



# St Peter's Catholic Church

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## Schools

**St Peter's Catholic Primary School:**

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## 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>St Edmund, Calne</i> <i>St Anthony of Padua, Melksham</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Edna Chaytor <i>RIP</i>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Devassy Thoma <i>Anniversary</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Ints of Iris Chick
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>St Alphege</i>	<i>9.10am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Margaret Mary 'Peggy' Harvey <i>RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Thanksgiving- Miron
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Paul Montanaro <i>RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<i>9.10am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Leonidas <i>RIP</i>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <i>St George</i>	<i>9.10am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> CMBF
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>Rosary</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Michael & Peggy Duggan <i>RIP</i>
	<i>10.45am – 11.15am</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
	<i>5.00pm – 5.30pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Ints of Mary Hicks
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>	<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Paul Nash <i>RIP</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
	<i>12.30pm</i>	<i>Polish Language Mass</i>
	<i>3.30pm</i>	<i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Kenneth Lyons <i>RIP</i>

**This Week:** Third week of Easter. Daily Prayer of the Church: Psalter week 3 and Eastertide week 3. Friday is the Solemnity of St George, Patron of England. We wish all a Happy St George's Day!

**Last Weekend:** Offertory- £1723.34 Mass Attendance – 347.

**Church Cleaning:** Following morning mass on Monday. Thank you to all those who help each week in cleaning the church.

**Parish Finances:** Thank you all for your continued financial support of the parish throughout this time of pandemic, especially when so many are facing personal financial struggles. The parish bank account at the beginning of April 2021 is only down £3k on the balance at the beginning of April 2020. A statement of parish finances will be issued in the coming weeks. Your current giving is so appreciated. Thank You!

**Beyond the Cross:** Is a five-part art and culture series that follows the Risen Christ, through the artist's eye, taking in some of the main encounters of the Easter season. The contributors are the London-based gallery guide Lynne Hanley and Canon Christopher Whitehead. The series can be viewed on [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**Prayer for Vocations:** Next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is a Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life. There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations in St Peter's at 3.30pm. This is open to the public and available on live stream.

**Booking a place for Sunday Masses:** It is essential that those attending a Sunday mass book a place by contacting the parish office or visiting <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>. If you do not require the place you have booked do please let us know or cancel it through Eventbrite. Bookings are now been taken for all Sunday masses up to June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Readers' Rotas:** A new rota for readers at weekend masses will begin in May. If you would like to offer yourself as a reader, and haven't already done so, please let us know of your desire to do so by contacting the parish office or Fr Liam or one of the deacons.

**Dare to Dream:** This inspiring and challenging resource from Clifton Diocese continues throughout this Easter Season. See [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) for full details.

**Church Opening:** The church will be open for private prayer on the following days this week: Tuesday 8.30am to 12.00noon, Thursday & Friday after morning mass until 1.00pm.

**Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage:** Due to the ongoing pandemic the decision has been made to cancel the pilgrimage this year.

**Schools:** We wish all associated with our schools a safe return and a fruitful term following the Easter holidays.

**St Peter's Social Centre:** The Social Centre, Coffee Bar and upstairs meeting rooms will not be reopening. Discussions are taking place with regard to future development of the site to ensure that meeting, social and income generating facilities fit for purpose are created for parish and wider community use. Details and outcomes of these discussions will be made available on an ongoing basis.

**RIP:** We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of John Redvers whose private funeral takes place tomorrow. We extend our sympathy to his family.

#### **Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer we now consider the Church herself as a great school of prayer. Our parents, who first taught us to pray, planted within us a seed that matures through our experience of the Christian life. Through the example of other men and women of faith, through our sharing in the life of our parishes and above all through the sacred liturgy, we not only develop our prayer life as individuals, but gradually come to appreciate the richness of the Church's patrimony of prayer and spirituality. Particularly at difficult moments in life, we come to realize the importance of prayer in strengthening our faith and hope. History shows the importance of communities of prayer – monasteries and religious congregations – for the spiritual renewal of the Church and of society as a whole. Prayer remains the wellspring of the Church's life and the true source of her strength in bearing witness to the risen Lord. For this reason, Jesus insists on the need of his disciples to pray tirelessly and without ceasing. To pray and to teach others to pray, then, is essential for the Church's mission of proclaiming the Gospel, serving Christ in our brothers and sisters, and drawing all people into the unity of his kingdom.

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers:** Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Margaret Coleman, Cecilia Edwards, Marie O'Connor, Pat O'Ryan, John Shields, David Burke, Margaret Withers, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price and Sharon Scott. 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. Please contact the parish office with any names you wish to add.