



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 27th October	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Helen Hursthouse R.I.P. People of the Parishes O'Neill Family R.I.P.
Monday 28th October	10:00am (<i>Stonehouse</i>)	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude	Mary Nolan
Tuesday 29th October	6:00pm	Weekday	Michael Lloyd R.I.P.
Wednesday 30th October	10:00am 10:45am	Weekday <i>Holy Hour</i>	Michael O'Connors R.I.P.
Thursday 31st October	8:15am (<i>More Hall</i>)	Weekday	
Friday 1st November	10:00am 7:00pm	Solemnity of All Saints	People of the Parishes Alan Smetham R.I.P.
Saturday 2nd November	10:00am	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	All the faithful departed
Sunday 3rd November	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bill Ryan R.I.P. People of the Parishes Deceased members of the Carden & McCauley Families

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

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the parish of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Charlton Kings

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=israelipalestiniacrisis>; 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.

Friday is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be Masses at 10:00am and 7:00pm in our parish church. There will also be Mass at 10:00am at Saint Joseph, Stonehouse and at 12:00 noon at the Annunciation, Woodchester.

Saturday is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (often known as All Souls' Day). It is not a Holy Day of Obligation, although it is a day when people often like to participate in the Mass. There will be a morning Mass at 10:00am in our parish church. There will also be Mass at 10:00am at Saint Joseph, Stonehouse and at 12:00 noon at the Annunciation, Woodchester. There will be the normal Saturday 6:30pm evening Mass in Stroud (which will be of the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time). November is sometimes known as the Month of the Holy Souls and it can be good to make this a particular prayer intention during the month.

Parish Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November (9:30am – 12:30pm). Please put this date in diaries. Calling all parishioners and friends, bakers and makers, stall holders and donators! We hope you will come to our parish Christmas Fayre this year to meet friends, eat at Mike's Cafe and buy from our 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.

Christmas Raffle: The tickets have arrived! We have wonderful raffle prizes this year. Please support this key parish fundraiser by buying tickets after weekend Masses or from the parish office. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre.

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. Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/assisted-suicide/> for more information.

Secondary School Applications: Parents/guardians of year 6 children (born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014) should apply for their secondary school place for September 2025. To make an application they must complete the secondary transfer application form provided by their home local authority (available on the LA website) by 31st October. If they are applying for a place for a baptised child at Saint Peter's Catholic High School, they should also additionally complete their Supplementary Information Form (available on the school's website) and provide the school with a copy of their child's baptism certificate, also by 31st October.

More Hall Residential Care Home has a vacancies at present. As we know it is a small care home, run by the Grace and Compassion Benedictine Sisters, together with lay staff. They welcome permanent residents and respite care. For more information please contact Sister Elsy by telephone (01453 764486), email (moorehallconvent@gmail.com), or post (More Hall Convent, Randwick, Stroud GL6 6EP).

Newman Association talk on Tuesday 5th November at 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall (Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU). Christine Whitemore will be giving a talk on 'A Glimpse of Catholic Lives & anti-Catholic Agitation in 1850's Cheltenham'. She is a poet, essayist, and novelist. Her new book 'Inscription' explores the religious tensions & social world of 1850s Cheltenham. All are welcome. Admission is £3.00 (members & students free). Enquires: Stephanie Jamison (01242 539810).

Reconcilio 2024 is an afternoon for anyone bereaved by tragic loss on Saturday 9th November (1:30pm-4:00pm) in the Café Meeting Room, Prinknash Abbey Café, Gloucester. Meet others, tea, coffee, biscuits, helpful leaflets, books on grief for sale. Organised by Jola Malin. Numbers are limited, so please contact Jola by email (yolazart@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested. Small donations to cover costs would be welcome.

Congratulations to Father Michael McAndrew, parish priest at Saint Mary's, Swindon, and assistant priest in Stroud some years ago, who has been appointed a Canon of Clifton Cathedral Chapter. Canon Michael's Mass of Installation will be this Wednesday 30th October in Clifton Cathedral at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

We remember in our prayers Julie Wood (Funeral Mass at Stonehouse on Tuesday 5th November at 11:00am with her coffin being received into church the previous evening at 6:00pm), Father Michael Derrick D'Mello (Funeral Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Thursday at 11:00am) and Father Paul Gonsalves who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends, and the parishioners of Christ the King, Knowle West, Bristol and the Immaculate Conception, Devizes.