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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.

Tel: 01452 524792. Web: www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre.

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7th September 2014 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Text

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Preface: Sundays in Ordinary Time VI

Eucharistic Prayer: II

LAST WEEKEND: Mass Count – 744 Offertory - £1459.66

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK: 6.00pm (Sat) (*Vocations*). Sunday 9.00am (*People of the Parish*). 10.30am (*Mgr Matthew Roche RIP*). 2.15pm - *Polish Mass*. 5.30pm (*Sebastiano Desando RIP*). Monday 9.30am (*Michael Cooney RIP*). Tuesday 9.30am (*Fr Frank Cama RIP*). Wednesday 12.00pm (*Kate Daly RIP*). Thursday 9.30am (*Elaine Fray RIP (Anniversary)*). Friday 9.30am (*Anne Aston RIP*). Saturday 10.00am (*Intentions of Waclaw Sowinski*). 6.00pm (*Margaret Hayes RIP (Anniversary)*).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday at 11.30am and Friday at 8.30am.

NEXT SUNDAY: There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for the Bishop's Charitable Fund.

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

SVP AWARENESS MONTH: The purpose of SVP National Awareness Month (September) is simple: to tell people about the St Vincent de Paul Society so that more people can benefit from our work, and more people can get involved. While we visit and support others in a spirit of quiet humility, it is important that the Society is vocal about the plight of those in need and highlights the opportunities for others to become involved in this work. SVP Awareness Month enables members to underscore need, and link it to the work of the Society in an appropriate way. The theme for this year's Awareness Month is "Concern is Not Enough" and the posters (see noticeboard each weekend) and the weekly 'Finally' in our parish newsletter reflect the diversity of the Society's work.

MEET THE NEW PRIESTS: There is an opportunity to meet at least two of the new priests who have been ordained this summer, on Tuesday 23rd September at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown at 7.30pm. Please see noticeboard for details. All welcome.

ARK AND CRAFT: New monthly Saturday sessions for young children and their parents (babies, toddlers and primary school age). Begins Saturday 13th September 10am-12noon in the Coffee Bar. Come and join the fun. Please see poster at the back of church for more details.

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CENTRE: Casual bar staff required, please contact Julie Godwin 01452 525832 evenings.

CONFIRMATION: Meeting on Sunday 14th September after 5.30pm mass in the Coffee Bar.

READY STEADY COOK: In aid of Gloucester Civic Charities -The Spring Centre & James Hopkins Trust on Monday 15th September at 7.00pm in the Social Centre. Recipe demonstration and the chance to order high quality, innovative Pampered Chef products with the charities benefiting from goods sold. Tickets £1, to include nibbles, available from lise@lisenoakes.org.uk or by phoning 01452 722090. See noticeboard for full details.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Magdalena Medynska and James Payne who were married here on Friday.

CALLED TO WITNESS: – A new Catechist Formation Programme for 2014-2015. St. Patricks, Brockworth. 8 Wednesdays starting 17th September and 2 Saturdays, finishing 28th February. A Foundational course for all those interested in sharing the Catholic faith. A highly accessible programme suitable for adults, including parents, grand-parents and Catechists. Everyone welcome, if you are interested speak to one of the priests.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY SPONSORED MARATHON WALK: Lyn and Chris Murray, Julie Godwin and Fr Gerry which to express their sincere thanks to everyone for your generous sponsorship, We have raised more than £2,600 which means through SPICMA St. Thomas's Parish in Uganda should be able to purchase more than 20 bikes for their 52 catechists.

FISH AND CHIP SUPPER/SKITTLES: Thank you to all who came along to this fun evening, £186 was raised. Half of this will go to our parish project and half towards the new vestments for our priests and deacons.

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Thank you to all who supported the visit from the children from Belarus in remission from cancer. Thanks to those who raised funds with the cake sale, all who donated, those who gave fruit while they were here and all who gave the children some lovely days out, as well as use of the social club. They had a great couple of weeks and have returned home having benefitted from a month of fresh air and uncontaminated food. We are always looking for new host families and ways to fund next year's visit, which costs £600 per child for airfare and visa –contact Maggie Kirby on 720464 for more information.

EXPLORING ST MARK'S GOSPEL: As we begin to read St Mark liturgically from Advent 2014, John Huntriss will be deepening our understanding of the Jesus we encounter in St Mark's Gospel. This short time together will invite participants to familiarise themselves with Mark's Gospel as they journey through the liturgical year. Starting on Wednesday 1st October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, 7.30pm-9.00pm. See noticeboard for further details.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into the family of the church Alexander Bate-Williams, Henry Aspinall, Olivier Müller and Archie Duffy baptised this weekend.

VAUGHAN RUN: To mark the Centenary of the Vaughan Memorial School in London, Chris Bailey, a staff member at the school is running from Gloucester (the Birthplace on Cardinal Herbert Vaughan) to Westminster Cathedral (his final resting place). The run begins next Sunday at 8.00am from outside St Peter's Church. For details and if you wish to sponsor Chris please visit www.vaughantorun.com. All proceeds going to 'Aid to the Church in Need. See www.cvms.co.uk for more details.

FINALLY – SVP AWARENESS MONTH: The theme for the first week is '*Befriend the Lonely*'. Befriending people is at the heart of what the SVP does. The following case study is just one example of the hundreds of people befriended by SVP members every week. When Tom's wife died after 22 years of marriage he muddled along, unable to express the deep grief he felt. When his cooker also broke down, he felt as if things were conspiring against him. He contacted the SVP, grumbling that his 'dismal pension' wasn't enough to cover the cost of replacing it. We visited to find out exactly what he needed and discovered that the kitchen appliance had very little to do with it. On that very first visit, he was grumpy and embarrassed to be asking for help. We listened to his needs over a cup of tea. We were able to find him a cooker, but far more importantly, Tom has become a very dear friend, with whom we have shared many, many cups of tea. As is so often the case, the cooker was the cover for a much deeper need. - See more at: www.svp.org.uk

Vocation Matters: 7th September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Do not get into debt, except the debt of mutual love"

In their huge 1994 cover hit "Love is All Around", *Wet Wet Wet* sang, "You know I love you, I always will. My mind's made up by the way that I feel. There's no beginning, there'll be no end, 'cause on my love you can depend". To what extent are we able to appreciate and accept into our lives the infinite, steadfast love of God? Discerning a vocation requires us to throw ourselves on to this love and to get caught up in the excitement and dynamism of it. Are we prepared to open our hearts today and hear Jesus say to us, "You know I love you, I always will". If so, we're well on our way.

Next Sunday – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4-9. Philipians 2:6-11. John 3:13-17.