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23rd July 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday 23rd July <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Our Lady of the Rosary, Lawrence Weston, St Bernard, Shirehampton</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Bernadette McConnell RIP & Margaret Hayes RIP 9.00am Mass Cecilia Edwards 2nd Anniversary 10.30am Mass George Thompson RIP 12.30pm Polish Mass 5.30pm Mass Noel Maguire RIP
Monday 24th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Ints of Patricia Lunney
Tuesday 25th July <i>St James</i>	5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.45pm Mass Gloucester City Mission New Retreat Day Centre
Wednesday 26th July <i>Saints Joachim & Anne</i>	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm Mass Marie Kennedy RIP
Thursday 27th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass John Conway RIP
Friday 28th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass CMBF 7.00pm Polish Mass
Saturday 29th July <i>Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	10.00am Mass John Tiffney RIP 10.45am – 11.30am Confessions 5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass Con O'Mahony RIP 7.30pm Polish Mass
Sunday 30th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am Mass Gerry Whelan Anniversary 10.30am Mass Leonie Lawrence Anniversary 12.30pm Polish Mass 5.30pm Mass People of the Parish

This Week: Ordinary Time Week 16, weekday readings Year 1. Daily Prayer of the Church: Week 4. Please note that mass on Tuesday evening is a little earlier than usual at 6.45pm.

Last Weekend: Attendance – 780 Offertory - £1616.86 (including £435.00 online/contactless) Donations - £40.05 (including £33.00 online/contactless, cash donation).

Welcome: We welcome Fr Michael Thomas, a recently retired priest of Clifton Diocese, who will be staying with Fr Liam and Fr Stephen for the next week or so while he attends the 3 Choirs Festival taking place in Gloucester. Fr Michael will be helping out a little with weekday and weekend masses while he is here.

Church Cleaning: After mass on Monday morning, thanks to all who help each week.

Bishop's Charitable Fund: Today there will be a second collection for The Bishop's Charitable Fund, which is the annual collection that enables Bishop Declan to respond to the many charitable causes that appeal to him. The money is used to reach out to the little causes we never hear about. It enables the Bishop to be charitable on behalf of the Diocese, to respond both immediately and at his discretion to those who seek his help.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: Beginning on August 3rd, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will take place in St Peter's Church at 3.00pm of the first Thursday of each month.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of the church Kobichindi Okoroji baptised last weekend.

Confirmation: We pray for Joseph & Jade Labado who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 5.30pm mass this evening.

Faith into action with SVP at St Peter's: The next meeting for current and new members will take place after the evening mass on Tuesday 1st August.

Holy Communion Under Both Kinds: The practice of offering Holy Communion under both kinds at weekday masses resumed a few weeks ago. We would like to reintroduce the same at weekend masses from the beginning of August. However, this can only happen if we have sufficient parishioners willing to be considered for the ministry of being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Thank you to those who have already offered themselves. We invite all who have offered themselves and those who wish to find out more to a meeting in St Peter's Church on Tuesday July 25th from 7.30pm – 8.30pm (following the evening mass, which will be at 6.45pm that evening). Do please speak to any of the parish clergy should you have any questions.

World Youth Day (WYD): Is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelisation for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are. This year, WYD will take place on 1-6 August in Lisbon, Portugal. The theme of WYD 2023 is *"Mary arose and went with haste"* (Lk 1:39). This weekend, we pray God's blessing on Steve, Jude and Micha Canete, parishioners of St Peter's, who will be travelling with the Clifton Diocesan group going to WYD.

Three Choirs Festival: St Peter's Church is hosting an organ recital on Thursday 27th July. This will mean that the church may be closed from mid-morning for the rehearsal to take place,

St Peter's Social Centre: Many people have rightly been asking about plans there for the future use of St Peter's Social Centre. Various options have, and are being looked at for short, medium, and long term. Over the summer, with the partition closed, the smaller hall, toilets and entrance area from the main car park will be refurbished with the aim of being ready to open for parish use only from September. This will provide a needed space for parish meetings and a place to meet for tea/coffee after some weekend masses. There are no plans currently to bring the social centre lounge back into use. In the medium/long term, plans to demolish the skittle alley (building in lower car park) will be seriously considered to create additional car parking. Demolishing the red bricked part of the building by the rear access to the church will also be considered as will the refurbishment of the coffee bar and meeting room above it.

Gloucester Foodbank: Latest newsletter available on their website gloucester.foodbank.org.uk If you don't have time to visit their website here are some of their needs at the moment: Cartons of Long Life fruit juice (not chilled) and squash Cartons of Long Life Milk (UHT) Tinned Cold Meat (Ham/ Corned Beef) Tinned Vegetables and Fruit Shower Gel / Shampoo Nappies. Thanks for your continued generosity.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Pat O'Ryan, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Sandra Flanagan, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, Kitty McMahon, Beth Leeder, Tess Lane, David Murphy, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson. 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. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.