



# St Peter's Catholic Church

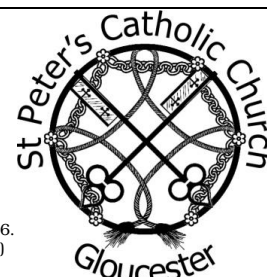
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## Schools

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

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

## 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>Salisbury Parishes</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>6.00pm (Sat) Mass</b>	Imelda Owen RIP
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Joy Jones RIP
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Ken & Jessie Hall RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	4.45pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	John Conway Anniversary
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	<b>7.00pm Mass</b>	Intentions of Noel & Breedge Maguire
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Martha</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Tom Purtill RIP
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Leonie Lawrence & Robert Cowley Anniv
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Janina's Intentions
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> <i>St Alphonsus Mary Liguori</i>	9.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Herta O'Neill RIP
	10.45am – 11.30am	Confessions
	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>	Bernadette McGonnell RIP & Margaret Hayes RIP
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b> <i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Paul Nash RIP
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Merle & Stanley Earl RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	People of the Parish

**Parish Office:** The parish office will be open this week for three hours from 10.30am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please use the telephone or email for all enquiries and only visit the office if necessary.

**Weekly Church Cleaning:** Will take place after mass on Monday morning. Just turn up if you can help.

**This week:** Week 17 in Ordinary Time, Week 1 for the Divine Office.

**Resumption of Public Masses:** In addition to the current requirements issued by the Bishops of England and Wales in relation to the celebration of public masses, the following were received this week:

- *Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with, i.e. if they are attending corporate worship with one other household, wherever possible they should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group.*
- *Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and in shops and supermarkets. People are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a church. So while not mandatory that face coverings are worn by those who attend mass in St Peter's Church, we do encourage parishioners to do so. Please note that for those churches that are operating a 1m plus system for social distancing, the wearing of face coverings is mandatory.*
- *The Government guidance states that a Track and Trace system should be operated for individuals attending Masses. Therefore, it is suggested that where possible contact details of one per household are obtained. However, this is not mandatory as the guidance states that information 'should' rather than 'must' be collated. We will be looking this week at various options for a track and trace system for St Peter's. More information will be published next weekend.*
- *Due to the measures that need to be implemented when there are multiple users of facilities, and based on recommendations from our insurers, all parish facilities (halls and meeting rooms) continue to remain closed at this time.*

In addition to these requirements we do ask that when leaving the church after mass, parishioners observe the requirements of social distancing and to avail of both the main and rear doors.

With the return of Sunday mass it is important to reaffirm that, at present, **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended**. It is also stressed that any parishioner who feels uncomfortable about returning to mass at this time should not feel any obligation to do so. The church will be closed after each mass to enable the cleaning of pews in preparation for the following mass. **The toilet in the church remains out of use at this time.**

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

**Maud Day.** Her funeral mass takes place in St Peter's Church on Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm followed by burial in Coney Hill Cemetery. Attendance at the funeral mass is restricted to immediate family and friends.

**Anne Bishop.** Her funeral service takes place in St Peter's Church on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium. Attendance at the funeral service is restricted to immediate family and friends.

**Maria Pohl.** Her funeral service took place last Monday.

We extend our sympathy to their families.

**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).

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers:** 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, Linda Northway, 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, Fr Liam Slattery, Christopher Browne.

#### **Year of Communion – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A**

Many of us have probably had those moments of dreaming that we have won the lottery or winning a big prize in some other set up. Such a prize could change our life. But is this really the pearl of great price that Jesus is speaking of? At the age of nine, a boy was asked this question during a story telling session. His thoughtful response to the question unnerved the facilitator who knew nothing about him. His reply? "My dad". A year earlier, his father, a farmer, unable to deal with losing all his cattle to foot and mouth disease, had taken his own life. The little boy's loss was devastating. He knew that no money or prize could ever replace his father. For him his dad was the pearl of great price and he would have given everything to have him back. This is a sad, but true story but it gives us the opportunity to truly reflect on where our own treasure lies. What is it that we would give up everything for? Jesus offers himself to us. His presence in our lives is the true treasure.