



## St Peter's Catholic Church

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**Parish Office Hours:**

**The Parish Office is closed until further notice.**

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:**

Jim Harris & John Bond

### Schools

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

Tel: 01452 524792. Web: [www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk)

**St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre**

Tel: 01452 520594. Web: [www.st-petershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.st-petershigh.gloucs.sch.uk)

## 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 – Solemnity of Christ the King

**In accordance with Government guidance, the celebration of public Mass and other acts of worship are suspended until further notice.**

**St Peter's Church will be open for individual prayer on the following days and times:**

Sunday November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.00pm – 3.00pm <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>
Monday November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Church closed
Tuesday November 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday November 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 12.00pm <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Church closed
Friday November 27 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday November 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday November 29 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm – 3.00pm <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>

### 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](http://cliftondiocese.com)) or through [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv).

### This Week

Week 34 in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 2 for the Prayer of the Church. Tuesday is the Memorial of St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** All University, College and School Chaplaincies within the diocese.

### Clifton Diocesan 2021 Liturgical Diary (£6.50) and Directory (£5)

These are now available. Please contact Fr Liam to purchase a copy.

### **Mass Intentions this Week**

During this week Fr Liam will say a daily private mass in St Peter's Church for the following intentions:

Sunday: People of the Parish  
Monday: Deceased members of the Doyle Family  
Tuesday: Holy Souls  
Wednesday: Intentions of John Shields  
Thursday: Intentions of Ashwon Sojan  
Friday: Bernadette Cuffe *Anniv*  
Saturday: Douglas Hook *Anniv*

### **IICSA (Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse)**

The statement issued on Friday by the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales in response to the IICSA report that was published earlier this week is available [HERE](#).

### **Advent 2020**

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new Liturgical Year in the life of the church. The following publications for the Season of Advent are available: Advent Extra (£1), My Day by Day (75p), Bible Alive (£3). We also have free publications for children – Advent Celebrate and an Advent worksheet. All are available from the back of the church (when open) or by contacting Fr Liam.

### **We remember those who have asked for our prayers**

Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michaele 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. Do please advise us of any updates to this list of names.

### **First Holy Communion**

Parents of children baptised Roman Catholic and in Year 3 or above who would like them to make their First Holy Communion in St Peter's Parish in 2021, are invited to download an application form from the parish website. A form can also be requested by emailing Fr Liam on [liam.slattery@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:liam.slattery@cliftondiocese.com). Closing date for return of application forms is November 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.

### **Year of Communion- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Solemnity of Christ the King**

In the film *Chocolat*, a small, French, Catholic community follow the rules of the Church to the letter of the law. But it makes them miserable and the villagers are often cruel, unkind, judgmental, and critical of each other. When a young woman arrives in the town and opens a chocolate shop her way of life is frowned upon. However, her desire to bring joy and happiness to the people of the town, brings change in how people relate to one another. Eventually, the young parish priest, himself full of doubt, finally sees the truth. In his homily on Easter Sunday he preaches: *"I'm not sure what the theme of my homily, today, should be. Do I want to speak of the miracle of the Lord's transformation? No, not really, no I don't want to talk about his divinity. I want to talk about his humanity. I mean, you know, how he lived his life here on earth; his kindness, his tolerance. Listen, here's what I think. We can't go round measuring our goodness by what we don't do, by what we deny ourselves, what we resist and who we exclude. I think we have to measure our goodness by what we embrace, what we create and who we include."* Advent starts next week. We are still living with the pandemic and many people are tired, unsure of what Christmas will bring. But this we do know, Jesus entered our world to live amongst the most vulnerable in society, reaching out in compassion and love and mercy. Today's gospel encourages us to do the same.

### **Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider our Blessed Lady as a woman of prayer and a model for our own life of prayer. From her youth Mary always prayed with humility, open to wherever the Lord might lead her. We find her at prayer when the angel Gabriel announces that she is to be the Mother of the Son of God. Her simple words, "Let it be done to me", are a model for all prayer, which consists in trusting openness to God's will. Mary remained close to her Son in prayer at the critical moments of his life, even to the foot of the cross. In the joy of the resurrection, she prayerfully accompanied the newborn Church. Through her openness to the power of the Holy Spirit the Mother of God thus became the Mother of the Church. Saint Luke tells us that Mary "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (2:19). In union with her Immaculate Heart, may our hearts too be open to God's will through our own meditation on the mysteries of the life and saving work of Jesus Christ. *Full text on the Vatican website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)*