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3rd December 2023 First Sunday of Advent – Year B

Sunday 3rd December <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Peter's Gloucester</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass People of the Parish 9.00am Mass Patricia Wiggins RIP 10.30am Maas Fr Donal Daly RIP <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass John Swioklo RIP
Monday 4th December <i>St Osmund</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Mary Stoke RIP
Tuesday 5th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<i>6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Mass Ints of Fr Peter Mansfield
Wednesday 6th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<i>11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 12.00pm Mass Bill Higgins RIP
Thursday 7th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Ints of Deacon Colm Robinson
Friday 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Mick Wall RIP <i>7.00pm Polish Mass</i>
Saturday 9th December <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am Mass Eileen Dewsnap RIP <i>10.45am – 11.30am Confessions</i> <i>5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions</i> 6.00pm Mass Karen Matthews RIP <i>7.30pm Polish Mass</i>
Sunday 10th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B)</i>	9.00am Mass Teresa Zahara Anniv 10.30am Maas Margaret Withers RIP <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass People of the Parish

This Week: Advent Week 1. Daily Prayer of the Church: Advent 1 and Week 1

Church Cleaning: After the morning mass on Monday, thank you to those who help each week.

Last Weekend: Attendance – 722 Offertory - £1668.23 (including £336.00 online/contactless) Donations - £67.46 (including £37.00 online/contactless)

Samaritans Christmas Carol Concert: The Gloucester & District Samaritans invite you to join them for their annual Christmas Service and Raffle at St Peter's Church on Monday 4th December at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Advent 2023: Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The following publications are available at the back of the church: Advent Extra £1.50, Bible Alive £3, Sacred Heart Messenger £1.85, My Day by Day 75p, My Day by Day Junior and Infant for primary school aged children are free. On Sunday December 10th and December 17th there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, an Advent reflection, and a time for quiet prayer in St Peter's Church, beginning at 4.00pm. This Season of Advent marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year, Year B, the Year of St Mark's Gospel. As the Roman Missal reminds us: *'Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation'*. During the season of Advent we remember the long years of waiting by the people of Israel for the Messiah, the message of hope in the prophets, and how Mary and Joseph were faithful to God's plan. The Catechism of the Catholic Church stresses this two-fold meaning of this "coming": *"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His Second Coming"* (No. 524).

Christmas 2023 Mass Times:

Christmas Eve (December 24th): 4.00pm, 6.00pm, 10.30pm.

Christmas Day (December 25th): 9.00am and 10.45am.

Polish Mass: Christmas Eve 8.00pm. Christmas Day 12.30pm

It is essential we have a sufficient number of welcomers, stewards and readers at all Christmas Masses. If you can at all help, please let Fr Liam or Fr Stephen know.

St Peter's RC High School Choir: Carols by Candlelight at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Friday 15th December at 7.00pm. To reserve tickets in advance for collection on the door, please email: boxoffice@sphs.uk.com Adults: £3 Concessions: £1

Repository: There is a large selection of Christmas cards, crib scenes, calendars and diaries available now.

Journey in Faith (RCIA): Next meeting is on Thursday 7th December 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of the church Elena Dobra and Anastazja Szpyt baptised last weekend.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Jimmy Murray. Funeral in the Willow Chapel, Cheltenham Crematorium on Monday December 4th at 10.30am.

Alice O'Connor. Coffin reception on Tuesday December 12th at 4.00pm. Funeral service on Wednesday December 13th at 1.00pm followed by burial in Coney Hill Cemetery. Daily mass on December 13th will be at 11.45am.

Thomas Lawrence. Funeral mass on Friday 15th December at 12noon followed by burial at Coney Hill Cemetery.

May Markey, who died unexpectedly late on Thursday night. Funeral details later.

SVP December Meetings: Tuesday 5th, Monday 11th and Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm in the sacristy.

The Clifton Evangelist: Volume 9 is now available on the Diocesan Website.

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star - Shafts of Light, Shafts of Hope in Advent: Mini online retreat, organised by the diocesan Dept for Adult Education and Evangelization. See diocesan website or noticeboard for details.

Newman Association Talk: Tuesday 5th December at 2.30pm, in Sacred Hearts' Hall, Charlton Kings, Fr Stephen Corrigan is the speaker, and his topic is *'The Challenges of the Synod for Priests and People'*. See noticeboard.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: Thursday December 7th at 3.00pm in St Peter's Church.

Clifton Diocese Safeguarding Officer Part-Time Vacancy: Clifton Diocese is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy, 21 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday), provides an opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol. For information about please visit diocesan website or contact Janice Pearson or Tracey Holford, on 0117 954 0993

S.V.P. Giving Tree: There are still a few gift labels left on the Giving Tree, located in the Lady Chapel. If you wish to give a present to help those in need this Christmas, please select a gift label from the tree. Next purchase the required gift, wrap, attach the gift label and return to church by Sunday 17th December at the very latest. If you are reading this and feeling anxious about how you are going to provide for your family at Christmas time, then please speak to Fr Liam, in the strictest confidence. The S.V.P. may be able to provide some additional help.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Sandra Flanagan, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, David Murphy, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson, Kitty Daly. 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.