

## St Peter's Catholic Church

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## 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sunday 25th April	6.00pm	Mass Ints of Mary Hicks
Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
Diocesan Prayer Link	10.30am	Mass Paul Nash <i>RIP</i>
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin May,	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Chippenham, St Patrick, Corsham	3.30pm	Holy Hour for Vocations
	5.30pm	<b>Mass</b> Kenneth Lyons <i>RIP</i>
Monday 26th April	9.10am	Morning Prayer
Weekday of Easter	9.30am	Mass Elsie Briggs 1st Anniversary
Tuesday 27th April	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Weekday of Easter	7.00pm	Mass Paddy Caldwell Anniversary
Wednesday 28th April	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Weekday of Easter	12.00pm	Mass Ints of Michael Wiltshire
Thursday 29th April	9.10am	Morning Prayer
St Catherine of Siena	9.30am	Mass Mel Collins RIP
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.10am	Morning Prayer
Weekday of Easter	9.30am	Mass Peter Hagan RIP
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Saturday 1st May	9.30am	Rosary
St Joseph the Worker	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> Souls in Purgatory
	10.45am – 11.1	15am Confessions
	3.00pm	Filipino Monthly Mass
	5.00pm – 5.30p	
	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> Alphonsus Killen <i>RIP</i>
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.00am	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
Fifth Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Mass Leona Hayes Anniversary
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	5.30pm	Mass Ints of Paul Hawketts

This Week: Fourth week of Easter. Daily Prayer of the Church: Psalter week 4 and Eastertide week 4.

**Last Weekend:** Offertory-£804.68 Mass Attendance – 348.

**Church Cleaning:** Following morning mass on Monday. Thank you to all those who help each week in cleaning the church.

**Dare to Dream:** This inspiring and challenging resource from Clifton Diocese continues throughout this Easter Season. See www.cliftondiocese.com for full details.

**Filipino Monthly Mass:** We welcome Fr Jimmy Lindero who will celebrate the Filipino Monthly Mass next Saturday May 1st at 3.00pm in St Peter's Church.

**Vocations Sunday:** Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, is a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. There is a Holy Hour in St Peter's Church today at 3.30pm for vocations. It is open to the public and available through live stream.

**Prayer for the end of the Pandemic:** Pope Francis is inviting Catholics across the globe to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Acts of the Apostles. See www.vaticannews.va for more details. As part of this initiative there will be a daily rosary in St Peter's Church throughout the month of May beginning next Saturday at 9.30am. Further details next weekend.

**Publications:** May edition of Bible Alive (£3.00). and My Day by Day (75p) now available at the back of the church.

**Booking a place for Sunday Masses:** It is essential that those attending a Sunday mass book a place by contacting the parish office or visiting https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425. If you do not require the place you have booked do please let us know or cancel it through Eventbrite. Bookings are now been taken for all Sunday masses up to June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Opening:** The church will be open for private prayer on the following days this week: Tuesday 8.30am to 12.00noon, Thursday & Friday after morning mass until 1.00pm.

**RIP:** We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Angela 'Angie' Jones whose private funeral takes place in the coming weeks. We extend our sympathy to her family.

**Admission to St Peter's Catholic Primary School:** We currently have places available in our Reception classes. If you are looking for a place in our current reception year or know of someone who is, please contact Mrs Harris (Admissions Officer) by telephone: 01452 524792 or by email: admin@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk.

**CAFOD:** Thank you for your generous donations of £1295.05 to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

## Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday April 21st

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of vocal prayer. In our dialogue with God, he first spoke to us through his own Word made flesh. He invites us in turn to speak to him in words that embody our deepest thoughts, emotions and experiences. Words do not only express our ideas, they also shape us and often reveal us to ourselves. In the inspired words of the Book of Psalms, we find a model of vocal prayer. The Psalmist gives us the words to bring our joys, fears, hopes and needs to God and to share with him every aspect of our lives. The prayer of the heart and the prayer of our lips can never be separated. As the Catechism tells us, "vocal prayer is an essential element of the Christian life" (No. 2701). Through our spoken or chanted prayer, alone or in common, we find the words that enable us to grow daily in our relationship with God. Prayer thus quietly becomes an essential part of our lives, like the air we breathe. When the disciples asked Jesus to show them how to pray, he responded by teaching them, and us, the words of the Our Father.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Margaret Coleman, Cecilia Edwards, Marie O'Connor, Pat O'Ryan, John Shields, David Burke, Margaret Withers, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott and Paul Hawketts. 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. Please contact the parish office with any names you wish to add.