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Sunday Mass Times

6.00pm (Sat), 9.00am, 10.30am, 2.15pm (Polish), 5.30pm

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturday: 10.30am-11.30am & 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Schools

St Peter's Catholic Primary School.
Tel: 01452 524792. Web: www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk
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30th November 2014 – 1st Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Mass Text

Responsorial Psalm:	God of hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Preface: 1 of Advent **Eucharistic Prayer:** III.

Next Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11. *2nd Letter of St Peter 3:8-14.* *Mark 1:1-8.*

LAST WEEKEND: Mass Count –746. Offertory - £1396.59
Youth Sunday-£420.14

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK: 6.00pm (Sat) (*Sam Ferson RIP).* Sunday 9.00am (*Joyce Beryl Jordan RIP).* 10.30am (*Esterina & Bronyslaw Bril RIP)*. 2.15pm - *Polish Mass.* 5.30pm *(People of the Parish)*. Monday 9.30am (*Julie Thomas RIP).* Tuesday 9.30am (*Thanksgiving).* 2.30pm *(Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Holden).* Wednesday 12.00pm *(Ints of Tommy & Nora Higgins).* Thursday 9.30am *(Ints of Ken Bullingham).* Friday 9.30am (*Ints of Michael Ryan).* Saturday 10.00am *(Liam McInerney RIP).* 3.00pm *(Filipino Monthly Mass)*6.00pm (*People of the Parish).*

THIS WEEK: Psalter (Prayer of the Church) – Week 1 and Proper of Advent. Monday – Saint Alexander Briant, Wednesday- Saint Francis Xavier. Thursday- Saint Osmund.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT 2014: The liturgical year begins with the Advent Season, which starts four Sundays before December 25th and ends at the Christmas Vigil Mass. As the Roman Missal reminds us: *'Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation'*. During the season of Advent we remember the long years of waiting by the people of Israel for the Messiah, the message of hope in the prophets, and how Mary and Joseph were faithful to God's plan. The Catechism of the Catholic Church stresses this two-fold meaning of this "coming": *"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His Second Coming"* (No. 524).

WATCHING AND WAITING: Reflective prayer time in Church for the Season of Advent on Thursday December 11th and Tuesday December 16th at 7.00pm in church. All welcome.

ADVENT PRAYER STATIONS: Drop into the church anytime between 11.30am and 4.30pm on Saturday December 13th and avail of the various prayer stations that will be on offer as part of your Advent Prayer.

ADVENT PUBLICATIONS: Walk With Me (£1.00), Faith Today (£3.99) and Children's Advent & Christmas Calendar (Free) available this weekend.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve: 6.00pm and 12midnight. Christmas Day: 9.00am and 10.30am 2.15pm (Polish). Crib Service for younger children at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S: Tuesday 2nd December at 7.00pm in Sacristy.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Our Parish Carol Service will take place in church on Sunday December 21st at 7.00pm. Do join us.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: If you, or someone you know, is going to be on their own on Christmas Day please see Mgr Liam. A group of parishioners is willing to get together to cook a Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day for people who would otherwise be on their own. There is no need to be alone. Come and enjoy it with us.

THIS WEEKEND: Retiring collection for the Poor Missions of the Diocese.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There is no exposition this week due to the work taking place in the Lady Chapel.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Andrea Brushneen, Alison Blake, Sarah Anderson, Marie Cunningham, Jessie Hall, Cheryl Loy, Norah King, Charlie Slade, Deacon Tim Meadows, Edmundo Padilla, Daryl Paris, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Hayley Fox, Florence Stephens, Tony Collins, Rob Willmott, Liam McGonnell.

LECTIO DIVINA: Monday December 8th. No meeting tomorrow.

LADY CHAPEL: Thank you for a recent donation of £200.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR: On Thursday at 3.00pm in the Sacristy.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into the family of the church Jodwin Tembuk Miki, Tom Sinoradzki and Marika Lemanska baptised this weekend.

RIP: Your prayers are asked for those who died recently:

Texus Reginald Hutchinson. His funeral service takes place on Tuesday 2nd December at 11.30am followed by burial at Coney Hill Cemetery.

John Joseph O'Neill. His funeral mass takes place on Wednesday 10th December at 12noon followed by burial at Coney Hill Cemetery.

Elizabeth Holden (Rita Bisson's sister). Her funeral mass takes place on Tuesday 2nd December at 2.30pm. Burial to take place in Northern Ireland.

Bernie Howlett, Carol Baron's mother, who died this week in Newry.

REPOSITORY: Large selection of Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries, Nativity Scenes, Advent Calendars and Candle Sets now in stock. Please support your repository, all profit going to the upkeep of our church.

GLOUCESTER SAMARITANS: Carol Service in St Peter's Church on Monday December 1st at 7.30pm with the St Leonard's Singers. See noticeboard for details. All are welcome.

RETIREMENT CLUB: Next meeting 3rd December will be a 'sing-a-long' with Sarah in the **Coffee Bar**. We will also be collecting final payments for the Christmas meal and the Pantomime. Coach for the Christmas meal on 8th December will leave opposite the church at 11.30am and Estcourt Road at 11.45am. Returning at approx. 4.30pm

S.V.P.: Meet on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.00pm in the Coffee Bar.

CATHOLICISM: The next episode in The Catholicism Series takes place on Wednesday 10th December at 7.00pm in church.

ST. PETERS PRAYER GROUP: Is holding a meeting on Thursday 4th December 2014 at 7.00pm. Access is through the side door.

PRAYER, PRAISE & WORSHIP: On Tuesday 2nd December, 8.00pm at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. Guest speaker Sharon Carr.

ARK AND CRAFT on Saturday 6th December from 10am - 12noon in the Coffee Bar. We will be doing Advent and Christmas craft. All young children and their parents or grandparents welcome. Come and join in the fun! Please note there will be no session in January.

RED MISSION BOXES/MISSIO: Thank you all Box holders and promoters for your generosity in helping the missions. Please collect your magazines from the back of church. Please feel free to empty your own box if you can and put the money into one of the brown envelopes provided. Otherwise, please bring it to church to be emptied. If you would like to write a cheque, please make it payable to "APF". Any queries, please contact Lucy Hayward on 07787 835 762 or email lucyglos@msn.com.

FILIPINO ADVENT RECOLLECTION & MONTHLY MASS: On Saturday 6th December. Advent Recollection from 12 noon to 2:30 pm, will be in English, and has the theme "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" Mass is at 3.00pm and the celebrant will be Fr Johnny Go. All welcome.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Join St. Peter's High School Choir on Thursday 11th December, 7pm at the Immaculate Conception Church, Stroud for Carols by Candlelight. Tickets £3, £1 for Senior Citizens and students under 18, are available from school reception, 01452 520594.

RACE NIGHT: at St Peters social club Friday 12th December at 7.30pm. £4 a ticket to include a basket meal Raising funds for St Peters Church, Cancer Research UK and Martha Care More information or for tickets contact rmproductions2@hotmail.com or 07703323382 Or tickets are available behind the bar in the social club.

Vocation Matters -30th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

"I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received"

The hymn *Autumn Days*, penned by Estelle White, considers some rather strange things that we might be grateful for in our lives. These range from "autumn days when the grass is jewelled" to "jet planes meeting in the air to be refuelled" and "clouds that look familiar faces" to "the smell of bacon as I fasten up my laces". As we begin our Advent journey, what are the unexpected things that we want to give thanks for? God calls us and chooses us. How do we want to show our gratitude for what he is doing in us? As for the more strange or individual things we might take delight in, it's right to remember that gratefulness is the heart of prayer!