



St Peter's Catholic Church

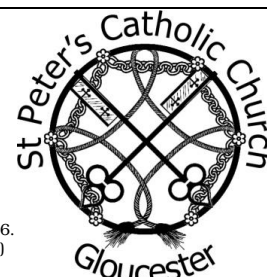
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9th August 2020 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

Sunday 9th August 2020 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Joseph, Stonehouse</i> <i>Annunciation, Woodchester</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	6.00pm (Sat) Mass	Maureen Faulkner Anniv
	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	10.30am Mass	Frank Wasylkiw RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	5.30pm Mass	James Peyton RIP
Monday 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	John Clark RIP
Tuesday 11th August <i>St Clare</i>	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm Mass	Christopher & Jerry O'Leary Anniv
Wednesday 12th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	Paul Montanaro RIP
Thursday 13th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	John Cronin RIP
Friday 14th August <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	John Clancy RIP
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Saturday 15th August <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
	10.00am Mass	Patrick Hallahan RIP
	10.45am – 11.15am	Confessions
	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	6.00pm Mass	Jim & Joan Byrne RIP
Sunday 16th August <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	9.00am Mass	Fay Gordon Anniv
	10.30am Mass	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	5.30pm Mass	Bob Morris RIP

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

Weekly Church Cleaning: Will take place after mass on Monday morning. Just turn up if you can help.

This week: Week 19 in Ordinary Time, Week 3 for the Divine Office. Please note mass on Wednesday is at 9.30am.

Last Weekend: Offertory - £582.41. Mass Count – 198

Next Sunday: We celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from Saturday August 15th). Prayers and readings for all masses next weekend are from August 15th.

Face Coverings: Face coverings are mandatory in all churches from this weekend. All those who are coming to church must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet. At Communion you will need to process with your face mask on. As we know Communion is given silently, and on the hand only. When approaching to receive Holy Communion you should do so with arms at “full stretch” so that there is a good distance between the priest/deacon and the communicant. Hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible. The communicant should unloop their face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace the face covering before moving back to your pew.

RIP: We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

Anne Bishop. Her funeral service takes place in St Peter’s Church on Wednesday August 12th at 12.30pm followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium. Attendance is restricted to immediate family and friends. We extend our sympathy to her family.

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, Margaret Mayell. Please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

Caution: Please do not leave personal possessions unattended at any time when in church.

Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In responding to the grave challenges caused by the present pandemic, we Christians are guided by the wisdom and strength born of the virtues of faith, hope and love. As God’s gifts, these virtues heal us and enable us in turn to bring Christ’s healing presence to our world. They can inspire in us a new and creative spirit to help us face today’s deeply rooted physical, social and spiritual infirmities and change the unjust and destructive behaviours that threaten the future of our human family. Today the Church seeks to continue the Lord’s healing ministry, not only to individuals but also to society as a whole. She does this by proposing a number of principles drawn from the Gospel, which include: the dignity of the human person, the common good, the preferential option for the poor, the universal destination of goods, solidarity, subsidiarity and the care for our common home. In coming weeks, I will reflect on these and other themes of the Church’s social doctrine, confident that they can shed light on today’s acute social problems and contribute to the building of a future of hope for coming generations. *The full text can be found on the Vatican website www.vatican.va*

Year of Communion – Sunday 9th August – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

We are living in turbulent times, such that it can feel as if a storm is truly raging around us. The pandemic has thrown many of us into turmoil and at times it has been very frightening. It has not always been easy to stay calm, to trust that the storm will pass. In such times it is important that we get away to a quiet place where we can set aside our fears and worries and allow ourselves to rest in the consoling presence of God. The disciples were seasoned fishermen, so their apparent lack of preparedness is surprising but once the storm was raging it was out of their control. Covid-19 is something that we have not been able to control. It has revealed our fragility and vulnerability as human beings. Here we are, all in the same boat, tossed and thrown about. In our Gospel, Jesus does eventually rebuke the storm and the calm waters return. When he asks the disciples, ‘Where is your faith?’ he is asking us the same question. If we have faith, we know that God will not abandon us, that above the seemingly never-ending dark clouds, the sky is blue. This storm will pass. Let us continue to put our faith in God and learn from Him what he is trying to teach us.

Prayer for the people of Beirut

God of refuge, hear our prayer as we hold the people of Beirut in our hearts at this time. Fill us with compassion and move us to reach out in love. In your mercy, bring comfort to those who mourn, healing to those who are injured, shelter to those who are homeless sustenance to those who hunger. Give strength to those who are working to rebuild shattered lives, and protect those who are vulnerable especially in a time of coronavirus. Lead us in your ways so that together we may bring the light of new hope wherever there is destruction and despair. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.