

St Peter's Catholic Church

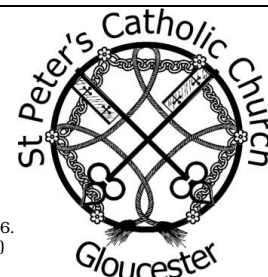
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3rd January 2021 Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 3rd January <i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St John the Evangelist, Bath</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass	Mary Cannon & Grace Murphy RIP
	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	10.30am Mass	Tom & Rose Kennedy RIP
	12.30pm Polish Language Mass	
	5.30pm Mass	Catherine McMahon RIP
Monday 4th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer	
	9.30am Mass	Antony Polackal Anniv
Tuesday 5th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	7.00pm Mass	Int of Kath Gallagher & Family
Wednesday 6th January <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	12.00pm Mass	People of the Parish
Thursday 7th January <i>Thursday after Epiphany</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer	
	9.30am Mass	Ints Teresa Gardiner
Friday 8th January <i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer	
	9.30am Mass	David Burton RIP
	7.30pm Polish Language Mass	
Saturday 9th January <i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>	9.30am Rosary	
	10.00am Mass	Brian Brindley RIP
	10.45am – 11.30am Confessions	
	5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm Mass	Ints of Betty Meadows
Sunday 10th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	7.30pm Polish Language Mass	
	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	10.30am Mass	Harold Chick RIP
	12.30pm Polish Language Mass	
	5.30pm Mass	Brendan McGowan Anniv

Live Streaming: Live streaming from St Peter's Church is now up and running. Thank you to the Friends of St Peter's, whose generosity has enabled this to happen. The live stream can be accessed through the live stream tab on the parish website homepage or on www.churchservices.tv/gloucester.

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 2021.

To booking a place for Sunday Masses: visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>. A place may also be booked by contacting the parish office. There is no need to book a place for weekday masses unless directed to do so.

Tier Four: Gloucestershire is now in Tier 4. Churches remain open for the public celebration of mass and other acts of public worship. In accordance with the requirements of Tier 4, you must not attend mass in a group of more than 6. While inside or outside the church, you must not mix with anyone who is not in your household or support bubble. Everyone is asked to please observe these requirements in addition to the continuing requirements of wearing a face covering properly, observing social distancing and the use of hand sanitiser. If you pick up a newsletter, mass sheet, publication or newspaper from the back of the church, please take it home with you. Do not return them to the table or stand. Please remember the obligation to attend mass remains suspended.

This Week: The Prayer of the Church this week is from Week 2 and the Proper of Season. Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Please note there is no obligation to attend mass on this day.

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+21). The initials CMB are also the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless the house). Please use your own chalk should you 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 and whose private funerals will take place over the coming weeks: Johanna Coffey, Berwyn 'Barney' Sanders, Ivor Oakes, Fedela Santarsieri.

First Holy Communion 2021: The extended closing date for receipt of completed application forms has now passed. As we are currently in Tier 4 of Covid-19 restrictions no decision can be made on when the preparation programme can begin. We will publish further details as soon as we can.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January: That the Lord will give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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 Kacper Siemiatkowski baptised today.

Last Weekend: Offertory - £503.05. Mass Attendance - 221

Dates for 2021: Ash Wednesday - February 17th. Easter Sunday - April 4th. Ascension Day - May 13th.

Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, December 30th

Dear brothers and sisters: As part of our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now turn to the prayer of thanksgiving. Saint Luke tells us that of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one came back to thank the Lord. This passage reminds us of the importance of gratitude. It shows the great difference between hearts that are thankful and those that are not; between people who see everything as their entitlement and those who receive everything as grace. As Christians, our prayer of thanksgiving is inspired by gratitude for the love of God revealed in the coming of Jesus, his Son and our Saviour. The Gospel accounts of Christ's birth show us how the coming of the Messiah was welcomed by hearts that trusted and prayed for the fulfilment of God's promises. May our celebration of this Christmas season be marked by fervent prayer of thanksgiving for the outpouring of God's redemptive grace upon our world. May these prayers enlarge our hearts and enable us to bring the hope and joy of the Gospel to all around us, especially to our brothers and sisters most in need.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell, John Shields, David Burke, Shirley Badham, Margaret Withers, Sharon Scott.