, celebrating Christmas on January 6th/7th.

RIP: We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

Fr Louis Beasley-Suffolk, parish priest in Wincanton, who has died following a short illness.

Fr Peter Clarke, a retired priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham who died in Yeovil.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January: For all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Publications: January editions of My Day by Day (75p), Bible Alive (£3) and Sacred Heart Messenger (£1.85) available at the back of the church.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of the Church Lilia Jurkiewicz baptised this past week.

Last Weekend: Mass Attendance – 301. Christmas Mass Attendance - 876

Dates for 2022: Ash Wednesday – March 2nd. Easter Sunday – April 17th. Ascension Day – May 26th. Pentecost Sunday – 5th June. Corpus Christi – 19th June. First Sunday of Advent - 27th November.

First Holy Communion 2022: Over 90 children have applied to make their first Holy Communion in 2022. First Holy Communion Day is always a very special time in the life of children, their families and parish. Preparing children for First Holy Communion doesn't just happen. We are so grateful to the catechists and helpers who have been running the parish-based preparation programme for the past number of years. With so many children having applied for next year, we need more catechists and helpers. Do please consider offering yourself. Preparation classes (about 6) take place on a Friday evening. To offer yourself or to find out more of what is involved, please speak to one of the parish clergy.

Now Accepting Contactless Donations: From next weekend. you will find a new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

Taken from a Christmas Card

When the song of the Angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the Kings and Princes are home, when the Shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins - to find the lost, to help the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Margaret Coleman, Marie O'Connor, Pat O'Ryan, David Burke, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Paul Hawketts, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Breedge Maguire, Eamonn Bohan, Sandra Flanagan, Peter Christie, Jean Crickett, Dan Roche. In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual or next of kin before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick.