



St Peter's Catholic Church

London Road, Gloucester GL1 3EX

Tel: 01452 523603

Parish website: www.stpetersgloucester.org.uk

Diocesan website: www.cliftondiocese.com



CLIFTON DIOCESE (a Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England and Wales under number 10462076.
A registered charity number 1170168. Registered Office: St Ambrose North Road Leigh Woods Bristol BS8 3PW)

Parish Priest:	Monsignor Liam Slattery VG	liam.slattery@cliftondiocese.com
Assistant Priest:	Fr Stephen Corrigan	stephen.corrigan@cliftondiocese.com
Permanent Deacons:	Rev Colm Robinson	colm.robinson@cliftondiocese.com
	Rev Tim Meadows	timothy.meadows@cliftondiocese.com
	Rev David Hebbes	david.hebbes@cliftondiocese.com
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Thérèse English	gloucester.stpeter@cliftondiocese.com
Parish Office Hours:	Tues, Wed-9.30am-4.00pm, Thurs-12.00pm-5.00pm, Fri 9.30am – 3.30pm	
Parish Safeguarding Reps:	Jim Harris & John Bond	psr.gloucester.stpeter@cliftondiocese.com

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	Tel: 01452 520594. Web: www.st-petershigh.gloucs.sch.uk

13th August 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday 13th August <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Chippenham St Patrick-Corsham</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass People of the Parish 9.00am Mass Thanksgiving Joseph & Family 10.30am Mass Special Intention <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Anthony John Day <i>RIP</i>
Monday 14th August <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Karen Matthews <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday 15th August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12.00pm Mass Anthony Gray <i>Anniversary</i> <i>6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Mass Street People of Gloucester
Wednesday 16th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 12.00pm Mass Brendan Markey <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 17th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Mass Holy Souls
Friday 18th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Jovita Isnani 1st Anniversary <i>7.00pm Polish Mass</i>
Saturday 19th August <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am Mass Ints of James & Sandra Jones <i>10.45am – 11.30am Confessions</i> <i>5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions</i> 6.00pm Mass Mary Cannon & Grace Murphy <i>RIP</i> <i>7.30pm Polish Mass</i>
Sunday 20th August <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am Mass Jim & Maureen Faulkner <i>RIP</i> 10.30am Mass James & Michael Tyreman <i>RIP</i> <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Fred Mulholland <i>RIP</i>

This Week: Ordinary Time Week 19, weekday readings Year 1. Daily Prayer of the Church: Week 3. Please note mass on Thursday is at 6.00pm

Last Weekend: Attendance – 923 Offertory - £1882.09 (including £339.22 online/contactless) Donations - £98.81 (including £97.00 online/contactless, cash donation)

Church Cleaning: After mass on Monday morning, thanks to all who help each week.

Mary's Meals: This weekend we welcome Ann White, a volunteer speaker for Mary's Meals, who will talk briefly at our weekend masses to raise awareness of this remarkable charity currently feeding nearly 2.5 million hungry children, in school, in 18 countries around the world. Mary's Meals believes that FOOD + EDUCATION = HOPE of a future free from poverty and hunger, a hope that surely every child in our world deserves.

Publications: The weekly edition of The Universe (£3.50) is available at the back of the church

Thank You: To Breda and her team for a donation to the parish of £1000.00 from the repository.

Listening With the Heart: As part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church the Clifton Diocesan Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation is offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other Parish groups. This short session will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. Our nearest session is on Saturday September 30th in St Patrick, Brockworth from 10.00am – 12noon. Please use this link to register should you wish to attend <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652917512857>. Visit www.cliftondiocese.com for other venues and booking.

Lourdes: Fr Liam is going on the Clifton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes beginning on Friday August 18th and he is happy to take with him any written petitions you wish to have placed in the grotto at Lourdes. Please place your petition in a sealed envelope marked 'Lourdes Petition' and pass it on to him or drop it into the parish office. Visit the Clifton Diocesan website, www.cliftondiocese.com, for details of this year's theme and to follow the pilgrimage.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady: Tuesday August 15th is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass in St Peter's Church at 12noon and 7.00pm. Mass in Our Lady's Churchdown is at 9.15am. Mass in St Augustine's Matson is at 10.00am. There is also a Vigil Mass in English Martyrs, Tuffley on Monday at 7.00pm.

World Day of Peace: The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development released a statement on Tuesday, August 8, presenting the next Message of the World Day of Peace's theme, which will touch on "Artificial Intelligence and Peace." See www.cccbcew.org.uk for more details.

Fix the Food System: CAFOD's food campaign is urging the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to use their seeds. Seeds are life. They are the very foundation for farmers to produce the food that feeds us all. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds. These laws, which are being brought in with the support of global financial institutions such as the World Bank, overwhelmingly favour large agri-businesses. Instead of being able to choose their own seeds, small farmers must purchase commercial seeds – something that is good for big business profits but not so good for the farmers who grow the majority of the world's food. It's clear that our current global food system is in crisis, and at the heart of this crisis is a struggle over control of the world's seeds. Protecting the freedom of farmers to choose seeds is a right we must all stand up for if we are to tackle global hunger while responding to the cry of the earth and the poor. Is there an alternative? Yes! Seed sovereignty is the right for farmers to save, use, exchange and sell their own seeds. It is about farmers having the power to choose the seeds they plant, rather than that power belonging to corporations or international institutions. Small farmers like Salina in Bangladesh, are using seeds banks to let them choose what crops are most appropriate for them. Her methods have allowed her to grow healthier, more sustainable food that provides for her family and goes for a higher price at her local market. This organic system can flourish on a far grander scale, but it needs the UK government to use its voice at the World Bank to create a more sustainable and supportive environment for farmers that trusts their knowledge and empowers them. If you are willing to offer your support to people like Salina, then please sign your name to Salina's letter to the World Bank President, which you will find both at the back of the church and in the corridor front right of the church. The letter will be sent to Cafod at the end of the month. Thank you. More details on Cafod's Fix the Food System campaign can be found on www.cafod.org.uk.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Pat O'Ryan, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Sandra Flanagan, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, Kitty McMahon, Beth Leeder, Tess Lane, David Murphy, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson. 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. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.