



## St Peter's Catholic Church

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### Schools

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

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## 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

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| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b><br><i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br><b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b><br><i>St George/St Teresa, Taunton</i><br><i>St John Fisher, Wellington, with Wiveliscombe</i> | 5.00pm                   | Church open for Private Prayer      |
|   | <b>6.00pm (Sat) Mass</b> | Paul Montanaro RIP                  |
|   | <b>9.00am Mass</b>       | Ints of Magdalena & family          |
|   | <b>10.30am Mass</b>      | Ints of Bishop Elect Martin Hayes   |
|   | 12.30pm                  | Polish Language Mass                |
|   | <b>5.30pm Mass</b>       | People of the Parish                |
| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b><br><i>St Matthew</i>  | 9.10am                   | Morning Prayer                      |
|   | <b>9.30am Mass</b>       | Ints of John O'Donnell              |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b><br><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>   | 6.00pm                   | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
|   | <b>7.00pm Mass</b>       | Edward Anthony Crowley Anniv        |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b><br><i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>   | 9.10am                   | Morning Prayer                      |
|   | <b>9.30am Mass</b>       | Susan Paily RIP                     |
| <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>  | 9.10am                   | Morning Prayer                      |
|   | <b>9.30am Mass</b>       | Charlie McMahon RIP                 |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>  | 9.10am                   | Morning Prayer                      |
|   | <b>9.30am Mass</b>       | John Clancy RIP                     |
|   | 7.30pm                   | Polish Language Mass                |
| <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>  | 9.30am                   | Rosary                              |
|   | <b>10.00am Mass</b>      | Mary Fitzgerald Anniversary         |
|   | 10.45am – 11.15am        | Confessions                         |
|   | 5.00pm – 5.30pm          | Confessions                         |
|   | <b>6.00pm Mass</b>       | Sarah Patricia Hook Anniversary     |
|   | 7.30pm                   | Polish Language Mass                |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>   | <b>9.00am Mass</b>       | Ints of Magdalena & family          |
|   | <b>10.30am Mass</b>      | Ints of Lissy George                |
|   | 12.30pm                  | Polish Language Mass                |
|   | <b>5.30pm Mass</b>       | Anne & Brendan McGowan RIP          |

**Weekly Church Cleaning:** Will take place after mass on Monday morning. Just turn up if you can help. We intend to deep clean the pews on Monday so any extra help will be most welcome. A big thank you to all who turn up each week to help clean the church.

**This week:** Week 25 in Ordinary Time, Week 1 for the Divine Office. Mass on Wednesday is at 9.30am. Morning Prayer of the Church will resume this week using single use sheets.

**Last Weekend:** Offertory - £811.70.

Mass Count – 345.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the family of the church Dominic Lines baptised this weekend

**Parish Office:** It is preferable in these times that all enquires to the parish office are made by email or phone.

**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](http://wme.org.uk) or phone 0845 260 2016

**Readers:** From next weekend, readers who would like to resume reading at weekend and weekday masses are invited to do so. Please email Fr Liam/contact to let him know your availability.

**Update on Fr Donal:** Fr Donal has been discharged from hospital and continues to recuperate at home. While recognising that many would like to visit him he has asked that no one visits him at the moment. He continues to be so thankful for all the prayers and good wishes.

**Congratulations:** To Richard West and Samantha Hartnett who were married here yesterday.

**RIP:** Your prayers are asked for those who died recently:

**Bernard Caldwell, Rudolf Porteleky, Raymond Fieldhouse.** Private funerals will take place over the coming weeks.

**SVP Rising to the Challenge of COVID-19:** The parish SVP group has been keeping in touch with lonely and isolated parishioners during the pandemic and helping families who have been struggling to afford food and bills. They now need your help if you are able to support them in one of the following ways:

- Volunteer with the SVP and give a little bit of time to keep in touch with those who are lonely.
- Donate, either by cheque made out to 'SVP St Peter's Gloucester' or online [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk). Visit the same website to see more about SVP Awareness Month.

**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**.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> September - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

If we need reminding of how much God loves us, then today's parable does just that. God is all loving and all giving – no measurements involved. Given the nature of our humanity, there is a tendency for us to be judgemental about the generosity of others if it doesn't impact favourably on us. Perhaps we think justice is about making sure that we receive that which we perceive to be our right reward, our just desert. Fr. Jack Mahoney SJ writes of a different kind of justice, the justice of need, as promoted by Pope Leo XIII when he wrote in his encyclical *Rerum novarum*: 'if one man hires out to another his strength or skill, he does so for the purpose of receiving in return what is necessary for the satisfaction of his needs.' (n. 5). God sees the unique needs of every individual and responds accordingly to that need. This is the challenge given to us today. Who are the people in most need in our community, in our locality, in our world? Can we respond to their needs with great generosity, not measuring out what we think someone is worth but giving without counting the cost?

#### **Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing reflections on the current pandemic in the light of the Church's social doctrine, we have seen the vital role played by the many people who generously care for others, especially the sick, elderly and most vulnerable. We have also recognized our responsibility to care for the natural world, whose beauty is all too often ignored and its resources squandered. In order to regain a proper sense of our place within God's creation, and of our call to respect and care for the earth and one another, we need to learn anew the art of contemplation. For when we enter into silence and contemplate our interconnected world, we come to appreciate the true meaning and value of all creatures, for each in its own way reflects something of God's infinite wisdom, goodness and beauty. Contemplation teaches us how integral we all are to the whole of creation, our calling to be faithful stewards of its riches, and our need to preserve it for future generations. *The full text can be found on the Vatican website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)*