



# St Peter's Catholic Church

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**St Peter's Catholic Primary School:**

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# 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

### Divine Mercy Sunday

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>St Patrick, Brockworth</i> <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Jane Conway <i>RIP</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	José Rayapen <i>RIP</i>
	<b>12.30pm</b>		<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Thanksgiving- Claudio Baldari
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>9.10am</b>		<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	John & Helen Bond <i>Golden Wedding Anniv</i>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Thanksgiving- Ursiline
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>11.00am</b>		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Thanksgiving- Kathleen Wall
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>9.10am</b>		<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Ints of Anne & Jimmy Neely
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>9.10am</b>		<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Bill Cahill <i>Anniversary</i>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Ints of Andre Holbrook
	<b>9.30am</b>		<i>Rosary</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Jemma Paul <i>RIP</i>
	<b>10.45am – 11.15am</b>		<i>Confessions</i>
	<b>5.00pm – 5.30pm</b>		<i>Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Edna Chaytor <i>RIP</i>
	<b>7.30pm</b>		<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Devassy Thoma <i>Anniversary</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Ints of Iris Chick
	<b>12.30pm</b>		<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parish

**This Week:** Second week of Easter. Daily Prayer of the Church: Week 2 and Eastertide week 2.

**Last Weekend:** Mass Attendance – 384

**Church Cleaning:** Following morning mass on Monday. Thank you to all those who help each week in cleaning the church.

**Thank You:** Fr Liam wishes to express his sincere gratitude for the Easter Offering received.

**HRH The Duke of Edinburgh RIP:** Cardinal Vincent Nichols has, on behalf of the Roman Catholic Community of England and Wales, extended sympathy and the support of prayer to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and all the Royal Family on the news of the death of her faithful and loyal husband Prince Philip. Cardinal Nichols said, 'How much we will miss Prince Philip's presence and character, so full of life and vigour. He has been an example of steadfast loyalty and duty cheerfully given. May he rest in peace.'

**Beyond the Cross:** Is a five-part art and culture series that follows the Risen Christ, through the artist's eye, taking in some of the main encounters of the Easter season. The contributors are the London-based gallery guide Lynne Hanley and Canon Christopher Whitehead. The series can be viewed on [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Divine Mercy Holy Hour in St Peter's Church at 3.00pm today during which there will be a blessing of images of Divine Mercy.

**Booking a place for Sunday Masses:** It is essential that those attending a Sunday mass book a place by contacting the parish office or visiting <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>. If you do not require the place you have booked do please let us know or cancel it through Eventbrite. Over the Easter weekend we had a number of no shows which could have been used by people who wanted to be here.

**Dare to Dream:** This inspiring and challenging resource from Clifton Diocese continues throughout this Easter Season. See [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) for full details.

**Church Opening:** With the continuing easing of lockdown restrictions the decision has been made to have St Peter's Church open for private prayer on the following days this week: Wednesday after mass until 5.00pm, Friday after mass until 1.00pm, Saturday all day. Apart from mass times and other celebrations the church will remain closed on Sundays.

**St Peter's Social Centre:** The Social Centre, Coffee Bar and upstairs meeting rooms will not be reopening. Discussions are taking place with regard to future development of the site to ensure that meeting, social and income generating facilities fit for purpose are created for parish and wider community use. Details and outcomes of these discussions will be made available on an ongoing basis.

**Diocesan Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April is the Feast Day of St Bernadette Soubirous, so as part of our own ongoing virtual pilgrimage Mgr Liam will be celebrating a Mass at 7:00pm in St Peter's which will live streamed through the parish website and the diocesan website.

**The Sanctuary of Lourdes** – We have heard from the Rector of the sanctuary that due to the unfortunate new lockdown in France, they are still not able to accept pilgrimages. So, until visitors from outside the local area are allowed, the chaplains will be offering Masses and Rosaries throughout the day which can be viewed either on their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> or their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/LourdesWebTV> or on your smart TV YouTube app. The rector is inviting all our intentions and petitions which again can be requested through their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/>. This is a difficult time for all of us, but please pray for the local people of Lourdes, along with the Chaplains and those who serve at the shrine. The Rector assures us of his prayers.

#### **Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer we now consider the communion of saints. Whenever we pray, we find ourselves immersed in a great stream of past, present and future intercession for the needs of individuals and of the whole world, for we pray together with all the saints in the communion of the Body of Christ which is the Church. The saints – this great "cloud of witnesses" (*Heb 12:1*) both known and unknown – ceaselessly pray with us and for us in giving glory to God. Our veneration of the saints draws us closer to Jesus, the sole Mediator between man and God. In Christ too, we sense a mysterious solidarity with our loved ones who have died, for whom we continue to pray. We experience this prayerful solidarity also here below, as we pray for one another and for our brothers and sisters who are poor, suffering and most in need. In these challenging times, let us thank the Lord for the great gift of the saints and confidently entrust ourselves to their intercession, for the spread of the Gospel and the salvation of our human family.

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers:** Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Margaret Coleman, Cecilia Edwards, Marie O'Connor, Pat O'Ryan, John Shields, David Burke, Margaret Withers. 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. Please contact the parish office this week with any names you wish to add.