



## St Peter's Catholic Church

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## 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

### Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b><br><i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i><br><b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b><br><i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton</i><br><i>St Vincent de Paul, Southmead</i> | <b>6.00pm (Sat) Mass</b>                          | Edna Chaytor <i>RIP</i>        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>9.00am Mass</b>                                | Maria Gayeta <i>RIP</i>        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>10.30am Mass</b>                               | Martin Egan <i>RIP</i>         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>12.30pm Polish Language Mass</b>               |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5.30pm Mass</b>                                | People of the Parish           |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b><br><i>Weekday of Lent</i>                                                                                                                            | <b>9.10am Morning Prayer</b>                      |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>9.30am Mass</b>                                | Joe McGauley <i>RIP</i>        |
| <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b><br><i>Weekday of Lent</i>                                                                                                                           | <b>5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>7.00pm Mass</b>                                | Owen Cullen <i>RIP</i>         |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Weekday of Lent</i>                                                                                                                         | <b>11.30am Stations of the Cross</b>              |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>12.00pm Mass</b>                               | Francesco Baldari <i>Anniv</i> |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>                                                                                                                 | <b>9.10am Morning Prayer</b>                      |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>9.30am Mass</b>                                | Gabriel Moor <i>RIP</i>        |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Weekday of Lent</i>                                                                                                                            | <b>9.10am Morning Prayer</b>                      |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>9.30am Mass</b>                                | John Lynch <i>RIP</i>          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>10.00am Stations of the Cross</b>              |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>7.30pm Polish Language Mass</b>                |                                |
| <b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Weekday of Lent</i>                                                                                                                          | <b>9.30am Rosary</b>                              |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>10.00am Mass</b>                               | Con McSweeney <i>RIP</i>       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>10.45am – 11.45am Confessions</b>              |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions</b>                |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>6.00pm Mass</b>                                | Annaleen Quigley <i>RIP</i>    |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i>                                                                                                                                | <b>7.30pm Polish Language Mass</b>                |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>9.00am Mass</b>                                | Mary Wood <i>RIP</i>           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>10.30am Mass</b>                               | People of the Parish           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>12.30pm Polish Language Mass</b>               |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5.30pm Mass</b>                                | Int of Bishop Declan Lang      |

**This Week:** Lent Week 5. Divine Office - Psalter Week 1, Proper for Lent. The following will be available on live stream only this week. Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> Stations of the Cross at 4.00pm. Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> Night Prayer with Reflection for the eve of the Annunciation at 8.00pm. Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>: Stations of the Cross at 4.00pm

**Last Weekend:** Offertory: - £824.55

Mass Attendance – 292

**Covering of Crosses and Statues:** We are observing the custom of veiling the crosses and statues in church. It is a practice observed from a time when the Passion was read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent marking the beginning of Passiontide (last two weeks of Lent).

**Readers Rota:** If you would like to be part of a new readers rota for weekend masses please contact the parish office or Fr Liam giving details of the weekend mass you would like to read at.

**Church Cleaning:** After morning mass on Monday.

**Thank You from Gloucester Foodbank:** *"Thank you so much St Peter's parishioners for your recent financial donation of £1320.78, we are extremely grateful. Your donation means that we can ensure those who need us will be supported at this difficult time. In the financial year 2020-2021 we were able to provide 7,625 food parcels and a total of 121879.92KG of food and toiletries was distributed. Thank you for helping to make a difference to people's lives. Please continue to pray for us as the Government restrictions lift and we look ahead to our move to new premises."* The money raised has come through the collection box at the back of the church and donations.

**Confessions:** There will not be a Lenten Penitential Service this year. Those who wish to make their Confession for Easter are asked to avail of the following times: Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm – 6.30pm; Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> 10.45am – 11.45am, 5.00pm – 5.30pm; Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm – 6.00pm; Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> 11.00am – 12noon. Please note there are no confessions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

**RIP:** We pray for those who have died recently: Richard Zienko, Myrtle O'Neill. We also remember Barbara Lyons whose funeral takes place in St Peter's this coming week. May they rest in peace.

**Gift Aid:** From 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 the personal tax allowance will be £12570. If you currently gift aid your donations but will no longer be a tax payer, please contact the parish office. New weekly envelopes will be available to collect from church next weekend.

**National Day of Reflection:** Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon writing on behalf of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales said: *"We welcome the designation of Tuesday the 23rd March as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8.00pm. We ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer. In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make the 23rd March truly a day of prayer."* There will be an additional time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday beginning at 5.00pm.

