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Prayer for our Parish
O God, Creator and giver of all things, bless our parish in its united endeavour. Strengthen our faith. Grant us a spirit of self-sacrifice, so that, with your grace, we may provide for the needs of our parish, glorify you, and sanctify ourselves, through Christ our Lord.

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Parish Safeguarding Representatives: John Bond & Deacon Colm Robinson

Schools

St Peter's Catholic Primary School: Tel: 01452 524792. Web: www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk
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3rd September 2017 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Sunday 3rd September	**6.00pm (Sat)**	**Vigil Mass**	Elizabeth Tiffney *RIP*	**Diocesan Prayer Link** St Bonaventure, Bristol
	9.00am	**Mass**	People of the Parish	
	10.30am	**Mass**	Sylvia & Wilfred Curnock *RIP*	
	12.30pm	*Polish Mass*		
	5.30pm	**Mass**	Sebastiano Desando *RIP*	
Monday 4th September	**9.30am**	**Mass**	Ullahanna Kalarickal *RIP*	Ordinary Time
Tuesday 5th September	*6.00pm*	*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*		St Teresa of Calcutta
	7.00pm	**Mass**	Annakkutty Varkey *RIP*	
Wednesday 6th September	*11.30am*	*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*		Ordinary Time
	12.00pm	**Mass**	Jimmy Joseph *RIP*	
Thursday 7th September	**12.30pm**	**Mass**	Funeral Mass for Fred Mulholland	Ordinary Time
Friday 8th September	**9.30am**	**Mass**	Ints of Hema Joseph	Nativity of the BVM
	8.30pm	*Polish Mass*		
Saturday 9th September	**10.00**	**Mass**	Fr Fank Cama *Anniv*	Our Lady on Saturday
	10.30am-11.30am		*Confessions*	
	5.15pm-5.45pm		*Confessions*	
	6.00pm	**Vigil Mass**	Intentions of Diane	

Mass Text: Sunday 3rd September 2017 – 21st Sunday in Year

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
Responsorial Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.
Gospel Acclamation: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the minds of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.
Preface: IV of the Sundays in Ordinary Time **Eucharistic Prayer:** III

Next Weekend: Sunday 10th September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Last Week: Offertory - £1387.34 **Mass Count** – 720

This Week: Week 22 and Week 2 for the Daily Prayer of the Church. Please note: no 9.30am mass on Thursday.

Next Sunday: Is Education Sunday when there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service.

We pray for those who are ill - Andrea Brushneen, Sarah Anderson, Marie Cunningham, Jessie Hall, Cheryl Loy, Hayley Fox, Florence Stephens, Rita Lenagan, Sharon Williams, Neil Hillyer, Michaele Hercules, Ann Vaughan, Lal Slattery, John Wood, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Jane Conway, Tom Kennedy, Phil Gammond, Peter Green, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Vera Watson, Patricia Walsh, Janice Hunt, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Katie Hawketts, Fr Aidan Murray, Alan Hipwell, Fr Donal Daly, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor. Do please inform us of names to be added or taken from this list.

Newsletter for Families: The latest edition of the parish newsletter for families is now available at the back of the church and on the parish website and Facebook page.

Fr Alan Writes: I am fortunate enough to be going on holiday to Australia from the 4th to the 28th September. I thank you all again for your welcome and friendliness to me since I arrived at Easter. I hope, when I return that my achilles' tendon will be nearly healed that I do not have to sit down on a bar stool to say Mass, and can be of more help around the parish and schools, and hospital. l promise not to attempt any more highland flings! When l return it would be good to find Gloucester top of the Premiership, and Birmingham City top of the championship i.e. above Aston Villa! For this combination of events much prayer may be needed!

Volunteering with Marriage Care: The team in Cheltenham would love to welcome new catholic volunteers to train with us to work with engaged couples as they start out on their married lives. To find out more information with no commitment please email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk or call us on 0800 389 3801.

Little Church: Resumes next Sunday at the 9.00am mass.

Prinknash Abbey Events: September 8th Our Lady's Birthday – Rosary, Mass, Chaplet in the Grotto 10.30am-12.00pm. See www.prinknashabbey.org for more details.

Celebrating 50 years of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church: Friday 8th September from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Bernadette's Church Whitchurch Bristol BS14 9HU. Charles Whitehead. All welcome. For information, email renewal@cliftondiocese.com or call 07815 751 556.

RCIA: There is a meeting for those enquiring about becoming a full member of the Roman Catholic Church and for those interested in supporting the RCIA programme on Thursday September 14th at 7.30pm in the sacristy.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of the church Isaac and Seth Cole baptised this weekend.

First Thursday Prayer Group: Meets in St Peter's Church on Thursday September 7th at 7.00pm. Access is via the rear door. All welcome.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: Thursday September 7th at 3.00pm in Church. All welcome.

A Time to Reflect: From this weekend we invite all parishioners to observe a time of quietness in church for five minutes before the start of each weekend mass to enable us all to have time to reflect and so prepare ourselves for the celebration of Mass. The time of quiet will begin with the parish prayer.

RIP: Your prayers are asked for those who died recently;
Fred Mulholland, who died peacefully last Thursday in Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. His funeral mass takes place in St Peter's on Thursday September 7th at 12.30pm followed by burial in Coney Hill Cemetery.

Retirement Club: Outing to Weston-Super-Mare on Wednesday September 6th. Meet at usual venue for coach at 10.15am and Escourt Rd at 10.30am, returning at 4.00pm

Baby Loss Service: There will be a Service in St Peter's Church on Monday October 2nd (Memorial of the Guardian Angels) at 7.00pm for those who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal loss. This may be recently or many years ago. Family and friends who wish to remember a lost baby are most welcome.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

And Finally: In his Gospel, St John shares with us the precious memory of when Jesus called the first disciples and asked them: "What do you seek?" It is a question that he asks each of us in our own time. Jesus recognizes that a young heart, and a healthy one at that, is a searching heart, full of a desire for life and happiness. For the first disciples, this encounter was only the beginning of their relationship with Jesus and the living out of their vocation; it ignited a flame in their hearts, which transformed them into missionaries who always treasured the memory of that first encounter with Christ. Their story reminds us how we discover our vocation. Whether we are called to marriage, consecrated life or priesthood, our vocation finds its origin in our first encounter with Jesus. It is that first spark which, even in the midst of trials, leads to an ever-deeper relationship with the Lord and which brings us hope and joy. Let us treasure this flame of love that burns in our hearts, by recalling our first encounter with Christ. May we be joyful disciples, who dream with God of a better world, and who share the reason for our hope with all whom we meet. *Pope Francis*