



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Thirty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time Sunday Cycle Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 2, Psalter Week 2

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 20th November	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Harry & Freda Knight R.I.P. Julia Barton R.I.P. People of the Parishes
Monday 21st November	11:00am	Funeral Mass	Giovanna Malukas
Tuesday 22nd November	6:00pm	Saint Cecilia	Special Intention
Wednesday 23rd November	10:00am 10:45am	Weekday <i>Holy Hour</i>	Deceased Members of Mother Teresa Group
Thursday 24th November	6:00pm	Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions	Special Intention
Friday 25th November	9:30am (<i>Woodchester</i>)	Weekday	Special Intention
Saturday 26th November		Weekday	
Sunday 27th November	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	First Sunday of Advent (Year A)	Convoy Family R.I.P. People of the Parishes Michael & Lucia Mirkovic R.I.P.

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the parishes of: Saint Dunstan, Somerton;
and Holy Ghost, Yeovil with South Petherton.

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November 2022 is for children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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:

Margaret Holman, 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.

This Sunday is the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. It is the last Sunday of our liturgical year and is a day of prayer for young people. Our young people will be involved in a particular way during the 10:00am Mass on Sunday.

Walk with Me booklets for adults and calendars for children for Advent are available at the back of the church. These can help us to live the advent season more fruitfully. They are free of charge (although you may like to leave a donation in the repository box). An alternative Advent Children's calendar is also available from Mission Together. This, along with other resources to help children live out the season of Advent, can be downloaded from <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/advent-resources/>. Some copies of the Diocesan Directory (£6.00) and Liturgical Diary (£6.50) are also available

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. This is the beginning of the Church's year. Sunday readings will be from Year A and weekday readings will be from Year 1.

Second Collection this weekend for Priests' Retirement Fund.

Parish Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November (9:30am – 1:00pm). Raffle tickets are available.

Congratulations to John Salter who was ordained to the diaconate on Saturday. He will hopefully be ordained priest next April, after which he will be able to assist with the celebration of Mass in some of the parishes of our deanery and diocese.

Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm on Thursday 1st December. There will also be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse from 3:15pm on Saturday 17th December before the carol service.

Patronal Feast: Our parish patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Thursday 8th December. There will be Mass at 10:00am (when our primary school children will be present) and 7:00pm. The evening Mass will be followed by a **fish and chip supper** in the parish hall. The cost for the supper is £10.00 per person. Please book (and pay for) your meal this weekend after the Masses, or call into the parish office. Friday 9th December is celebrated as the Solemnity of the Dedication of our parish church. Mass will be at 10:00am on that day.

Advent Mission Retreat organised by Missio on Sunday 11th December in our parish hall beginning at 1:00pm and finishing with Mass at 5:00pm. To reserve a place please contact Marilynne in the parish office (stroud.immaculateconception@cliftondiocese.com or 01453 762442).

Carol Service at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse on Saturday 17th December at 4:00pm.

Candlelight Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 21st December at 5:30pm. All are welcome to this event. (The Carols by Candlelight organised by Saint Peter's High School will be on Thursday 13th December)

The **Repository** is open in the parish hall after the 10:00am Sunday Mass. Items available include Christmas cards, Advent calendars, missals, bibles, catechisms and religious medals.

Red Box Donations: Throughout the year we support the missionary activity of the Church through the Missio/Mill Hill Red Box. Red Box holders are reminded that boxes should be returned for emptying by the weekend of **10th/11th December** for the annual count. Those who do not wish to use physical money at this time can also donate in the following ways: send a cheque made payable to 'Missio – Mill Hill' either to the parish or to 'Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU'; by telephone on 020 7821 9755; or online at www.missio.org.uk/redbox. When using any of these methods please ensure you state our parish name so that the contribution is correctly allocated.

Rosary School Admissions: If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school. For more details about admissions to our Rosary Primary School please visit <https://www.rosaryschool.org.uk/reception-admissions-2023-1/>. You are warmly invited to visit the school (at the end of Convent Lane) by making an appointment on any day convenient to you by telephoning 01453 762774 or emailing head@rosary.gloucs.sch.uk. This Thursday 24th November there will be a 'stay and play' session opportunity, when children can enjoy a craft session and play in the Reception classroom, while parents have a tour of the school and meet the Headteacher, Mrs Savory, and other staff members.

We remember in our prayers Giovanna Malukas (Funeral Mass on Monday at 11:00am) who died recently. We also pray for her family and friends.