



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday Cycle Year A, Weekday Cycle Year 1, Psalter Week 1

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 4th June	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Burns & Kelly Family R.I.P. People of the Parishes The Hood Family
Monday 5th June	11:30am (<i>Woodchester</i>)	Funeral Mass	Pamela Penn-Taplin
Tuesday 6th June	6:00pm	Weekday	Mary O'Mahony
Wednesday 7th June	10:00am	Weekday	Mandy Tinker
Thursday 8th June	7:00pm (<i>Stonehouse</i>)	Weekday	Special Intention
Friday 9th June	No Mass	Weekday	
Saturday 10th June	11:00am Mass	First Holy Communion	First Holy Communion Children
Sunday 11th June	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Joan-Ann Marza People of the Parishes Elizabeth Harrington

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the parish of Saint Bonaventure, Bristol.

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 June 2023 is for the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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:

Maureen Owen, Naomi King, Clare Barton, Ian Spencer, Maggie Ind, Stephen Hassall, Conrad Newman, Jo Curtan, Mary Paul, Virginia Couchman, Edward Johnson, Janet Strong, Maria Capicotto, Antonietta Lazdans, Sarah Williams, Gisele Smart, Helen Hursthouse, Gerardo Capaldo, Michael Flint, Clare McDermott, Pat King, June & John Privett, Olivia Bouzyk, Raphael Moore, Brian O'Donoghue, Kitty McCoy, Ursula Kyne, Lisa Knight, Francis Kerrigan, Monika Smit, Rebecca Frazier, Joan O'Donoghue, Peter Ollis, Peter McCombie, Anne Allen, Sister Catherine, Daryl Jackson, Grace Harper, Jamie Watt, Peter Tay, Ann Enright, 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.

First Holy Communion: The rehearsal for parents and children will be this Friday 9th June at 7:00pm (in our parish church for those making their First Holy Communion in Stroud, and in Stonehouse for those making it in Stonehouse or Woodchester). The First Holy Communion Mass will be next Saturday 10th June at 11:00am in Stroud (and during the Masses next Sunday at Stroud and Woodchester). Everyone is welcome to this Mass. We pray for the children at this time.

Grandparents Group meets every 1st Wednesday of the month in the parish hall at 2:00pm (Coffee/tea and biscuits from 1:30pm). Everyone is welcome to this group for the exchange of experience, prayers and readings. Next meeting this Wednesday 7th June.

Holy Communion under Both Kinds: We hope to reintroduce this next weekend 10th/11th June. Those extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion from our three parishes who did not attend the morning on Saturday, should come to the session at Stonehouse this Thursday 8th June (beginning with Mass at 7:00pm and concluding at 9:00pm). The recommissioning of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will take place during the Masses of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (sometimes known as Corpus Christi) next weekend.

Second Collection this weekend for the Priests' Retirement Fund.

Don't Forget the Holy Spirit is a new book written by Father Matt Anscombe of our diocese. He shares personal testimony and considers the difference the Holy Spirit makes in our lives of faith. Further details and recommendations and a link to buy the book can be found on the website www.dftholyspirit.com - it is also available on Amazon. Cost is £10 (+P&P). Hopefully Father Matt will visit our parish to lead an evening focussed on the Holy Spirit in the coming months.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: Eucharistic Miracles Encounter Retreat Day on Saturday 17th June at Saint Gregory's, Cheltenham. The day begins at 11:30 with light refreshments, followed by the opportunity to see the Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles assembled by Blessed Carlos, a gifted website designer, shortly before his death from leukaemia at 15 years of age. This will be followed by a talk on Blessed Carlo and the miracles. The day which finishes at 3:30pm will conclude with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of a first-class relic of Blessed Carlos. There is no charge for the day, but donations to help cover travel costs will be appreciated.

Our Rosary Catholic Primary School is looking for volunteers. They write:

We are looking especially for adults who can offer some time to listen to pupils read and to help in the library at lunchtimes. This could be one day a week or as often as you feel able. It could be so helpful to us and to the pupils who need most help. Secondly, we are always on the look-out for foundation governors. We are appointing two excellent candidates at the moment but there are still vacancies. (Foundation Governors have to be practising Catholics.) If you feel you can serve for three or four years as a foundation governor, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Here is an outline of the opportunities to volunteer:

Helping with Breakfast Club and hearing individual children read before school **8.00am-9.00am**

Hearing individual children read 1.30pm-3.00pm

Lunchtime Library Club 12.00-1.00pm

Foundation Governors are expected to participate in 6 Full governing Board meetings per year (2 face to face, 4 online) and 6 sub-committee meetings (online)

All volunteers and Foundation Governors, will need a safeguarding DBS check, but the school will sort this out. If you can help, please contact the Chair of Governors, Philip Rush, by email at chair@rosary.gloucs.sch.uk.

Clifton Evangelist: The seventh edition of this diocesan newsletter is now available at <https://clifftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Newsletter-volume-7-2023.pdf>.

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

We remember in our prayers Tom Ormonde, Pamela Penn-Taplin (Funeral Mass on Monday at 11:30am at Woodchester) and Imelda Kucharzyszyn (Funeral Mass on Friday 16th June at 10:30am) who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.

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