



St Peter's Catholic Church

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19th July 2020 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

Sunday 19th July 2020 <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Thomas More, Marlborough</i> <i>St Joseph, Wroughton</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	6.00pm (Sat) Mass	Mary Spooner RIP
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	10.30am Mass	Tom & Rose Kennedy RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	4.45pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	5.30pm Mass	John & Lilana Conti RIP
Monday 20th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 21st July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm Mass	Intentions of Magdalena & Family
Wednesday 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm Mass	Vincenzina 'Zena' Caldarone Anniv
Thursday 23rd July <i>St Bridget</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	Thanksgiving – Janice Jojin
Friday 24th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	Kathleen Hall RIP
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Saturday 25th July <i>St James, the Apostle</i>	9.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
	10.00am Mass	Mr Kochuvarkey RIP
	10.45am – 11.30am	Confessions
	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	6.00pm Mass	Imelda Owen RIP
Sunday 26th July <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	9.00am Mass	Joy Jones RIP
	10.30am Mass	Ken & Jessie Hall RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	4.45pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Parish Office: The parish office will be open this week for three hours from 10.30am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please use the telephone or email for all enquiries and only visit the office if necessary.

Weekly Church Cleaning: Will take place at 11.00am on tomorrow Monday. Just turn up if you can help. Access to the church will be through the rear entrance by the red garage door in the car park.

Resumption of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions have resumed each Saturday from 10.45am – 11.30am only. The confessional will not be used. Confessions will be heard in the sacristy and will be in accordance with social distancing and good hygiene requirements. Those coming to confession are asked to keep their confession as short as is possible.

Resumption of Public Masses: The numbers attending mass in St Peter's last weekend were up on the previous weekend but we still had safe capacity at all masses and could have safely accommodated more. We are continuing to monitor numbers and should we reach the limit of our safe capacity we will look to a booking system moving forward. Strict observance of the 2m social distancing requirement means every other pew is closed off and not available for use. While people from the same household are able to sit in the same pew without the need to keep 2m from each other, individuals have to ensure they keep the 2m distance from others. We encourage individuals and groups of up to three from the same household to use the available pews in the side aisles or the shorter pews in the centre aisle so that the longer pews can be kept for groups of up to five from the same household. This will help to maximize our safe capacity. With the return of Sunday mass it is important to reaffirm that, at present, **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended**. It is also stressed that any parishioner who feels uncomfortable about returning to mass at this time should not feel any obligation to do so. The church will be closed after each mass to enable the cleaning of pews in preparation for the following mass. **The toilet in the church remains out of use at this time.**

Baptism: We are now able to resume the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism but with restrictions. A maximum of 30 people are permitted to attend. There can be no multiple family baptisms. If you need to book a baptism please contact the parish office during opening times.

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) or through churchservices.tv.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: 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, Linda Northway, Rebecca Northway, 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, Milvia Sepede, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Fr Liam Slattery, Christopher Browne.

A Message from CAFOD: *How is coronavirus affecting vulnerable communities? Families who have been forced to flee their homes and have lost everything in places like Syria, South Sudan and DR Congo are particularly vulnerable to the virus. For countries that have had years of conflict, people will struggle to access healthcare. Lockdown in these countries means that many people will suffer a huge loss in income, pushing people further into poverty and putting millions at risk of hunger and malnutrition. For refugees, such as the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, overcrowding and a lack of hygiene facilities in refugee camps means that the spread of the virus will be devastating.*

*What is CAFOD doing to help people survive the coronavirus crisis? We have joined forces with the **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)** to scale up our response, ensuring that no one is beyond reach of the aid they need to survive. Our valuable experts on the ground understand the challenges and needs in their respective communities. They are able to respond quickly and are already involved in activities that include: Delivering food to where it is needed most; improving hygiene, handwashing and sanitation at the community and household level; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; Training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. To support the DEC appeal through CAFOD visit www.cafod.org.uk.*



Year of Communion – Sunday 19th July – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells a parable of weeds growing amongst the wheat. The farmer decides not to uproot them but to allow the weeds to continue growing until it is harvest time, when the wheat and the weeds can be separated out. There are very few of us who, when we get things wrong or upset another, do not want to put things right. Sometimes, even if we are forgiven for our mistakes, we find it hard to forgive ourselves. We want to rid ourselves of our faults. At the same time, we can fall into the trap of judging others, of losing patience with those who don't quite meet our expectations. Thankfully God is more accepting and far more compassionate. Despite our imperfections, God is patient with us and as with the weeds, has no desire to get rid of us. What God wants is that we treat others in the same way, accepting one another's frailties, being patient and kind so that we all have the chance to heal and grow.