



# St Peter's Catholic Church

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**St Peter's Catholic Primary School:** Tel: 01452 524792. Web: [www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk)  
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## 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b> <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>St Dunstan, Keynsham</i> <i>St Bernadette, Whitchurch</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>6.00pm (Sat) Mass</b>	Fred Gyde RIP
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Eileen Dewsnap Anniv
	4.30pm	Church open for Private Prayer
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Eddie Roche RIP
	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	<b>7.00pm Mass</b>	Eamonn McAvoy RIP
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Bonaventure</i>	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	<b>12.00pm Mass</b>	Ints of Tom Blackburn
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Herta O'Neill RIP
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Lal Slattery Anniv
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Mary Rossiter RIP
	10.45am – 11.30am	Confessions
	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>	Mary Spooner RIP
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Tom & Rose Kennedy RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	4.30pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	John & Lilana Conti RIP

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

**Resumption of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions have resumed each Saturday from 10.45am – 11.30am only. The confessional will not be used. Confessions will be heard in the sacristy and will be in accordance with social distancing and good hygiene requirements. Those coming to confession are asked to keep their confession as short as is possible.

**Resumption of Public Masses:** The celebration of public Masses resumed last weekend. The numbers we had attending in St Peter's reflected the experience across many parishes, namely 10% to 20% of previously normal mass attendance. Over the coming weeks we will review the need to keep the 5.30pm Sunday mass while we are currently in these very different times. With the return of Sunday mass it is important to reaffirm that, at present, **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended**. It is also stressed that any parishioner who feels uncomfortable about returning to mass at this time should not feel any obligation to do so. Strict observance of the 2m social distancing requirement means a much reduced capacity in church for all masses. Every other pew is closed off and not available for use. While people from the same household are able to sit in the same pew without the need to keep 2m from each other, individuals have to ensure they keep the 2m distance from others. Once all available spaces have been occupied (anticipated to be between 40 and 65 depending on the number of family groups) no one else will be permitted to enter the church for mass. Stewards are available at all masses to welcome those attending and to ensure the best use of the spaces available. All masses are celebrated in accordance with the strict and clear guidelines issued by Bishop Declan following those issued by the Bishops of England. There is no congregational singing, no altar servers and masses will be shorter. No one will be permitted in the sacristy except for the priest and deacon for each mass. Those receiving Communion will be guided by stewards to approach the priest/deacon in a single file up the centre aisle keeping to the 2m distance markings on the floor. Communion will be given silently and on the hand only. When approaching the priest, deacon or minister of Holy Communion you should do so with arms at full stretch so that a good distance is observed. The church will be closed after each mass to enable the cleaning of pews in preparation for the following mass. **The toilet in the church remains out of use at this time.**

**Baptism:** We are now able to resume the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism but with restrictions. A maximum of 30 people are permitted to attend. There can be no multiple family baptisms. If you need to book a baptism please contact the parish office during opening times.

**Daily Live Streaming of Mass from Clifton Cathedral:** Continues each day including Sundays at 9.30am and can be accessed through the diocesan website ([cliftondiocese.com](http://cliftondiocese.com)) or through [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv).

**Weekly Church Cleaning:** Will take place at 11.00am on tomorrow Monday. Just turn up if you can help. Access to the church will be through the rear entrance by the red garage door in the car park.

**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.

**St Peter's Social Centre:** While many pubs and clubs are reopening this weekend, St Peter's Social Centre will remain closed for the time being as it is not possible for it to open in accordance with the full requirements of social distancing.

**A Thought for Today:** The parable of the sower is told twice, in an original form and in a later, church interpretation. The explanation tends to dominate our reading; but it might be worthwhile allowing the original parable to "speak." It tells of small, even careless, beginnings—the sower scatters all over the place. As we see in nature, tiny seeds have an astonishing, miraculous effect. Go back over your own experience and recall something which began modestly but which in the end grew surprisingly. The reign of God is like that—the modest beginnings of Jesus' own preaching had tremendous effect. (*From tarsue.ie*)

**Update from Fr Liam:** I had my scan a week last Friday. I should have results in a few weeks time. I was in hospital last Friday and was diagnosed with a blood clot in my left leg. You will have to forgive my current lack of mobility! I am grateful to Fr Barnabas Page, Canon Michael Fitzpatrick and Canon Alan Finley for their help with masses this weekend.

#### **Year of Communion – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A**

One positive aspect of the last few months has been the attention that people have been able to give to their gardens. The planting and sowing of seeds have seen a resurgence as families have had an unusual amount of time to nurture growth and watch their efforts flourish. In today's Gospel we hear about a different kind of seed – the seed of God's Word. Just as some of the seeds we sow do not flourish, so it is with God's Word, unless we allow it to take root in us and bear fruit. If this is to happen, we need to be open to hearing the Word and enable it to enter our heart. During this year of 'The God who Speaks' we are encouraged to delve deeper into the Scriptures. The more we do this, the more we will allow the Word of God to dwell in us and be the seed that bears fruit in abundance. Our desire to respond to the Lord in and through the Scriptures will be seen in our words and actions that encourage others to want to know Jesus and live by his Word.