



St Peter's Catholic Church

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13th September 2020 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

Sunday 13th August 2020 <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Peter, Swindon</i> <i>Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	6.00pm (Sat) Mass	John Tiffney RIP
	9.00am Mass	Thanksgiving
	10.30am Mass	Thanksgiving
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 14th September <i>Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	Jean Haynes RIP
Tuesday 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm Mass	Ints of Aibel Jojin
Wednesday 16th September <i>Saints Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm Mass	Bridie Brady RIP
Thursday 17th September <i>St Edith of Wilton</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	Ethel & James Hickey RIP
Friday 18th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	Lal Slattery RIP
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Saturday 19th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Rosary
	10.00am Mass	Ints of Kathrinamma
	10.45am – 11.15am	Confessions
	5.00pm – 5.30pm	Confessions
	6.00pm Mass	Paul Montanaro RIP
Sunday 20th September <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	9.00am Mass	Ints of Magdalena & family
	10.30am Mass	Ints of Bishop Elect Martin Hayes
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Weekly Church Cleaning: Will take place after mass on Monday morning. Just turn up if you can help. A big thank you to all who turn up each week to help clean the church.

This week: Week 24 in Ordinary Time, Week 4 for the Divine Office.

Last Weekend: Offertory - £1291.90. Mass Count – 337.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of the church Olivia Toth baptised this weekend

Retiring Collection: At all masses this weekend for the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land.

COVID-19: We politely remind parishioners of the following:

- Under no circumstance should anyone attend mass in St Peter's, or any other church, if they have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or are feeling unwell.
- Unless exempt from doing so, everyone attending mass must wear a face covering at all times, and use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Individuals and groups of up to three from the same household are asked to use the smaller side pews so that the longer pews in the centre of the church can be kept for groups of up to five from the same household or three individuals. If and when the safe capacity of the church is reached at any given mass no one else will be permitted to enter the church for that mass.
- If you pick up a newsletter please take it away with you and do not return it to the table.
- There is currently no obligation to attend mass on a Sunday.

St Peter's Social Centre: A statement will be made about the future of the centre during the coming weeks.

Marriage Encounter: Are excited to announce a new online experience for marriage enrichment. The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is on the 26th and 27th September 2020. Why not find out more at wme.org.uk or phone 0845 260 2016

Starting School? If you have a child born between **1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Gloucestershire County Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2021**.

Could you be a School Governor? The 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. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Fr Donal Daly, 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, 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, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell, John Shields, David Burke, Shirley Badham.

Year of Communion- Sunday 13th September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Bud Welch, an American whose daughter was killed in the Oklahoma bombing describes how he was eaten up with hate and a desire for revenge. When he realised that this hate inside was killing him, he started to think about his daughter and what she would have wanted. Being able to move forward when we have suffered comes when we are released from our pain. We need healing, we need to be able to forgive and we need to be forgiven. It is difficult because it can feel like a betrayal of the past. How can we let go and forgive? Forgiving another does not come easily to us. Harder still is the struggle we have seeking forgiveness for wrongs that we have committed. Yet the capacity to forgive and be forgiven is necessary if cycles of violence are to be broken. We do not have to do this alone. The love which God has for us also brings forgiveness and the chance to renew our relationships and begin again. It is a chance for us to have a different future one that is not dictated to by what has happened in the past. For Bud Welch it was his faith and his desire for healing that led him to forgive the killer. His act of forgiving, he says, 'freed him' more than it freed the killer. He found peace and freedom and the chance to once again think of his daughter with joy.

Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, September 9th

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our reflections on the current pandemic in the light of the Church's social doctrine, we have seen that the common good must be the goal of our individual and collective efforts to heal our wounded world. Our Christian commitment in this regard is inspired by God's unconditional love, which calls us to set no limits on our love for others and our concern for their welfare. As members of the one human family, our wellbeing is a public not simply a private good. By placing every human person and the common good at the centre of our cultural, economic and political activity, we will create a genuinely healthy, just and peaceful world, and so contribute to the building of a true "civilization of love". The coronavirus heeds no cultural or political barrier or distinction – nor must we impose any barrier or distinction on our love as we work for the common good in responding to the grave problems brought to the fore by the pandemic, in fidelity to our Christian vocation. *The full text can be found on the Vatican website www.vatican.va*