



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 24th November	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Michael and Theresa Finneran R.I.P. People of the Parishes Mr & Mrs P. Hanley R.I.P.
Monday 25th November	6:00pm (<i>Stonehouse</i>)	Weekday	Simon Ryan R.I.P.
Tuesday 26th November	6:00pm	Weekday	Deceased members of the Finneran Family
Wednesday 27th November	10:00am 10:45am	Weekday <i>Holy Hour</i>	Margaret Mason
Thursday 28th November	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Weekday	
Friday 29th November	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Weekday	
Saturday 30th November		Feast of Saint Andrew	
Sunday 1st December	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	First Sunday of Advent	Peggy, Paddy & Michael McNally People of the Parishes Anne Harvey R.I.P.

There is Mass at More Hall Convent on Sundays at 11:00am and Weekdays at 8:15am

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the parishes of: Saint Joseph, Portishead;
Saint Francis of Assisi, Nailsea; and
Immaculate Conception, Clevedon, with
Saint Dunstan and Saint Antony, Yatton.

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 2024 is for anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

We continue to pray for peace in the world, including the situations in the Middle East and Ukraine. Donations for the Cafod Appeals can be made online: for the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at <https://cafod.org.uk/?form=israelipalestiniancrisis>; and for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal 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:

Caroline Sellick, Mikaela Hunter, Paddi Spruyt, Naomi King, Maggie Ind, Stephen Hassall, Conrad Newman, Jo Curtan, Mary Paul, Virginia Couchman, Edward Johnson, Janet Strong, Maria Capicotto, Sarah Williams, Gisele Smart, Gerardo Capaldo, Clare McDermott, Pat King, June & John Privett, Olivia Bouzyk, Raphael Moore, Ursula Kyne, Brian O'Donoghue, Lisa Knight, Francis Kerrigan, Monika Smit, Rebecca Frazier, Joan O'Donoghue, Peter Ollis, Anne Allen, Sister Catherine, Daryl Jackson, Jamie Watt, Peter Tay, 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. **Next Sunday** is the First Sunday of Advent. This is the beginning of the Church's year. Sunday readings will be from Year C and weekday readings will be from Year 1.

New Lectionary: The use of the new lectionary begins next weekend. The English Standard Version of the Bible will be used for the readings (instead of the Jerusalem Bible) and the Abbey version of the Psalms (rather than the Grail version used at present). The New Lectionaries and Gospel books for use in the church will be blessed during the 10:00am Mass this Sunday. Those who would like to purchase new Redemptorist Sunday Missals via the parish should contact the parish office to place their order (some will be able to be distributed next weekend). The cost will be £16 initially. The new translations are available on the Universalis App for phone, tablet and/or computer (the readings and psalms in the correct translation are available on the paid version). For more information about Universalis please visit <https://universalis.com/n-apps.htm>).

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Bosco for this weekend. There are copies available in our churches.

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). Advent Children's calendars (digital and traditional) are also available from Mission Together. These, along with other resources to help children live out the season of Advent, can be downloaded from <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/advent-resources/>.

Parish Christmas Fayre next Saturday 30th November (9:30am – 12:30pm). Please come along, bringing family and friends, to meet, eat at Mike's Cafe and buy from the stalls. We are delighted to welcome the Rosary School Choir to sing for us at 10:15am and we hope Santa Claus will pay us a visit! Please help by donating: home-made cakes; jams & chutneys; jewellery; bath products & cosmetics; bottles for the bottle tombola; and items for the craft stall suitable for Christmas. There will be a meeting for stall-holders after the 10:00am Mass this Sunday in the parish hall (new volunteers welcome). Our **Christmas Raffle** will be drawn at the fayre. We have wonderful raffle prizes this year. Please support this key parish fundraiser by buying tickets after Masses this weekend or from the parish office.

Patronal Feast: Our parish patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Monday 9th December (transferred from the Sunday). There will be Mass at 10:00am (when our primary school children will be present) and 7:00pm. The evening Mass will be followed 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 after the weekend Masses, or call into the parish office. Tuesday 10th December is celebrated as the Solemnity of the Dedication of our parish church.

Assisted Suicide: Following the first reading of a bill on assisted suicide in the House of Commons our Bishop wishes us to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose this. The Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland have issued a joint statement which can be found at <https://clifftondiocese.com/news/catholic-bishops-of-england-wales-and-scotland-unite-in-compassionate-action-to-oppose-bill-on-assisted-suicide/>.

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 **2nd December** for the annual count. Donations can also be made 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.

SVP Giving Tree: Our Five Valleys SVP Conference is asking us to help provide some families with a bag of basic goodies to enjoy at Christmas. There is a Giving Tree in our church adorned with tags for those who wish to take with them and purchase the item on the tag, bringing the item the following week. Our SVP team will make up the bags so that they are distributed before Christmas.

Christmas Cards are available for sale in the parish hall after Sunday Mass or from the parish office.

Christmas Mass Times: It has been suggested that the Christmas Eve Mass be celebrated at 5:30pm this year (rather than 6:30pm as in previous years). Anyone who has strong opinions as to whether this change should be made please let Father Gary know by the beginning of December. The other Christmas Mass times will not change (unless a shortage of priests means that the number and times of Masses will need to be altered).

We remember in our prayers Giorgio Mannu (Funeral Service on Friday 6th December at 12:00 noon) and Father Bernard Carpenter who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.