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Sunday Mass Times

6.00pm (Sat), 9.00am, 10.30am, 2.15pm (Polish), 5.30pm

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturday: 10.30am-11.30am & 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Schools

St Peter's Catholic Primary School.

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3rd August 2014 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Text

Responsorial Psalm: You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Preface: Sundays in Ordinary Time VI

Eucharistic Prayer: II

LAST WEEKEND: Mass Count – 754 Offertory - £1519.64
Day for Life-£401.59

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK: 6.00pm (Sat) (*Ann & Mattie Higgins RIP & Mary Griffin RIP*). Sunday 9.00am (*Ints of Kathleen Sherlock*). 10.30am (*Maguire Family*). 2.15pm - *Polish Mass*. 5.30pm (*Ints of Jane Conway*). Monday 9.30am (*Frans Nauts RIP*). Tuesday 9.30am (*People of the Parish*). Wednesday 12.00pm (*Funeral Mass for Frances O'Reilly*). Thursday 9.30am (*Jim Byrne RIP*). Friday 9.30am (*Angela Jayatilleke RIP*). Saturday 10.00am (*Colum Donnelly RIP*). 6.00pm (*Frank Wasylikiw RIP*).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday at 8.30am.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Andrea Brushneen, Alison Blake, Hilda Lawrence, Sarah Anderson, Idaline Daley, Marie Cunningham, Jessie Hall, Cheryl Loy, Norah King, Charlie Slade, Deacon Tim Meadows, Edmundo Padilla, Daryl Paris, Eira Norris, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Kathleen Sherlock.

LADY CHAPEL: On Wednesday August 6th there will be an opportunity to meet with Ben Harms and Laura Stevens who will be responsible for undertaking the work of restoring the Triptych and the Lady Chapel. The meeting will take place in Church at 7.00pm. Light refreshments will be available. The Triptych will be removed for restoration on August 7th.

RIP: Your prayers are asked for those who died recently:

Frances O'Reilly. Her coffin reception takes place on Tuesday 5th August at 4.00pm. Her funeral mass takes place on Wednesday 6th August at 12.00pm followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium.

Leonie Lawrence. Funeral details to follow.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR: On Thursday August 7th at 3.00pm. All welcome.

RETIREMENT CLUB: At our next meeting on 6 August we will be having bingo. We will also be collecting for our trip to Weston on 3 September, price being £10. The coach will leave 'Courts' opposite the church at 10.30am and Estcourt Rd at 10.45am, returning to Gloucester approx 5pm

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT: 10 children from Belarus aged 10-12 will shortly be coming to Gloucester for a holiday. They are all in remission from cancer and spend time here with host families to have fresh air, lots of fruit and veg and boost their immune system. If you would like to donate any fruit for the children please bring to mass on the weekend of 9/10 August – ideally fresh fruit but also tinned or dried would be appreciated.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S: Next meet on Monday 11th August at 7.00pm in the Sacristy.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into the family of the church Elizabeth Paula Denova, Noria de Carvalho Veiga, Amelia Sinoradzki, and Zachary Garces baptised this weekend.

SVP: Next meet on Tuesday 12th August at 7.00pm in the Coffee Bar.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL TOUR: Due to popularity, another fully guided tour has been arranged by the Friends. The tour will be at **10:30am on Tuesday, August 12th** and will hopefully take in the Treasury and Whispering Gallery. The charge is £6 per person and the funds raised will go towards the purchase of new vestments. Please add your name to the sheet at the back of church if you would like to go.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: All catechists in our diocese are invited to come together at St Bernadette's Primary School, Gladstone Road, Whitchurch, Bristol on Saturday 20th September 10am-3.30pm. All welcome. For information contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 9025595

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: Universal: That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights. For Evangelization: That Christians in Oceania may joy-fully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

ADOPTION - CLIFTON CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: If you, your family or friends are interested in adoption, please contact Clifton Children's Society. There is a constant need to find more adoptive families for the thousands of children waiting in care. Enquiries are welcome from anyone who can provide these children with the stability and unconditional love they need. You may be single or a couple, with or without children, a homeowner or in rented accommodation. Age is not a barrier – many adopters are in their 40's and 50's. For more information visit www.ccsadoption.org or call 0117 935 0005 for an informal discussion.

WORLD WAR I: Speaking in Rome last Sunday Pope Francis said:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Tomorrow is the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, which had millions of victims and caused immense devastation. This conflict, which Pope Benedict XVI called a "senseless slaughter", resolved after four long years into a most fragile peace. Tomorrow will be a day of mourning in memory of this tragedy. While remembering this tragic event, I hope that the mistakes of the past are not repeated, that the lessons of history are acknowledged, and that the causes for peace may always prevail through patient and courageous dialogue. In particular, today, my thoughts go to three areas in crisis: the Middle East, Iraq and Ukraine. I ask you to continue to join me in praying that the Lord grant to these peoples and to the Leaders of those regions the wisdom and strength needed to move

forward with determination on the path toward peace, to address every dispute with the tenacity of dialogue and negotiation and with the power of reconciliation. May the common good and respect for every person, rather than specific interests, be at the centre of every decision. Let us remember that in war all is lost and in peace nothing.

LIGHTS OUT: *The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.* Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, uttered these words on the eve of Britain officially entering the First World War. Exactly 100 years later millions of individuals, households and companies are invited to join together in a national moment of reflection. Everyone in the UK is encouraged to turn off their lights between 10pm and 11pm on 4 August 2014 – leaving only a single light or candle for this symbolic act of reflection and hope

FINALLY: Many people, many saints, reading the Gospel with an open heart, have been so struck by Jesus that they convert to Him. Let us think of St Francis of Assisi: he was already a Christian, though a “rosewater” Christian. When he read the Gospel, in that decisive moment of his youth, he encountered Jesus and discovered the Kingdom of God; with this, all his dreams of worldly glory vanished. The Gospel allows you to know the real Jesus, it lets you know the living Jesus; it speaks to your heart and changes your life. And then yes, you leave it all. You can effectively change lifestyles, or continue to do what you did before but you are someone else, you are reborn: you have found what gives meaning, what gives flavour, what gives light to all things, even to toil, even to suffering, and even to death. *Pope Francis – The Angelus on July 27th*

Vocation Matters

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“Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy” The entertainment industry in the UK is worth billions of pounds. We all love to spend money on DVDs, music, cinema trips etc. It’s great to be able to relax and enjoy such things. Are these just quick fixes though? Do these experiences endure? Can they satisfy at a deep level? Certainly when it comes to our faith experience, the things of God do endure. Tapping into our relationship with God in Christ is a free gift and one to be savoured at all times. Recognising the satisfaction that comes from intimacy with God is a positive step towards understanding that we are each called by name for some definite purpose.

Next Sunday – 19th Sunday of the Year

Kings 19:9.11-13.

Romans 9:1-5.

Matthew 14:22-33.