



# St Peter's Catholic Church

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## Schools

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

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020</b> <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>Holy Family, Swindon</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>6.00pm (Sat) Mass</b>	Mary Canon & Grace Murphy RIP
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Faida Godelive & Theophile RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>St Bartholomew</i>	5.30pm	<b>Mass</b> Fred Mulholland Anniv
	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> Mary Tracey Anniv
	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	<b>Mass</b> Paddy Caldwell RIP
	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>St Monica</i>	12.00pm	<b>Mass</b> Patricia Kathleen McGarr RIP
	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>St Augustine</i>	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> John Conway RIP
	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> Barry O'Sullivan RIP
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	9.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Pat Slattery Anniv
	10.45am – 11.15am	Confessions
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>	Patricia Kathleen McGarr RIP
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Lorenzo Bolaños RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Fred Mulholland Anniv

**Weekly Church Cleaning:** Will take place after mass on Monday morning. Just turn up if you can help. A big thank you to all who turn up each week to help clean the church.

**This week:** Week 21 in Ordinary Time, Week 1 for the Divine Office. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday from 6.00pm and on Wednesday from 11.00am.

**Last Weekend:** Offertory - £425.13. Mass Count – 245

**Fr Donal Daly:** Is currently in hospital having suffered a slight stroke last Tuesday. Do please keep him in your prayers. Please do not attempt to visit Fr Donal in hospital.

**Church Capacity:** With everyone coming to mass required to wear a face mask we are, from this weekend, adopting the 1m+ social distancing requirement as per government guidelines. This will enable us to increase the capacity within the church. The long pews in the middle aisle will now have space for THREE individuals or up to FIVE from the same household. We remind those attending mass of the need to continue to observe the requirements of social distancing especially when exiting the church.

**200 Club:** Subscriptions for St Peter's 200 Club can be placed in an envelope marked 200 club and posted through the presbytery letterbox or put in the collection basket. Please ensure you include your name with your subscription. The next draw will take place in mid September.

**Filipino Monthly Masses:** The Filipino Mass on the first Saturday of each month will resume in September.

**RIP:** We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

**Martin Behan and Gerry Thomas.** Private funeral services will take place this coming week. We extend our sympathy to their families.

**The Prinknash Monastery Shop & Café:** Has now RE-OPENED serving delicious Fairtrade coffee, home-baked cakes and light lunches with lots of outside space and socially distanced tables. We also have religious books, cards, CDs, rosaries, and other devotional aids. The Benedictine Community extends a warm welcome to all guests. More details from [queries@monasteryshopandcafe.co.uk](mailto:queries@monasteryshopandcafe.co.uk).

**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, 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, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell. Please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

#### **Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our reflection on the current global pandemic, we have seen that it has made us sensitive to an even graver virus affecting our world: that of social injustice, lack of equal opportunity and the marginalization of the poor and those in greatest need. Christ's example and teaching show us that a preferential option for the poor is an essential criterion of our authenticity as his followers. Christian charity demands that, beyond social assistance, we listen to their voices and work to overcome all that hinders their material and spiritual development. Our desire for a return to normality should not mean a return to social injustices or to a delay of long overdue reforms. Today we have an opportunity to create something different: an ethically sound economy, centred on persons, especially the poor, in recognition of their innate human dignity. How sad it would be if, for example, access to a Covid-19 vaccine were made available only to the rich, and not to others in equal or greater need! May the Gospel inspire us to find ever more creative ways to exercise that charity, grounded in faith and anchored in hope, which can heal our wounded world and promote the true welfare of our entire human family. *The full text can be found on the Vatican website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)*

#### **Year of Communion – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus asks Peter a very pertinent question, 'Who do you say I am?' I wonder what we would say to Jesus if he asked us the same question? It is a good one for us to ponder. Who do we say Jesus is? Who is Jesus for me? The spiritual life invites us to come to know the person of Jesus and grow in our relationship with him. How do we grow in that relationship? The pandemic has forced us out of the Church but not out of our relationship with God. If anything, it has offered us an invitation into a deep encounter with the Lord and a renewal of friendship. Someone described the enforced lockdown as an opportunity to experience in a very small way the cloistered life. Locked up, as we have been, the pace of life has shifted, the rushing from here to there has had to stop. It is as if God is asking us to pause, to live more 'intentionally', to appreciate the small seemingly insignificant things. Being attentive to the love of Jesus is more possible, not because we hide away, but because we encounter the Lord in and through one another. Whether we are living alone or we have a houseful, the Lord is inviting us to unite together in prayer for the world, for health, for safety, the opportunity to gather once more and in gratitude for all those special people who have worked tirelessly and at great cost to keep us safe. Who do we say Jesus is? He is our light in the darkness we are, hopefully, beginning to emerge from.