**Booking a place for Sunday Masses:** With the numbers of parishioners returning to mass increasing, it is essential that those intending to attend a Sunday mass book a place by contacting the parish office or visiting <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>.

### Holy Week 2021

At the time of going to press, apart from a number of spaces available for the 5.30pm Good Friday Liturgy, the remaining of the Holy Week Liturgies are now fully booked. Please do not turn up if you have not booked a place. Spaces are still available for Palm and Easter Sunday Masses. Please see attached for full details of Holy Week in St Peter's. All are available through live stream.

### Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our catechesis on Christian prayer, we have seen that through prayer we share in the life of the blessed Trinity, thanks to Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit in fact teaches us to pray, making Christ present and active in our lives and in our world. In the Spirit we are enabled to call God our Father, to live our vocation to holiness, and to carry out our baptismal mission as witnesses of Christ's redemptive and merciful love. Through prayer and works of charity we open our lives to the Spirit's gifts, following in the footsteps of countless saints who have gone before us. The Catechism tells us that there are as many paths of prayer as there are persons who pray, but it is the same Spirit acting in all and with all. In the communion of the Holy Spirit Christian prayer is prayer in the Church (cf. No. 2672). In our prayer, let us ask the Spirit to guide us in our daily lives, to draw us ever more fully into the life of the Blessed Trinity, and bestow upon the Church the richness of his gifts for the growth of our human family in unity and peace.

**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, 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, Philomena Gammon. Please advice of any changes to this list of names.

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## HOLY WEEK 2021



*The Celebration of Holy Week will be different than normal this year and will take into account the guidance issued by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. All those attending the public celebrations will be required to wear a face covering unless exempt from doing so. Parishioners are asked to leave the church immediately after each celebration and not to gather in groups outside the church.*

*All celebrations will be available to watch through the live stream.*

**[www.churchservices.tv/gloucester](http://www.churchservices.tv/gloucester)**

### **Palm Sunday (March 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Mass with Blessing of Palms

6.00pm (Sat), 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

*There will be no Procession. The shorter form of the Passion from the Gospel of St Mark will be read.*

*Blessed Palm Branches will be distributed to the faithful as they leave the church after Mass.*

*Polish Language Mass: 7.30pm (Sat), 12.30pm.*

*Stations of the Cross at 4.00pm (live stream only)*

### **Monday of Holy Week (March 29<sup>th</sup>)**

9.10am: Morning Prayer

9.30am: Mass.

## **Tuesday of Holy Week (March 30<sup>th</sup>)**

5.00pm – 6.00pm: Confessions  
6.00pm: Exposition on the Blessed Sacrament  
7.00pm: Mass

## **Wednesday of Holy Week (March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

11.00am: Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral (*live stream on cliftondiocese.com*)  
6.00pm: Mass with Reception of the Holy Oils  
8.00pm: Night Prayer and Reflection (*live stream only*)

## **HOLY THURSDAY (April 1<sup>st</sup>)**

9.00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer  
11.00am – 12noon: Confessions

### **7.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (*Fully Booked*)**

*The Washing of Feet is omitted. There is no Procession to the Altar of Repose and no Watching. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle and the altar is not stripped.*

9.00pm: Night Prayer (*live stream only*)

## **GOOD FRIDAY (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

9.00am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  
10.30am: Children's Way of the Cross (*live stream only*)  
12noon: Stations of the Cross

### **3.00pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (*Fully Booked*)**

### **5.30pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (*Limited Availability*)**

*An additional prayer will be added to the Universal Prayer for the afflicted in time of pandemic. Individual Veneration of the Cross will be replaced by a few minutes of Silent Veneration. A retiring collection will be taken for the Holy Places in Palestine.*

7.30pm: Prayer beneath the Cross (*live stream only*)

## **HOLY SATURDAY (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

9.00am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

### **7.00pm: Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter (*Fully Booked*)**

*There is no Easter Fire. The Paschal Candle will be prepared, lit and placed in the Sanctuary before the faithful gather in church. There are no individual candles. The shorter form of the Exsultet will be proclaimed. The Liturgy of the Word will consist of three Old Testament readings (Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 55:1-11), a New Testament Reading (Romans 6:3-11) and the Gospel (Mark 16:1-7). There is no celebration of Baptism or Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. The water is blessed but the faithful are not sprinkled with it.*

## **EASTER SUNDAY (April 4<sup>th</sup>)**

Easter Day Mass

9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm.

*The renewal of Baptismal Promises will take place but without the sprinkling with the Blessed Water  
Polish Language Mass 12.30pm & 2.00pm.*