



# St Peter's Catholic Church

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## Schools

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## 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>St Benet, Kemerton; St Joseph, Tewkesbury, St Nicholas, Winchcombe with Bishop's Cleeve</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>6.00pm (Sat)</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Clare Selman RIP
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> John Conlon RIP
	4.30pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Imelda Stuart RIP
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Kevin Crowley Blowey Anniv
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Teresa Staley Anniv
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> CMBF
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Benedict</i>	9.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Steven Chambers RIP
	10.45am – 11.30am	Confessions
	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Fred Gyde RIP
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Eileen Dewsnip Anniv
	4.30pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Eddie Roche RIP

**Parish Office:** The parish office will be reopening this week for three hours from 10.30am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please use the telephone or email for all enquiries and only visit the office if necessary.

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for July:** That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**Resumption of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions will resume next Saturday from 10.45am – 11.30am only. The confessional will not be used. Confessions will be heard in the sacristy and will be in accordance with social distancing and good hygiene requirements. Those coming to confession are asked to keep their confession as short as is possible.

**Resumption of Public Masses:** The celebration of public Masses resumes this weekend beginning with the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday. Weekday masses will resume on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please check the newsletter each week for times. The church doors will open half an hour before each mass unless already open for private prayer. With the return of Sunday mass it is important to reaffirm that, at present, **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended**. It is also stressed that any parishioner who feels uncomfortable about returning to mass at this time should not feel any obligation to do so. Where possible parishioners are encouraged to attend a weekday mass rather than a Sunday one. Strict observance of the 2m social distancing requirement will mean a much reduced capacity in church for all masses. Every other pew is closed off and not available for use. While people from the same household will be able to sit in the same pew without the need to keep 2m from each other, individuals will have to ensure they keep the 2m distance from others. Once all available spaces have been occupied (anticipated to be between 40 and 65 depending on the number of family groups) no one else will be permitted to enter the church for mass. Stewards will be available at all masses to welcome those attending and to ensure the best use of the spaces available. This may mean parishioners being directed to a different seat from where they would normally sit. Volunteer stewards are needed for all our weekend and weekday masses. If you can help, please email Fr Liam on [liam.slattery@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:liam.slattery@cliftondiocese.com). All masses will be celebrated in accordance with the strict and clear guidelines issued by Bishop Declan following those issued by the Bishops of England. There will be no congregational singing, no altar servers and masses will be shorter. No one will be permitted in the sacristy except for the priest and deacon for each mass. Those receiving Communion will be guided by stewards to approach the priest/deacon in a single file up the centre aisle keeping to the 2m distance markings on the floor. Communion will be given silently and on the hand only. When approaching the priest, deacon or minister of Holy Communion you should do so with arms at full stretch so that a good distance is observed. The church will be closed after each mass to enable the cleaning of pews in preparation for the following mass. **The toilet in the church remains out of use at this time.**

**Daily Live Streaming of Mass from Clifton Cathedral:** Continues each day including Sundays at 9.30am and can be accessed through the diocesan website ([cliftondiocese.com](http://cliftondiocese.com)) or through [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv).

**Church Cleaning:** Will take place at 10.00am on Tuesday this week. Just turn up if you can help. Access to the church will be through the rear entrance by the red garage door in the car park.

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers:** Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, Mary Wood, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Vera Watson, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Linda Northway, Rebecca Northway, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Mary Philomena Mayo, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Milvia Sepede, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Fr Liam Slattery, Christopher Browne.

**St Peter's Social Centre:** While many pubs and clubs are reopening this weekend, St Peter's Social Centre will remain closed for the time being as it is not possible for it to open in accordance with the full requirements of social distancing.

**A Thought for Today:** The Lord understands us and knows us better than we know ourselves. *O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.* (Psalm 139:1-3) He knows of what we are made and so we can come confidently before him with our brokenness and need of his grace. It might be good during Mass today to become aware of whatever is a burden to me now in my life and ask the Lord for his love and healing touch. (*From tarsus.ie*)

#### **Year of Communion – Sunday 5 July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time A**

One of the most notable elements of the London Olympics and Paralympics was not the number of medals that were won by the athletes but the way they received them. In interview after interview the athletes showed their deep desire to highlight the role that others had played in their success. Particularly striking was how many of the athletes thanked God, first and foremost, and then all those who had supported them along the way. There was a humility and gratitude about them that seemed to run to the core of their being. In the Gospel Jesus giving thanks for those who are humble enough to hear the word of God and respond with humility, like little children. The athletes at the Olympics were full of pride, but it was a pride rooted in the knowledge that they did not do this alone. Their pride in winning was rooted in a humble acceptance that God had been with them throughout.

