

# CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL, CLIFTON

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 4

30 January – 6 FEBRUARY 2022

**LITURGY THIS WEEK** (Livestreamed at [cliftoncathedral.org](http://cliftoncathedral.org))

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	Masses: 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.00pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January, St John Bosco	Mass: 9.30am
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February, Tuesday of Week 4	Mass: 7.00pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February, Presentation of the Lord	Mass: 7.30am
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February, Thursday of Week 4	Mass: 7.30am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February, Friday of Week 4	Mass: 9.30am, Sung Vespers: 5:15pm
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February, St Agatha	Mass: 9.30am

Confessions: 10.00am (Saturdays) and by request at any time.

**PRAYERS PLEASE:** Our prayers are asked for all who are unwell: Edmund Richardson, Gabriele Green, Eliza James, Ken Wright, Mary Burke, Trevor Williamson, Kate Painter, Barbara Freeman, Annabelle Cervantes, Nic Dunn, Desmond Anglin, Mario Toffolo, Sue Wright, Angela Manning, Claire Valsler, Alan Whaits, Margaret Meech, Theresa Johnston, Patrick O'Sullivan, Steve Bell, Jo Catton, Ian Venters and Hano Johannsen.

**For those who have died recently:** Gerald Foley RIP

**And for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Hilda Bult, Alan Legge, Baby Gus Blackman, Florence Berni, Eileen O'Connor, Kathleen Amos, Maureen Roache, Mary Barrett, Mary Devine, Emilie Lewis-Butts, Mary Wright

**4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** It's a sobering thought for any preacher that the very first sermon Jesus ever preached (according to Luke) ended in uproar and his being chased out of town by an angry mob! I once

heard a story of a new priest who preached the same sermon four times in row when he came to a parish. A deputation arrived to complain about this, and he simply said, "I'll start to preach a new sermon when I see some evidence that the first one has taken root in your lives." Each of us is a living sermon. Before God formed us in the womb, he knew that each of us would be unique. Our uniqueness means that there is a sermon that only we can preach by our lives. There are aspects of God's love and concern for our world that only we can reflect. It is proclaimed differently by other people and their lives. But our lives count; we are more than a number. Our relationship with God, and the experiences we have had that others have not undergone, make us uniquely qualified to be witnesses to the Gospel. If they wanted to shoot the first messenger of the Gospel, then it should not surprise us if we encounter cold shoulders when we talk about our faith. Although the Gospel is good news – something that enriches people's lives, making them better people – it also challenges attitudes and perceptions that much of society takes for granted. God's promise through Jeremiah still holds good for us: "They will fight against you, but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you." Let your every breath be a sermon.

#### **CATHOLIC BISHOP'S CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES: GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES JANUARY 2022**

Following the announcement of HM Government that the measures put in place to mitigate against covid xvirus transmission will be lifted on 27<sup>th</sup> January, renewed guidance has been issued to dioceses of England and Wales. The scientific consensus is that the virus is transitioning to the endemic phase, and whilst there is still a risk, it should be balanced against the need to move forward safely towards a normal lifestyle. This means that we can assess the risks and in the coming days and weeks make some adjustments to our covid safety procedures at the cathedral. People with symptoms are still required to stay at home and the daily livestreaming from the cathedral will continue. For those coming to the cathedral, it is still advisable to sanitise hands on entry and exit, but there is no longer need for readers to sanitise their hands before proclaiming the Word of God from the ambo. All ministers of Holy Communion, clergy and lay, should continue sanitising their hands prior to distribution of Holy Communion.

Among the adjustments that we can make with immediate effect:

- Holy Water will be blessed at the 9:30am Mass this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January and the stoops will be refilled for the first time in two years! Alleluia!
- The Sign of Peace will be reintroduced at Mass, but please be sensitive to others and consider whether a smile, a nod, a touch of elbows may be preferable to the usual handshake.
- The Cathedral is equipped with a filtered blown air heating system, ensuring that the air is renewed and good ventilation is provided throughout the day and especially during Mass.
- Refreshments in the Apostle Room will be restarting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February after the 9:30am Mass. The suggestion is that initially it could be on a monthly basis until a sufficient number of volunteers come forward to assist weekly.
- Over the next few weeks it would be lovely to re-establish Childrens' Liturgy of the Word, Traidcraft, Foodbank and the Repository (Cathedral shop). New and old volunteers needed for all these activities, please consider if you can offer your help.
- Other suggestions and ideas from parishioners would be very welcome.

Whilst these changes bring about a more normal way of living, the Covid-19 virus is still in circulation, and we should bear this in mind, balancing the need for personal safety and taking responsibility for that safety. You can read the document in full on our website [cliftoncathedral.org/newsletters](https://cliftoncathedral.org/newsletters).

**BRISTOL NORTH WEST FOOD BANK COOKERY COURSE** We're delighted that the next 'Eat Well, Spend Less' Cookery course is beginning on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. For more information and to book your place email [office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk) or go on [www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk/cookery-courses](http://www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk/cookery-courses)

**SYNOD LISTENING EVENTS** Thank you to everyone who has attended the Listening Events over the past three weeks. On Tuesday 1st February after the evening Mass there will be a repeat session in the Apostle Room for anyone who missed the final session on 26th January. You can still have your say via the 'Listening Board' in the Narthex and/or by writing to us at [synod2023.cathedral@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:synod2023.cathedral@cliftondiocese.com). During February the parish delegates will begin the process of collating responses from the sessions and individuals before submitting a report to Bishop Declan, which will be available on the Cathedral website.

**FINANCE** The offertory collection for last week came to £528.90. Thank you for your generosity and donations throughout the year