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24th September 2023

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday 24th September <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Catherine, Chipping Campden</i> <i>Our Lady & St Kenelm, Stow-on-the-Wold</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Edward Anthony Crowley <i>RIP</i> 9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Margaret Coleman <i>RIP</i> <i>Polish Mass</i> 12.30pm Mass Intention of Sheila Gannon 5.30pm Mass
Monday 25th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass CMBF
Tuesday 26th September <i>Saints Commas & Damian</i>	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass Mary Wood Anniv
Wednesday 27th September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm Mass Intentions of Fr Stephen
Thursday 28th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Edna McGinn <i>RIP</i>
Friday 29th September <i>Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Veronica Devassy <i>1st Anniv</i> 1.00pm Funeral Mass Betty Mathers <i>RIP</i> 7.00pm Polish Mass
Saturday 30th September <i>St Jerome</i>	10.00am Mass Vincent Robinson Anniv 10.45am – 11.30am Confessions 5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass Derek East <i>RIP</i> 7.30pm Polish Mass
Sunday 1st October <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am Mass Charlie & Bridie Brady <i>RIP</i> 10.30am Mass People of the Parish 12.30pm Polish Mass 5.30pm Mass Intentions of Paul Stewart

This Week: Ordinary Time Week 25, weekday readings Year 1. Daily Prayer of the Church: Week 1.

Last Weekend: Attendance – 769 Offertory - £1470.63 (including £182.00 online/contactless) Donations - £123.54 (including £23.00 online/contactless) Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - £394.66

Church Cleaning: After the morning mass on Monday, thank you to those who help each week.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of the church Roman Porter and Taio Gilbert-Hanczlik, baptised last weekend.

Previewing the Synod: Two years after Pope Francis invited Catholics to walk together on a synodal path, offering every member of the Church the right to make their views known, we stand on the threshold of the first of two big meetings in Rome on the theme '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*'. There has been intense speculation as to what will happen when the Synod of Bishops gathers for almost all of October – historically, for the first time, with non-Bishop voting members. The Catholic Church in England and Wales will be well represented. Archbishop John Wilson, the Archbishop of Southwark, and Bishop Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds, were elected by their brother bishops to attend. Joining them will be Bishop Nicholas Hudson, an Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster, chosen by Pope Francis, and Professor Anna Rowlands and Dr Austen Ivereigh chosen as expert facilitators. Father Timothy Radcliffe, the Dominican preacher, will lead a retreat for all Synod members prior to the official opening on Wednesday, 4 October. There is a 20-minute conversation between Fr Jan Nowotnik, who will attend as a voting member and whose doctoral thesis focused, in part, on the preparation for a Synodal Church, and theologian Professor Anna Rowlands talking about the Synod on the Bishops Conference website on www.cbcew.org.uk.

Synod Vigil of Prayer: In response to Pope Francis' invitation to pray on September 30th in preparation for the Synod, there will be an hour of guided and silent prayer in St Peter's Church beginning at 4.00pm next Saturday.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2024: Application forms are available at the back of church and online.

SVP: October meetings on Monday 2nd, Tuesday 17th and Monday 30th at 7.30pm in the sacristy.

Missio/Mill Hill Masses: There will be two Diocesan Masses this year, on Tuesday 24th October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and the other on Thursday 26th October at Corpus Christi, Weston-super-Mare. Both Masses will be at 7:00pm. The Masses will be followed by a time to share together our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church, including short presentations from Father Gary Brassington, the Diocesan Director for Missio, Brother Eddie Slawinski, the Diocesan Organiser, and Dave Wheat, the Missio Community Fundraiser for the South of England. All are welcome to these Masses. During 2024 it is hoped that there will be celebrations in each of our new Pastoral Areas.

Welcome: We welcome to St Peter's Parish Fr Nigel Griffin and his wife Kate. Fr Nigel, a former Anglican priest, was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood 25 years ago. Since then, he has been a parish priest in Westminster Diocese. Fr Nigel and Kate have moved to Gloucester following his retirement two weeks ago.

Praying for Peace in Ukraine: In response to Pope Francis' request that October be dedicated to prayer for peace in Ukraine, the Saturday rosary in St Peter's Church during October will be prayed for this intention.

October 8th: Is the anniversary of the Dedication of St Peter's Church. As it falls on a Sunday this year the celebration of the anniversary will take precedent over the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for the weekend masses on October 7th/8th will be: 1Kings 8:22-23, 27-30. 1Peter 2:4-9. Matthew 16:13-19.

Supply: Fr Frank Wainwright who is parish priest in the Forest of Dean Catholic Parishes and in Newent is on extended leave from his pastoral duties for health reasons. Fr Liam and Fr Stephen will be supporting the Forest of Dean parishes and Newent in the weeks ahead when they can.

Mass in University of Gloucestershire: If you are a student at the University of Gloucestershire then we would like to invite you to join other Catholic students there for Mass once a month with Fr Stephen Corrigan. Mass on Mondays will be at 12.30pm on October 9th, November 13th and December 11th in the Small Sanctuary at FCH (next to Reception). We are also setting up a Catholic Society for students. If you would like to join email Simon Witcombe (FCH Chaplain) switcombe@glos.ac.uk or text 07715 041525 to join the WhatsApp group. If you are a new student look out for us at the Chaplaincy stall at the Welcome Fayre.

RIP: we ask your prayers for those who have died recently.

Betty Mathers. Her funeral mass takes place in St Peter's Church on Friday September 29th at 1.00pm.

Bill Higgins, brother of Tommy Higgins, who died in Galway this week.

Fr Patrick Eastman (Diocese of Tulsa) **and Fr John Morley-Bunker** (Ordinariate), Both were retired having ministered in Clifton Diocese for a number of years.

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, Kitty Daly. 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.