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7th January 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord – Year B

Sunday 7th January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Salisbury Parishes</i>	6.00pm	Mass Ints of Mary Hicks
	9.00am	Mass Jimmy Murray <i>RIP</i>
	10.30am	Mass Fr Donal Daly <i>RIP</i>
	12.30pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	5.30pm	Mass People of the Parish
Monday 8th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30am	Mass Jim & Joan Byrne <i>RIP</i>
	12.30pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Tuesday 9th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7.00pm	Mass Fr Donal Daly <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 10th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	12.00pm	Funeral Mass for Elizabeth 'Betty' Zegveld
Thursday 11th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9.30am	Mass Ints of O'Brien Family
Friday 12th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Kay Slade
	7.00pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Saturday 13th January <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	10.00am	Mass Tom Cullen <i>RIP</i>
	10.45am – 11.30am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5.00pm – 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	6.00pm	Mass May Markey <i>RIP</i>
Sunday 14th January <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	9.00am	Mass People of the Parish
	10.30am	Mass Ints of Elizabeth Murrihy
	12.30pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	5.30pm	Mass Michele Cooper <i>RIP</i> & Nicki Kemp-Smith <i>RIP</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory - £1604.39 (Inc £246.50 contactless/online) Donations £1125.96 (Inc £144.00 contactless/online £880.00 in memory of May Markey) Mass Attendance – 804

This Week: Monday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Friday mass is at 10.00am and is a funeral mass. Prayer of the Church is Psalter Week 1.

Church Cleaning: The next church cleaning will take place tomorrow, Monday January 8th after the morning mass. Thank you to all volunteers who regularly clean and tidy the church. New volunteers always welcome.

Peace Sunday: Every year, with the support of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, England and Wales, we promote Peace Sunday as a way of observing the World Day of Peace. Peace Sunday 2024 is Sunday 14th January and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. You can read a full copy of his message for the World Day of Peace on Pax Christi website.

The Epiphany of the Lord: One of the traditions associated with 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 the current year connected with crosses (20+C+M+B+23). The initials CMB are also the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless the house). Blessed chalk is available at the back of the church should you wish to follow this tradition.

2024 Year of Prayer: Pope Francis has named 2024 the Year of Prayer, a year spent in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope. There's a new page on the Clifton Diocese website to share news about the year of prayer, new resources to deepen your prayer life, and point towards celebrations that will come in 2025. The first event for the year of prayer will be a livestream on the diocesan website Pilgrims of Hope: The 2025 Jubilee in Clifton on 1st February from 7:30 to 8:45 pm. It will introduce the jubilee year, providing context for the current three-year programme (2023 – Year of the Council, 2024 – Year of Prayer, 2025 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope), as well as background for jubilees – how they originated, their role in Scripture, and how jubilees have been used in the Church. It will conclude by exploring the theme that Pope Francis chose, Pilgrims of Hope, and how Clifton Diocese can journey together over the next few years towards this great celebration. Register here Check out the Jubilee Page on the Clifton website - right now, you can find our resources from the 2023 Year of the Council on the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council (Sacrosanctum Concilium, Dei Verbum, Lumen Gentium, and Gaudium et Spes). More resources will be added over time, so check back regularly!

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

Elizabeth 'Betty' Zegveld. Coffin reception on Tuesday January 9th at 4.00pm. Funeral mass on Wednesday January 10th at 12noon followed by burial in Coney Hill Cemetery.

Catherine 'Kay' Slade. Funeral mass Friday January 12th at 10.00am followed by burial at Coney Hill Cemetery.

Kathleen Neely. Funeral service at Gloucester Crematorium on Monday 15th January at 1.15pm.

Roy Limberick. Funeral Service on Thursday January 18th in St Peter's Church followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium.

S.V.P: Next meeting tomorrow, Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

Publications: January editions of The Catholic Herald (£5), My Day by Day (75p), Bible Alive (£3) and Sacred Heart Messenger (£1.85) available at the back of the church.

Dates for 2024: Ash Wednesday – February 14th. Easter Sunday – March 31st. Ascension Day – May 9th. Pentecost Sunday – 19th May. Corpus Christi – 2nd June. First Sunday of Advent – 1st December.

Journey in Faith (RCIA): Next meeting is on Thursday January 11th, 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start in the sacristy.

Schools: We pray for all associated with St Peter's Primary School and St Peter's High School and indeed all schools returning to school this week following the Christmas holidays. May the school term ahead be a time of fruitful teaching and learning in safe and happy school environments.

Starting School? If you have a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2024 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Gloucestershire County Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2024**.

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.