

St Peter's Catholic Church

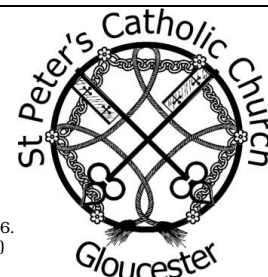
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10th January 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday 10th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Mary, Bath</i> <i>Good Shepherd, Batheaston</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Ints of Betty Meadows
	9.00am Mass People of the Parish
Monday 11th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Mass Harold Chick RIP
	12.30pm Polish Language Mass
Tuesday 12th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	5.30pm Mass Brendan McGowan Anniv
	9.10am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass Eileen Dewsnip RIP
	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 14th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm Mass CMBF
	11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 15th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	12.00pm Mass Ned Winder Anniv
	9.10am Morning Prayer
Saturday 16th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass Ints of Fr Donal Daly
	9.10am Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th January <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass Ints of Tommy & Nora Higgins
	7.30pm Polish Language Mass
	9.30am Rosary
	10.00am Mass Neil Greenwood RIP
	10.45am – 11.30am Confessions
	5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions
	6.00pm Mass People of the Parish
	7.30pm Polish Language Mass
	9.00am Mass Tommy Murphy RIP
	10.30am Mass People of the Parish
	12.30pm Polish Language Mass
	5.30pm Mass Ken Bullingham RIP

This Week: Ordinary Time week 1 and Year 1 for readings at weekday mass. Divine Office - Psalter Week 1.

Repository: The religious goods shop at the back of the church is currently closed. It will reopen once lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Happy Birthday: We wish Fr Donal a very happy 90th birthday (January 9th). Fr Donal, who is currently shielding, is well. We wish him continued health and happiness.

Church Cleaning: After morning mass on Monday.

From Fr Liam: All of you reading this will share the growing concern we all feel at the worsening pandemic. Nationally and locally, cases of coronavirus are on the increase and tragically, so are the number of lives the virus is claiming. We are also deeply concerned about the impact the current situation is having on our hospitals and care homes and on all those who work within them and other front line services. We think especially of doctors, nurses, care workers, teachers and nursery assistants, emergency service personnel, shop workers, refuse collectors, postal workers, farmers and those involved in food production to name but a few. Thanking them for all they do must, I believe, be accompanied by a willingness of behalf of all of us to do what we can to help stop the spread of the virus. The current lockdown restrictions are tough on everyone, some more than others. Livelihoods and businesses are under threat, families are feeling the strain and many individuals are suffering both physically and mentally. But there is good news in the vaccination programme. Many of you have already received your first vaccine. We are grateful to all involved in the development, manufacture, distribution and administration of the vaccines. In the current lockdown we are all asked to stay at home except for those times when it is necessary, and in accordance with the government guidelines, for us to be out. Churches and Places of Worship are still open for communal acts of worship, so we can still come together for the public celebration of Mass. However, just because we can still come to mass doesn't necessarily mean we should continue to do so in the way and frequency we normally do. All masses are now live streamed and can be accessed on www.churchservices.tv/gloucester. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has acknowledged that keeping churches open is vital for resilience during the lockdown. He said, *"The regular practice of our faith in God is a well-established source of both personal resilience and dedicated service to those in need. Such resilience and enduring service are vital in these difficult circumstances."* Many are questioning the wisdom of keeping churches open at this time. In response to this, Bishop John Sherrington on behalf of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, has issued a letter, details of which can be found on www.cbcew.org.uk.

May I remind you that the obligation to attend mass on a Sunday does not apply in this time of pandemic. Anyone who has any symptoms of coronavirus or who is feeling unwell MUST NOT attend mass at this time. Those who choose to come to mass are reminded of the need to wear a face covering and to wear it properly. It is also necessary that those attending mass must not mingle with anyone outside of their household. We may find this difficult and it goes against our instinctive social nature, but the responsibility we have for our own health and safety and that of others is of greater importance at this time. While the normal schedule of masses in this church will continue as normal, this will be kept under constant review. Please keep a regular check on the parish website for updates. We continue to pray for the dedicated staff of the NHS and all key and frontline workers, for those suffering as a result of coronavirus and all who mourn the death of a loved one. May Mary, the Holy Mother of God, intercede for us as we ask through her intercession that the world be cleansed of coronavirus.

Live Streaming: In addition to our normal public masses and other acts of worship, the following will be available through our live stream this week: Wednesday 6.30pm - A rosary for all NHS, front-line and key workers. Friday 3.30pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet.

To booking a place for Sunday Masses: visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>. A place may also be booked by contacting the parish office. There is no need to book a place for weekday masses unless directed to do so. Please cancel booking if you are not going to attend. This can be done through Eventbrite or by emailing/calling the parish office.

Could you be a School Governor? Clifton Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools.

Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/> for more information and to complete an online nomination form or contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

Last Weekend: Offertory - £737.05.

Mass Attendance – 230

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell, John Shields, David Burke, Shirley Badham, Margaret Withers, Sharon Scott, Natalia Price.