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17th January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 17th January <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Thomas More</i> <i>Bradford-on-Avon</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass	People of the Parish
	9.00am Mass	Tommy Murphy <i>RIP</i>
	10.30am Mass	John Conlon <i>RIP</i>
	12.30pm Polish Language Mass	
Monday 18th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	5.30pm Mass	Ken Bullingham <i>RIP</i>
	9.10am Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 19th January <i>St Wulstan</i>	9.30am Mass	Coral Ward <i>RIP</i>
	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 20th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm Mass	Thanksgiving – Gayya Family
	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday 21st January <i>St Agnes</i>	12.00pm Mass	Deceased members of Doyle Family
	9.10am Morning Prayer	
Friday 22nd January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass	Antonio & M M Pugar <i>RIP</i>
	9.10am Morning Prayer	
Saturday 23rd January <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.30am Mass	William George Davis <i>Anniv</i>
	10.00am Mass	Polish Language Mass
	10.45am – 11.15am Confessions	
	5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions	
Sunday 24th January <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Mass	Mac Bourke & Caroline Breen <i>Anniv</i>
	7.30pm Polish Language Mass	
	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	10.30am Mass	Kym Wray <i>RIP</i>
	12.30pm Polish Language Mass	
	5.30pm Mass	Frederick Leeder <i>RIP</i>

This Week: Ordinary Time week 2 and Year 1 for readings at weekday mass. Divine Office - Psalter Week 2.

Last Weekend: Offertory: - £362.47. Mass Attendance – 196

Church Cleaning: After morning mass on Monday.

COVID-19: Churches are still permitted to be open for the public celebration of Mass. However, just because we can still come to mass doesn't necessarily mean we should continue to do so in the way and frequency we normally do. All masses are live streamed and can be accessed on www.churchservices.tv/gloucester.

PEACE SUNDAY: Today, January 17th is Peace Sunday. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is '*A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*'. "How many resources," he says, "are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care." Pope Francis calls on us to "strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another." In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives. There are activities for families to do at home, including a 15-minute peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>. Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>. Cheques payable to Pax Christi can be sent to Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, Hendon, London NW4 4TY.

Live Streaming: In addition to our daily masses and other acts of worship, the following will be available through our live stream only this week: Wednesday 6.30pm - A Time of Prayer for Peace. Thursday 6.30pm - A rosary for all NHS, front-line and key workers.

To booking a place for Sunday Masses: visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>. A place may also be booked by contacting the parish office. There is no need to book a place for weekday masses unless directed to do so. Please cancel booking if you are not going to attend. This can be done through Eventbrite or by emailing/calling the parish office.

Repository: The religious goods shop at the back of the church is currently closed. It will reopen once lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed on an annual basis between 18th and 25th January. This year, online resources have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The chosen theme is, "*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*", which is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are featuring these resources on their website ctbi.org.uk.

Signed Mass For The Deaf: Live-streamed on the first Sunday of the month, 10.00am from St Nicholas of Tolentino, Easton, Bristol (live-streamed from parish website: www.tolentino.org then click on 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass' page).

Could you be a School Governor? Clifton 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.

Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/> for more information and to complete an online nomination form or contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, January 13th

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the prayer of praise. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus himself, in facing hostility and rejection, responds by praising God. He thanks the Father for *who he is* and for his love in revealing himself "to mere children" (*Mt 11:25*), to the poor and humble of our world. Jesus' example of praise calls us to respond as he did at times when we feel God is absent or evil seems victorious. In this way, we come to view things in a new and greater perspective, for – as the Catechism teaches – through praise we share "in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God in faith before seeing him in glory" (*No. 2639*). We see this clearly in the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who composed his famous Canticle of the Creatures when he was troubled by sickness and impending blindness. In praising God for everything, even "Sister Death", Francis, together with all the saints, teaches us the importance, in all the circumstances of our lives, of praising God who is always faithful and whose love is eternal.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Deacon David Hebbes, 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, Sharon Scott, Natalia Price.