



## St Peter's Catholic Church

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**The Parish Office is closed until further notice.**

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### Schools

**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)

**St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre**

Tel: 01452 520594. Web: [www.st-petershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.st-petershigh.gloucs.sch.uk)

## 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (Year A)

**In accordance with Government guidance, the celebration of public Mass and other acts of worship are suspended until further notice.**

**St Peter's Church will be open for individual prayer on the following days and times:**

Sunday November 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm – 3.00pm <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 2.00pm – 3.00pm</i>
Monday November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Church closed
Tuesday November 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday November 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 12.00pm <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday November 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am – 11.30am
Friday November 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday November 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am – 1.00pm
Sunday November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.00pm – 3.00pm <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>

### 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), which has many other options available to view mass online. Progress is being made in enabling masses to be streamed from our church. Watch out for updates.

### Church Bell

There has been a fault in the control panel that regulates the ringing of the church bell that is beyond repair. A new control panel will be fitted this week, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of St Peters, enabling the bell to ring out once more.

### Mass Intentions this Week

During this week Fr Liam will say a daily private mass in St Peter's Church for the following intentions:

Sunday: People of the Parish

Monday: Vera Watson *RIP*

Tuesday: A D Checko *Anniv*

Wednesday: Julie Thomas *Anniv*

Thursday: Maureen Isaacs *RIP*

Friday: Paddy Conway *RIP*

Saturday: Julian & Patricia Szarek *Anniv*

### This Week

Week 33 in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 1 for the Prayer of the Church. Monday is the Memorial of St Edmund of Abingdon, Tuesday is the Memorial of St Hugh of Lincoln, Saturday is the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** All who work in Alexander House, St Ambrose and Diocesan Departments.

### We remember those who have asked for our prayers

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.

### Youth Ministry Conversation - A focus on Youth Ministry in a time of pandemic.

This is a series of conversations for anyone interested in any aspect of supporting the young people of our Diocese. The Adult Education department will be running this series of evening talks on *Microsoft Teams* with a number of national speakers taking the lead, beginning on November 17<sup>th</sup>. See diocesan website for more details.

### Year of Communion- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

A story is told that on one warm summer's morning a hiker was walking along a road when he came upon a sparrow lying on its back in the middle of the road. Slightly concerned he bent down to the little creature and asked: "Why are you lying down like that?" "I heard that the sky is going to fall today," the little bird replied. The hiker began to laugh. "I suppose you think your spindly little legs are going to hold up the big sky?" The determined little sparrow replied simply, "One does what one can." 'One does what one can' is the message that Jesus wants us to learn from today's parable. All of us have talents and it is for us to decide how we will use them. Talents are often associated with successful people. When we hear someone referred to as being 'so talented' it is unlikely that we are referring to someone who spends every night, awake, caring for a sick child or parent. It is unlikely that we are referring to the young person who works in a soup kitchen or talks to the homeless. Yet what these people do stems from a desire to use what God has given them; the capacity for compassion, for gentleness, for concern, for generosity of heart, for their commitment to over-coming injustice and oppression in the lives of others, for not giving into the pain of personal disability. It takes skill to bring healing and hope to others and this can be just as rewarding as the adulation that comes from being a successful superstar performing to the best of their ability.

### Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our catechesis on prayer, we have seen that Jesus prayed to his Father with perseverance. Three parables in Luke's Gospel emphasize how we too need to be constant in our prayer. The first parable, in which a man asks for help from a friend in the middle of the night and does not give up until his friend responds, teaches us the need to pray with insistence. In the second parable we see in the widow who persists in asking the unrighteous judge for justice, the importance of patience. The third parable, that of the publican and the Pharisee at prayer in the Temple, reveals that God responds to those who pray with humility. We see these three attitudes – insistence, patience and humility – reflected in the saints who persevered in prayer through moments of darkness when God seemed to be silent or absent. May we continue to persevere in prayer conscious that we never pray alone, but with Christ himself, in the power of the Holy Spirit. As Saint Augustine succinctly puts it: Jesus "prays for us as our priest, he prays in us as our Head, and as our God he is the one to whom we pray". *Full text can be found on the Vatican website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)*