



# St Peter's Catholic Church

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## Schools

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 Palm Sunday

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>Christ the King,</i> <i>Amesbury</i>	<b>6.00pm (Sat) Mass</b> Claudio Baldari <i>Thanksgiving</i> <b>9.00am Mass</b> Larry Montagu <i>Anniversary</i> <b>10.30am Mass</b> Alan Cheeseman <i>RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Polish Mass</b> <b>3.00pm</b> Stations of the Cross <b>4.00pm-5.00pm</b> Confessions <b>5.30pm Mass</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<b>7.45am</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>9.10am</b> <i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>9.30am Mass</b> Pat Maher
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<b>12.30pm Funeral Mass (Polish)</b> for Piotr Chreptowicz <b>6.00pm</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>7.00pm Mass</b> Lily Murrihy <i>Thanksgiving</i> <b>7.30pm – 8.00pm</b> Confessions
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<b>6.00pm Mass</b> John Wood <i>Anniversary</i> <b>6.30pm – 7.15pm</b> Confessions
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Holy (Maundy) Thursday</i>	<b>7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> <b>10.45pm</b> Night Prayer
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>11.00am</b> Children's Stations of the Cross <b>12noon – 1.00pm</b> Confessions <b>3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b> <b>7.00pm</b> At the Foot of the Cross
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.30am-11.30am Polish Food Blessing</b> <b>8.00pm The Easter Vigil &amp; First Mass of Easter</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> Charlie Brady <i>1st Anniversary</i> <b>10.30am Mass</b> Allan Withers <i>RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Polish Mass</b> <b>5.30pm Mass</b> People of the Parish

**This Week:** Holy Week. Divine Office - Psalter Week 2 and Proper for Holy Week. Please note mass on Wednesday is at 6.00pm. Church cleaning, in preparation for Easter, takes place after mass on Monday morning. We will also be weeding and tidying the church car parks. All help welcome.

**Last Weekend:** Attendance – 635. Offertory - £1359.00 (£201.00 contactless/online). Donations: £76.38 (Contactless - £15.00; Donation Box - £19.58; In memory of Veronica Bourke-£31.80; Cash donation-£10.00)

**Easter Collection:** The retiring collection at Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses is your offering to Fr Liam and Fr Stephen and is a central part of their yearly income for which they are very grateful.

**Opportunities for Confessions:** Additional confession times in St Peter's in preparation for Easter as follows: Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 4.00pm – 5.00pm; Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 8.00pm; Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm – 7.15pm; Good Friday 12noon – 1.00pm. Please note there are no confessions on Holy Saturday.

**Good Friday - Day of Fast and Abstinence:** On this day we unite with the whole Church throughout the world in prayer and fasting. There will be a retiring collection after Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm for Holy Places and Christians in the Holy Land.

**At the Foot of the Cross:** A time to reflect through words, music and silence on Good Friday at 7.00pm.

**Fr Stephen:** Will be helping in Newent for the Triduum, celebrating the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**Baptisms:** We welcome Rafael Macalintal, baptised last weekend, into the family of the church.

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for April:** We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, be decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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

**Piotr Chreptowicz.** Funeral mass (Polish) on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm.

**Jeanne Wallace.** Funeral service on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the Forest of Dean Crematorium at 12.30pm.

**Patrick Morrissey.** Funeral mass on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12.00noon followed by burial in Sandhurst Churchyard.

**Chrism Mass:** The coach to the Chrism Mass taking place at 11.00am in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> will depart from St Peters at **8.45am** and will leave the Cathedral at approximately 12.30pm for the return journey. A few spaces remain, please contact the parish office to book.

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** The new envelopes, with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023, are available to collect in the sacristy corridor. If you have previously gift aided your donations but are no longer a taxpayer please notify the parish office. If you are a taxpayer and you would like to join the envelope scheme or set up a standing order, please contact the parish office to complete a Gift Aid Declaration.

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** In St Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester at 3.00pm on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> to include the blessing of Divine Mercy Images. Confessions from 2.15pm.

**Some Polite Reminders for when in Church:** Do not leave personal possessions, especially keys and bags unattended at any time. Mobile phones must be put on silent. Please refrain from unnecessary conversations. Please make every effort to be on time for Mass and other celebrations. Take special care when receiving Holy Communion ensuring the Sacred Host is placed in your mouth before returning to your place.

**Holy Communion Under Both Kinds:** While many parishes are resuming the practice of offering Holy Communion under the form of bread and wine on Holy Thursday, we will not be doing so in St Peter's until the weekend of Corpus Christi, June 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>.

**Red Mission Boxes/Missio Box:** Please collect your magazines from the back of church. Feel free to empty your own box if you can and put the money into one of the brown envelopes provided. Otherwise, please bring it to church to be emptied. If you would like to write a cheque, please make it payable to "APF".

**Clifton Diocese:** in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a five-week course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith with other adults, young people and children – do join us if you can.

There are 5 sessions beginning on 20<sup>th</sup> April. To sign up, parishioners need to click on: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/further-training-for-catechists-2023-04-20-19-30>

See poster on noticeboard.

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers:** Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Pat O'Ryan, David Burke, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Sandra Flanagan, Jean Crickett, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, Kitty McMahon, Beth Leeder, Tess Lane, John Swioklo, David Murphy, Rosemary de Castro Lima. 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. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.