



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Thirty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time Sunday Cycle Year A, Weekday Cycle Year 1, Psalter Week 2

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 26th November	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Brian & Helen Hursthouse People of the Parishes Bernard Gibbons R.I.P.
Monday 27th November	No Mass	Weekday	
Tuesday 28th November	No Mass	Weekday	
Wednesday 29th November	No Mass	Weekday	
Thursday 30th November	No Mass	Feast of Saint Andrew	
Friday 1st December	9:30am (<i>Woodchester</i>)	Saint Alexander Briant	Special Intention
Saturday 2nd December		Weekday	
Sunday 3rd December	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	First Sunday of Advent	Karen Shah R.I.P. Johanna Gaskin R.I.P. People of the Parishes

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the parish of Saint Catharine, Frome,
with Saint Dominic, Mells.

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 December 2023 is for the persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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:

Michael Lloyd, Caroline Sellick, Mikaela Hunter, Paddi Spruyt, 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, 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, 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.

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 B and weekday readings will be from Year 2.

Christmas Fayre and Draw: Many thanks to all those who supported these events. The fayre was a lovely occasion. The total taken (excluding the draw) at the fayre was £1595.86. A more complete total (including the draw and other money received) will be available in the coming weeks.

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). There are also some copies of 'This is my Body' by Bishop Robert Barron which are free for anyone who would like one. Alternative 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/>. Some copies of the Diocesan Directory (£6.00) and Liturgical Diary (£6.50) are also available.

Patronal Feast: Our parish patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday 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 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. Saturday 9th December is celebrated as the Solemnity of the Dedication of our parish church and there will be Mass for this at 10:00am on that day (the 6:30pm evening Mass will be of the Second Sunday of Advent).

Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm on Thursday 14th December. There will also be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse from 3:00pm on Saturday 16th December.

Carols by Candlelight Concert organised by Saint Peter's High School on Friday 15th December at 7:00pm in our parish church. This will be an uplifting yet reflective sequence of Christmas music and readings, suitable for all the family. Tickets (adults: £3; concessions: £1) will be available from 1st December from the school via 01452 520594 or boxoffice@sphs.uk.com.

Cafod Soup Lunch on Wednesday 20th December from 12:00 noon until 1:00pm in our parish hall with proceeds towards the **Cafod Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal**. Sadly some staff and volunteers in Cafod's partner organisations have already lost their lives. We continue to offer support and prayers of solidarity for those putting their lives at risk, and for all those suffering because of the ongoing situation. There are details for making online donations to the appeal on the first page of this newsletter.

Rosary School Admissions: If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2024 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Gloucestershire County Council (<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/admissions-to-reception-at-primary-school-3-junior-school-lower-to-middle-school-places-for-september-2024/>). If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school and possibly their own admissions form. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2024. For more details about admissions to our Rosary Primary School please visit <https://www.rosaryschool.org.uk/reception-admissions-2024/>.

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 **9th/10th December** for the annual count. Those who do not wish to use physical money 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 state the parish name so that the contribution is correctly allocated.

Newman Association talk on Tuesday 5th December at 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall (Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU). Father Stephen Corrigan, assistant priest at Saint Peter's, Gloucester, will be giving a talk on 'The Challenges of the Synod for Priests and People'. Before being ordained priest in 2021 he was a seminarian at Saint John's Seminary, Womersley, having previously studied politics and theology at Leeds University). All are welcome. Admission is £3.00 (members & students free). Enquires: Stephanie Jamison (01242 539810).

We remember in our prayers Danny McCue (Funeral Mass on Monday 11th December at 12:00 noon with his coffin being received into church the previous evening at 6:30pm) who died recently. We also pray for his family and friends.