



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 1st September	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Peter McCombie R.I.P.
Monday 2nd September	9:30am (<i>Stonehouse</i>)	Weekday	Carmel Scannell
Tuesday 3rd September	6:00pm	Feast of Saint Gregory the Great	Special Intention
Wednesday 4th September	10:00am 10:45am 1:00pm	Weekday <i>Holy Hour</i> Funeral Service	Joseph McLoughlin R.I.P. Teresina Mannu
Thursday 5th September	10:00am	Weekday	Thanksgiving
Friday 6th September	9:30am (<i>Woodchester</i>)	Weekday	Leonard Lickorish R.I.P.
Saturday 7th September		Weekday	
Sunday 8th September	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention Chris Ferrer R.I.P. People of the Parishes

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

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the Bristol parishes of: Saint Gerard Majella, Knowle; and Christ the King, Knowle West.

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 September 2024 is for the cry of the Earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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; 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.

Foreign Mission Appeal this weekend. Father Amalraj Lawrence from the Society of African Missions (SMA) is celebrating and preaching at all Masses. There will be a second collection for their work. Each year a missionary society (or group of societies) are tasked with visiting every parish in our country to carry out this appeal. Father Gary is celebrating Masses in the Forest of Dean this weekend.

This Sunday is a world day for prayer for the care of creation and marks the beginning of the season of creation which continues until 4th October.

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 4th September.

Mass on Thursday at 10:00am will be with the children of our primary school as they begin the new academic year.

Parish Walk on Sunday 15th September beginning around 11:30am. It will be a relatively gentle walk along the canal, returning to the parish hall for coffee (or tea) and cake at about 1:00pm. Walkers and non-walkers welcome for the refreshments. Suggested donation is £5 per adult.

Photographs for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2024: These can be viewed and ordered online at www.fivevalleys.co.uk only until 30th September. After this date please contact Ian Sadler at Five Valleys Photography (01453 766660 or info@fivevalleys.co.uk). If parents or candidates have misplaced the passwords please contact Marilynne in the parish office.

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

A Day with Saint Thérèse of Lisieux at Prinknash Abbey on Saturday 28th September (11:00am – 4:00pm) led by Canon John Udris, including talk, Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Entry is free (although donations greatly appreciated), but booking is essential. For bookings or more information please email Moira Govan (moira.govan@gmail.com) or telephone John O'Donnell (07598 797252). This event is organised by the Saint Joseph Prinknash Rosary Walk Group.

To Hope and Act with Creation: Learning from the Animals is an event at Brownhill Monastery from Friday 27th September (4:00pm) until Sunday 29th September (12:00 noon). For more information please visit <https://www.bernardine.org/brownhill-programme/2024/09/27/act-and-hope-with-creation>. The suggested offering for the full residential weekend is £140 (non-residential options also available).

Quiet Days at Brownhill Monastery: We are invited to a quiet day (10:30am – 5:30pm) at the monastery. These days are an opportunity to reflect, pray and simply be with God. A Sister will give some input at 11:00am. Those attending are welcome to join the Divine Office (prayer of the Church) and to use the Chapel, sitting rooms and garden. The suggested offering for a quiet day is £20 (packed lunch) or £30 (including cooked lunch). Dates: 25th September, 24th October, 22nd November and 12th December. For more information please visit <https://www.bernardine.org/brownhill-programme> or email brownhillbookings@bernardine.org.

The Stroud Foodbank continues to provide important help for those who need it. For more information on how to 'get help' or 'give help' please visit their website <https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>. Food items for the foodbank (not fresh, frozen or refrigerator items) can be left at the back of the church. Monetary donations are also needed. These can be made via their website, or cash (no cheques) donations for the foodbank in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Foodbank' can be given into the parish office (or to the stewards at weekend Masses).

We remember in our prayers Teresina Mannu (Funeral Service on Wednesday at 1:00pm) and Grace Harper (Funeral Mass on Wednesday 18th September at 10:00am with her coffin being received into church the previous afternoon at 4:30pm) who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.