



## A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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### Twenty Fifth Week of Ordinary Time Sunday Cycle Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 2, Psalter Week 1

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	6:30pm ( <i>Saturday</i> ) 8:30am ( <i>Painswick</i> ) 10:00am	<b>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Janet Hickey R.I.P. People of the Parishes Margaret Mason
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10:00am ( <i>Stooehouse</i> )	Weekday	Catherine Amor and Family
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	6:00pm	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions	Ann Gross
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	9:30am	<b>Feast of Saint Matthew</b>	Derek Dickens R.I.P.
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	10:00am	Weekday	Mary Hayes R.I.P.
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	No Mass	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina	
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>		Our Lady of Walsingham	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	6:30pm ( <i>Saturday</i> ) 8:30am ( <i>Painswick</i> ) 10:00am	<b>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Pat Hughes R.I.P. Joan & Denis Murphy R.I.P.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** We pray for the parishes of: Saint Joseph, Nympsfield;  
and Sacred Dominic, Dursley.

We pray for all those within our parish and their intentions including: the communities at the Monastery of Our Lady and Saint Bernard, Brownshill and More Hall, Randwick; and all those connected with our schools.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September 2022** is for the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**We continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine:** Donations for the Cafod Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, which will go to help the people of Ukraine and also others around the world affected by war and conflict, can be made at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

**YOUR PRAYERS** are asked for those who are housebound, in nursing homes, in hospital or sick including:

Clare Barton, Andy Hughes, Ian Spencer, Maggie Ind, Stephen Hassall, Conrad Newman, Jo Curtan, Mary Paul, Virginia Couchman, Edward Johnson, Janet Strong, Maria Capicotto, Antonietta Lazdans, Vivienne Tarn, Sarah Williams, Gisele Smart, Helen Hursthouse, Gerardo Capaldo, Michael Flint, Clare McDermott, Pat King, Margot Williams, June & John Privett, Olivia Bouzyk, Raphael Moore, Brian O'Donoghue, Kitty McCoy, Ursula Kyne, Imelda Kucharzyszyn, Lisa Knight, Francis Kerrigan, Monika Smit, Rebecca Frazier, Joan O'Donoghue, Sister Quentin, Peter Ollis, Peter McCombie, Anne Allen, Sister Catherine, Daryl Jackson, Grace Harper, Jamie Watt, Thea Gregson, Peter Tay, Ann Enright, Jill Chapman, Janie Wilmot, Kevin Sivell, Niall Walker, Murray Dolan, Cecilia Redgrave, Christopher & Clifford Browne, Victor Vincent, Stephen Carden, John Stephens, Phyllis Bruton, Marilyn Anderson, Chris Strong, Kate Thorley, Amanda Mullins, Paul O'Keith, Simon Terry, Anna Dowdeswell, Stephen & Paul Coupe, Anthea Van Venroy, Maisie McGinley and all their carers.

**To add a name to this list please contact the parish office – please ensure you have the agreement of the sick person.**

**Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:** We continue to pray for the repose of her soul, and also for King Charles III, the other members of the royal family and household, and all those who mourn for her. There are copies of prayers issued by the Bishops' Conference available in our churches.

**Second Collection** this Sunday for Home Mission Sunday.

**More Hall Residential Care Home** has one ground floor vacancy for an elderly person needing residential care. For more information please contact Sister Elsy by post (More Hall Convent, Randwick, Stroud GL6 6EP), telephone (01453 764486) or email ([moorehallconvent@gmail.com](mailto:moorehallconvent@gmail.com)).

**Friendship Circle** continues this Tuesday at 1:00pm in the parish hall. New members are welcome.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** continues during the 10:00am Mass this Sunday. Children between about 4 and 8 years of age are welcome to be part of this. After the introduction to the Mass, the children who wish, are invited to come to the front of the church and then process to the parish hall where the message of the Mass readings is brought to them in an age-appropriate way. They rejoin the rest of the congregation after the prayers of the faithful. For more information please speak to one of the catechists. We also need more adults to be part of the children's liturgy team.

**The Journey in Faith (or R.C.I.A.)** continues this Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in the upper room. These sessions are intended for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or who would simply like to find out more about the Faith. Please encourage anyone you know to attend. For more information please speak with Father Gary.

**Synod:** The process of the Synod continues and our parish, along with our neighbouring parishes of Stonehouse and Woodchester, contributed responses for the diocesan phase. There will be a session in our parish hall this Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7:00pm for our three parishes. Everyone from our three parishes are encouraged and welcome to come along to further consider our parishes in the light of the synod. Wine and cheese will be provided.

**A Service of Reflection on the Sacraments** at Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of a series of reflections in words, music and art, including choral music sung by an ecumenical choir and conducted by Martin Le Poidevin. This is an opportunity to reflect upon how the sacraments spiritually and practically sustain our lives. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible at Saint Thomas, Fairford, for this unique event.

**A Faith Full Journey** is a new series of online conversations planned by our diocesan department of Adult Education and Evangelisation. With this series they encourage us to simply turn up, come and deepen our faith and invigorate our formation. 'A Faith Full Journey' embraces a hybrid approach to faith forming experiences: this series can be experienced in real time, and it will also be recorded so that it can be watched at other times individually or as a group. The first session is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, and Avril Baigent, Pastoral Ministry Advisor for the Diocese of Northampton, will focus this opening session on Young People and the Church – Exploring the faith identity of Catholic teenagers. The conversation will take place via Microsoft Teams from 7:30pm until 8:45pm and all are welcome to join. To register your interest please contact: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). A Microsoft Teams invite will be sent out a few days before each talk.

**Invitation to webinar:** As a follow-up to the recent collection of the day of prayer for seafarers, Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea) have organised a webinar on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 7:30pm until 9:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join the webinar to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations to Stella Maris are supporting those in crisis. Please register for this event at [www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment)

**Relics of Saint Bernadette:** The visit to the Cathedral last Saturday was a wonderful occasion. Deacon Paul Thompson who was responsible for organising the visit for the diocese has written: *'The rosary was a key part of our devotions during the visit of the relics of St. Bernadette last Saturday. It was a great blessing and very appropriate that the Parish of the Immaculate Conception lead the first rosary of the day so beautifully, so thank you very much for your individual contributions that helped make the whole day a prayerful, grace-filled occasion. So, your contribution in helping all those pilgrim's rosary prayers rise to our heavenly Father through Mary was invaluable. Many, many thanks to you and God bless you.'* Photographs and information about the visit are available on the diocesan website.