



## St Peter's Catholic Church

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### Schools

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## 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>Holy Rood, Swindon</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>6.00pm (Sat) Mass</b>	Patricia Kathleen McGarr RIP
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Intentions of Jojin Jose
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Lorenzo Bolanos RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Rita Thomas Anniv
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	<b>7.00pm Mass</b>	Aleykutty Augustine RIP
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	<b>12.00pm Mass</b>	Deceased Newton Family
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Intentions of Joseph & Maria
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	K. J. Joseph RIP
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	9.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Martin Behan RIP
	10.45am – 11.15am	Confessions
	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	5.00pm – 5.30pm	Confessions
	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>	People of the Parish
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Sebastiano Desando Anniv
	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	Jane Conway Anniv
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Anne & Brendan McGowan RIP
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		

**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 22 in Ordinary Time, Week 2 for the Divine Office.

**Last Weekend:** Offertory - £839.77. Mass Count – 274

**Baptism:** We welcome into the family of the church Caitlin McMahon baptised today.

**Message from Fr Liam's family:** *The Slattery family would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your kindness, prayers, messages and goodwill shown to Fr Liam during his recent illness. A special word of thanks to Bishop Declan, diocesan clergy and all associated with St Peter's for their help and support to Fr Liam. In these times of travel restrictions and as family not being in a position to visit Fr Liam during his illness, it gave us great comfort in knowing that his needs were been fully catered for by you, the parishioners, over the last 10 months. Kind regards to all. The Slattery Family.*

**Church Capacity:** With everyone coming to mass required to wear a face mask we have, from last weekend, adopted the 1m+ social distancing requirement as per government guidelines. This has enabled us to increase the capacity within the church. The long pews in the middle aisle now have space for THREE individuals or up to FIVE from the same household. In addition from this weekend the side pews will have space for TWO individuals or up to THREE from the same household.

**Confessions:** From next weekend there will be confessions at 10.45am – 11.30am and 5.00pm – 5.30pm each Saturday. Please note that the confessional (confession box) is out of use. Confessions are heard on the Lady Chapel side of the sanctuary at the front of 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, including your name with your subscription.

**Schools:** With schools reopening this week we wish all staff and children well and we pray, that they may be blessed with a safe and peaceful transition back to school or college

**Filipino Monthly Masses:** Next Saturday, September 5th at 3.00pm

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

**Mary Sheehy**, who died suddenly on 15<sup>th</sup> August in Bournemouth. Her funeral will take place in Bournemouth and memorial service will be held for Mary here at St Peter's at a later date.

**Milvia Sepede**, who died on Thursday.

**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, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell.

#### **Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing reflections on the effects of the current pandemic, we have seen how our world's problems are becoming ever more evident and indeed more serious. Among these is social inequality, itself the fruit of an unjust global economy that creates boundless wealth for a relative few and greater impoverishment for the rest of our human family. In God's plan, the earth was created as a garden, to be cultivated, not brutally exploited. As stewards of creation, we are called to ensure that its fruits, which are destined for all, are in fact shared by all. The Church reminds us that the principle of the subordination of private property to the universal destination of goods is the first principle of the whole ethical and social order. When millions of people lack access to primary goods, when inequality and lack of opportunity threaten the very fabric of society, and when greed endangers the very environment in which we live, none of us can stand by idly. Christian hope, which trusts in the transforming grace of the risen Christ, impels us to work for the healing of our world and the building of a more just and equitable social order.

#### **Year of Communion – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

At the time that Jesus was put to death, the cross was seen to be an instrument of torture and execution. Slowly over time the cross has become a symbol of triumph over death and resurrection, a symbol we are familiar with today. We hang crosses in our homes, our churches, and many of us wear one around our neck. We begin and end our prayer with this sign. When Jesus calls his disciples to take up their cross and follow him, we might wonder if he was asking them to pick up an instrument of torture or the promise of resurrection. We, too, are invited to pick up our cross and follow him. To understand what this might mean we can turn to St. Paul who tells the Romans that they are to 'offer their bodies as a living sacrifice'. In other words, he is telling them, and us, that every day of our life is to be a life lived for Christ. Inevitably this will come with joys and sorrows. Daily life is not always easy, but it can bring us many opportunities to also experience kindness, compassion and love. Eventually living will lead to death, not usually a gruesome death in the way that Jesus died. It may not be straightforward or come at a time that we expect, but eventually it will come. This is the very nature of what it is to be human. This is not a cause for despair. We are a people of hope – a hope which takes us from death to resurrection and new life shared with the risen Lord.