

A WARM WELCOME TO

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Solemnity of Pentecost and Tenth Week of Ordinary Time Sunday Cycle Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 1, Psalter Week 2

Celebrations Date **Mass Times** Intentions 6:30pm (Saturday) Special Intention Sunday 8th June Solemnity of Pentecost People of the Parishes 8:30am (Painswick) 10:00am Alex Szkrybieniec R.I.P. Blessed Virgin Mary, 10:00am Monday 9th June Michael Nolan (Stonehouse) Mother of the Church Tuesday 10th June 6:00pm Weekday Mary Grant R.I.P. 10:00am Saint Barnabas Margaret Mason Wednesday 11th June 10:45am Holy Hour Feast of our 8:15am Thursday 12th June Lord Jesus Christ, (More Hall) the Eternal High Priest 9:30am Friday 13th June Saint Anthony of Padua Cavan Taylor R.I.P. (Woodchester) Saturday 14th June Weekday Ollie Cuffe R.I.P. 6:30pm (Saturday) Solemnity of the Sunday 15th June People of the Parishes 8:30am (Painswick) **Most Holy Trinity** Father Martin Sheehan 10:00am

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

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for all in Saint Ambrose and the Diocesan Curia and Services.

Holy Year – Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

May the grace of the Jubilee spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June 2025 is that the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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 <u>https://cafod.org.uk/?form=israelipalestiniancrisis;</u> and for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal at <u>https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis</u>.

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

Jeanette Cass, Sam Kirby, Susan Squire, Mary Towell, Caroline Sellick, Naomi King, Maggie Ind, Conrad Newman, Jo Curtan, Mary Paul, Virginia Couchman, Edward Johnson, 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 Pentecost: This feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit can be seen as the birthday of the Church. It also marks the end of the Easter Season. Ordinary time recommences on Monday with week 10. Weekday readings are from year 1 and Sunday readings are from year C.

First Holy Communion: There will be a children's session next Saturday 14th June (2:00pm – 4:30pm) in the parish hall.

Next Sunday is the Day for Life, and the theme is 'Hope does not Disappoint: Finding meaning in Suffering.' There will be a second collection, the proceeds of which assist life-related activities supported by the Church. Please visit <u>https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/</u> for more information.

Tales of Music and Devotion is an evening celebrating the music of Sir Edward Elgar, and his sister 'Dot' or more properly Mother Mary Reginald Elgar OP (superior of the Dominican convent in Stroud), performed by members of the Stroud Symphony Orchestra and the EOM choir, interspersed with readings from their letters. It will talk place at the Annunciation, Woodchester, on Saturday 5th July at 7:30pm. Please visit webpage <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/woodchester/the-priory-church-of-the-annunciation/tales-of-music-and-devotion/2025-07-05/19:30/t-garaprq</u> for tickets which cost £12.00 (plus booking fee). This concert marks the end of the 175th anniversary celebrations of the church.

Diocesan Jubilee Celebration: Bishop Bosco warmly invites us to join him on Saturday 19th July for the Diocesan Jubilee Celebration of Hope taking place at Downside Abbey and School. As part of the adult programme for the day, there will be three keynote speakers, Sisterr Jane Livesey CJ, Eddie Gilmore and Simon Uttley. In addition, there will be a programme of events for children's & young people throughout the day. Arrivals and refreshments from 10:00am. The programme of prayer and talks will commence at 10:30am. There will be Mass in the Abbey Church at 3:00pm. Booking through Eventbrite is essential via https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk for your free ticket. The closing date for tickets is 7th July. For more information please visit https://cliftondiocese.com/event/diocesan-day.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 22nd August to Friday 29th August. As usual, it will be part of the Catholic Association Pilgrimage. Tangney Tours will be dealing with hotel and flight bookings. Travel will be from Birmingham airport direct to Tarbes-Lourdes airport. Bookings are now open via the Tangney Tours website <u>https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-ca-bhx/</u>. Clifton Pilgrims are requested to book either the Astrid or the Irelande hotels. There will be a coach to and from Birmingham airport. If you would like to contact Father Eugene Campbell (the diocesan director of the pilgrimage) please do so via <u>lourdes@cliftondiocese.com</u>. The pilgrimage will have a full programme including: Mass each day, including Mass at the Grotto Massabielle; visits to the Grotto; service of reconciliation; visit to the baths; water gesture; Jubilee 2025 meditation walk; stations of the cross; Diocesan Day to Bartres; Blessed Sacrament procession; Torchlight procession. This pilgrimage will also give an opportunity to gain the Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence as the Rosary Basilica is a designated 'Jubilee Church'.

Parish Spring Fayre: Thank you to all those who supported this event. It was a lovely occasion. The total raised to date is just over £2300.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of the Sick: Father Gary is happy to celebrate these sacraments on request or by appointment.

SVP: The Saint Vincent de Paul Society operates within our parishes and our local conference (group) are happy to visit those who wish. Our conference secretary, Marilynne Morgan, can be contacted via <u>SVP@catholicweb.org.uk</u> or at the parish office in Stroud (01453 762442). Anyone interested in joining the conference may also contact Marilynne.

More Hall Residential Care Home has vacancies at present for those requiring care. 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 (<u>moorehallconvent@gmail.com</u>), or post (More Hall Convent, Randwick, Stroud GL6 6EP).

Pastoral Area Website: The website for our Pastoral Area of Saint Wulstan is <u>www.saintwulstan.org.uk</u>.