



# A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday Cycle Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 1, Psalter Week 4

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	6:30pm ( <i>Saturday</i> ) 8:30am ( <i>Painswick</i> ) 10:00am	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Helen Hursthouse R.I.P. People of the Parishes The Hyland Family R.I.P.
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	10:00am ( <i>Stonehouse</i> )	Weekday	Mr & Mrs P. Hanley & Patrick R.I.P.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	6:00pm	Weekday	Anna Dowdeswell R.I.P.
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	11:00am 6:00pm	<b>Funeral Service</b>  Saint Bernard	Graziella Matarazzo Canon Tom Curtis Hayward R.I.P.
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	2:00pm 7:00pm	<b>Memorial Service</b>  <b>Farewell Mass</b>	Rita Talwar Rossiter  Thanksgiving
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	9:30am ( <i>Woodchester</i> )	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	James Keith R.I.P.
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>		Saint Rose of Lima	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	6:30pm ( <i>Saturday</i> ) 8:30am ( <i>Painswick</i> ) 10:00am	<b>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Cecilia Redgrave R.I.P. People of the Parishes Mr Hannon

*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, Bridgwater; and  
Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Burnham-on-Sea.

## 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 August 2025** is for mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**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:

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, Christopher & Clifford Browne, Victor Vincent, Stephen Carden, John Stephens, Phyllis Bruton, Marilyn Anderson, Chris Strong, Kate Thorley, Amanda Mullins, Paul O'Keith, Simon Terry, 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.*

**Change of Parish Priest:** As has been announced over recent weeks Father Gary is being appointed as parish priest of Saint Peter's, Gloucester, and he will leave our three parishes on 27<sup>th</sup> August. Father Eugene Campbell, currently at Holy Family, Patchway, Bristol, is being appointed as the new parish priest and his first weekend will be 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September.

**Farewell Celebration for Father Gary** this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August beginning with Mass at 7:00pm and continuing in the parish hall. The refreshments after Mass this Sunday will be more elaborate than normal, also celebrating Father Gary's farewell, especially for those unable to be present on the Thursday evening.

**Feasts and Anniversaries:** This **Wednesday** is the anniversary in 1857 of the opening of our parish church. It is also the feast of Saint Bernard and we remember to pray for the Bernardine Sisters at Brownshill. **Saturday** is the feast of Saint Rose of Lima and we remember to pray for Saint Rose's School on that day. It is also the anniversary of the death of our former parish priest Canon Tom Curtis Hayward. **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August** is the feast of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God. He was a Passionist priest from Italy who felt a strong calling to minister in England which he did with much energy, enthusiasm and love. Saint John Henry Newman was received into the Church by him, and held Blessed Dominic in high regard. He was instrumental in the foundation of our church at Woodchester. Mass on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August will be 9:30am at Woodchester.

**Glastonbury Pilgrimage** on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September with the theme 'Mary, Woman of Hope'. There will be a coach leaving Stroud at 8:50am (with other pickups at Gloucester at 8:05am and Tuffley at 8:25am). **These times have changed from last week's newsletter.** The coach is due to leave Glastonbury at 4:45pm for the return journey. The cost will be £10.00 per adult (£5.00 per child) and will be collected on the coach. There are sheets to sign in our churches if you would like to reserve a place or contact the parish office. This is one of the great diocesan occasions of the year. For more details about the pilgrimage please visit <https://www.glastonburyshrine.co.uk/pilgrimage-2025>.

**Mission Masses:** During this Holy Year, Pilgrims of Hope, there will be a number of Mission Masses around our diocese to celebrate the overseas mission of the Church and the ongoing work of Missio, including on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm at Holy Family, Patchway, Bristol, when Bishop Bosco will preside. Father Gary will preside at other Masses, including at Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Matson, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm.

**Diocesan Day:** On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July nearly 400 people from across the diocese gathered in the beautiful and inspiring grounds of Downside Abbey to celebrate our Jubilee as Pilgrims of Hope. Visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/celebrate-our-jubilee-as-pilgrims-of-hope-day> for reports, pictures and audio of the keynote speakers.

**Open Week for Prospective Year 7 Students at Saint Peter's High School for September 2026** from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September (9:30am – 10:30am). For more information and to book a session please visit <https://www.sphs.uk.com/school-information/admissions>.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025:** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August. We pray for those involved with the pilgrimage. Daily events, live from Lourdes, can be viewed, via [www.lourdes-france.com/en/lourdesplus/](http://www.lourdes-france.com/en/lourdesplus/). Father Eugene, our new parish priest, is the diocesan director of the pilgrimage.

**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).

**Pastoral Area Website:** The website for our Pastoral Area of Saint Wulstan is [www.saintwulstan.org.uk](http://www.saintwulstan.org.uk).

**We remember in our prayers** Graziella Matarazzo (Funeral Service on Wednesday at 11:00am), Rita Talwar Rossiter (Memorial Service on Thursday at 2:00pm), Cecilia Redgrave, Anna Dowdeswell and Father Michael Hart who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.