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27th December 2020

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday 27th December <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Peter & St Paul, Bath</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Peter Staley Anniv 9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Ints of Danny & Marie Connors 12.30pm Polish Language Mass 5.30pm Mass Ints of Pam Ruck
Monday 28th December <i>Holy Innocents</i>	9.40am Morning Prayer 10.00am Mass Ints Terri Tyreman
Tuesday 29th December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass Siby John RIP
Wednesday 30th December <i>6th Day in Octave of Christmas</i>	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm Mass Thanksgiving – Honey Joseph
Thursday 31st December <i>7th Day in Octave of Christmas</i>	9.40am Morning Prayer 10.00am Mass Ints of Angela and Joe Smith 7.00pm Mass for New Year's Eve
Friday 1st January <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>	9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Pat & Lal Slattery RIP 12.30pm Polish Language Mass
Saturday 2nd January <i>Sts Basil and Gregory Nazianzen</i>	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Annie 'Peggy' Lee Anniv 10.45am – 11.30am Confessions 3.00pm Filipino Monthly Mass 5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass Mary Cannon & Grace Murphy RIP 7.30pm Polish Language Mass
Sunday 3rd January <i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St John the Evangelist, Bath</i>	9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Tom & Rose Kennedy RIP 12.30pm Polish Language Mass 5.30pm Mass Catherine McMahon RIP

Live Streaming: Live streaming from St Peter's Church is now up and running. Thank you to the Friends of St Peter's, whose generosity has enabled this to happen. The live stream can be accessed through the live stream tab on the parish website homepage or on www.churchservices.tv/gloucester.

Crib Donations: Donations will go to Gloucestershire Bundles, a charity that helps families in crisis all over the county, providing emergency packs for women and families with children up to teenage years who find themselves in crisis. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Thanks: Thank you to all who enabled our Christmas Masses to be fitting celebrations of the Birth of Christ, even in these very different times. A special thank you to all who acted as stewards at the various masses, who cleaned and decorated the church with flowers.

Fr Liam Writes: *A sincere thank you to all for the many Christmas greetings, cards and gifts received and especially for the very generous Christmas Offering.*

New Year's Eve: There is a mass on New Year's Eve at 7.00pm. To book a place visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-years-eve-mass-tickets-133385117477>

New Year's Day: Mass on New Year's Day for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is at 9.00am and 10.30am. To book a place, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-years-day-mass-tickets-133456930271>.

To booking a place for Sunday Masses: visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>. A place may also be booked by contacting the parish office. There is no need to book a place for weekday masses unless directed to do so.

Tier Three: Gloucestershire is now in Tier 3. In accordance with the requirements of Tier 3, you must not attend mass in a group of more than 6. While **inside or outside** the church, you must not interact/socialise with anyone who is not in your household or support bubble. Everyone is asked to please observe these requirements in addition to the continuing requirements of wearing a face covering properly, observing social distancing and the use of hand sanitiser. Please remember the obligation to attend mass remains suspended.

This Week: The Prayer of the Church this week is from the Proper of the Christmas Octave or Proper of the Feast Day. A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Declan will be read at all masses this weekend. Filipino Monthly Mass on Saturday January 2nd at 3.00pm.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January: That the Lord will give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Publications: January editions of My Day by Day (75p), Bible Alive (£3) and Sacred Heart Messenger (£1.85) available at the back of the church.

Last Weekend: Offertory - £1046.70.

Mass Attendance – 262

Taken from a Christmas Card

When the song of the Angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the Kings and Princes are home, when the Shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins - to find the lost, to help the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.

Clifton Diocese Year of Communion – 27th December - Feast of the Holy Family

As we come to the end of 2020, we know that it is a year that most of us will never forget. It has been a year like no other. Family life has been turned upside down in so many ways. For some families the time together has been a rich and rewarding experience. For others, especially those without outside space or space for working at home, it has been exceptionally challenging. For some families, it has meant not being able to see one another for weeks and months at a time. It has brought joys and sorrows for many, especially for those families where elderly relatives in care homes have been inaccessible or family members in hospital unable to have visitors. Whether it has been a positive or a painful experience for us, we are not alone. Mary, Joseph and Jesus experience similar trials in their family life. In their joy, the parents of Jesus as a baby, bring him to the Temple as the Law required. What they did not expect to hear was the painful prophecy of Simeon. In life there are always times of joy and sorrow. Trusting that the Lord is there, present within it all can challenge us but as we enter into 2021, let us take that trust and believe that whatever life may throw at us we are in the loving embrace of the Lord who will never abandon us.

As we draw the 'Year of Communion' to a close, this completes the three-year cycle of Gospel reflections. We hope that they have enriched and nourished your prayerful contemplation of the Sunday readings.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell, John Shields, David Burke, Shirley Badham, Margaret Withers, Sharon Scott.