

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL, CLIFTON

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 25

SEPT 2022

LITURGY THIS WEEK (Livestreamed at cliftoncathedral.org)

Sunday 18 th Sept, Sunday of Ordinary Time	Masses: 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.00pm
Monday 19 th Sept, Weekday of Ordinary Time	Mass: 9.30am
Tuesday 20 th Sept, SS Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang	Mass: 7.00pm
Wednesday 21 st Sept, Saint Matthew, Apostle	Mass: 7.30am
Thursday 22 nd Sept, Weekday of Ordinary time	Mass: 7.30am
Friday 23 rd Sept, St Pius of Pietrelcina	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 24 th Sept, Our Lady of Walsingham	Mass: 11.00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS): 10.00am Saturdays and by request at any time

(telephone 0117 9738411, or simply ask a priest before or after Mass)

PRAYERS REQUESTED: For all who are unwell: David Bull, Edmund Richardson, Gabriele Green, Eliza James, Annabelle Cervantes, Angela Manning, Theresa Johnston, Barbara Freeman, Valentina Kelemenova, Mario Toffolo, Sue Wright, Christine Bartlett, Nick Lee, Steve Hatwood, Dinah McAlees, Linda Sheppard, Patricia Sheppard, Timothy Robinson, Kate Painter, Steve Bell, Carol and Chris Chadwick, Kate Cullen, Mary Burke, Nic Dunn, Ian and Amy Mackenzie, Margaret McGuinness, Margaret Meech, Peter Melton, Jane and Malcolm Cooper, Andy Dawes, Michael Palmer, Patrick O'Sullivan, Bridie O'Sullivan, Steffan Llwyd, Jerome Farrell, Richard Bricknall, Rosalin Bayley, Jessica Cox and Rita Daws.

For those who have died recently: HM the Queen Elizabeth II RIP.

And for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Vittoria Duggan, Denis Stokes, Patricia Forte, Catherine Liversedge, Martin Appleby, Michael Frain, John Murphy.

FINANCE: Last week's offertory collection came to £779.85, thank you for your generosity.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY: Second collection this Sunday is in support of Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, formerly known Home Mission Sunday. It was initiated by Pope Francis' invitation to the Catholic Church to be joyous in proclaiming the faith, seeking new ways of understanding it and reaching out to others.

25th SUNDAY: We can identify so easily with the prodigal son. It's not as if his is an isolated adventure. His story is our story of stupidity, stubbornness and arrogance. Each of us is just like him. We make the original mistake (sin?) of confusing pleasure with happiness. God offers us what brings joy, but we are prepared to make do with what brings mere gratification. The good news, of course, is that however much we might change, God still remains our shepherd. And however far away from the flock we may wander, God never ceases to search us out and allow us back to the fold. The redeeming feature of the prodigal son was that he was prepared to accept what a fool he was. He practised a speech of apology to make to his father. But the father would hear none of it. He was just so pleased to have him back. And the party began. So too with us. It's not easy to take a long look at ourselves and accept our shortcomings. But to do so is the beginning of real self-knowledge, of wisdom, of the road to forgiveness. And when we accept who and what we really are, we are not condemned but forgiven. As the shepherd longs to find the lost sheep again, as the woman searches for her lost money and the father awaits the return of his wayward son, so too God longs for us to come to our senses and acknowledge our faults. The Church offers us many ways to receive the forgiveness of God. But the greatest by far is to join in the celebration of God's forgiving love which is the Eucharist. And if you consider yourself unworthy to be a guest at this feast, then you're probably at the top of the invitation list, because there's more rejoicing over one injured lamb than over ninety-nine who don't need any help!

DIACONAL ORDINATIONS: Bishop Declan will celebrate diaconal ordinations of Eric Holliday & Richard Mills at 11:00am Mass on Saturday 24th September. Please keep Eric and Richard in your prayers.

TRAINING SESSION FOR READERS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Has been organised by Fr Michael Fountaine on Saturday 8th October. It will begin with Morning Mass at 9:30am, training session following on at 10:15am, please bring a packed lunch.

RCIA KNOWING THE FAITH: Whilst RCIA is a place to learn about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches, it is much more than that. It is a process of getting to know Jesus Christ and growing together in community, a process of conversion to a life with Christ. It takes time and commitment on your part - our Thursday meetings will recommence on Thursday 6th October, to follow on 13th and 2nd of October, 10th and 24th Nov. We continue to keep in our prayers all who are seeking to be received into the Church at Easter.

THE CLIFTON CATHEDRAL JUNIOR CHOIR: Sings Vespers on a Friday and some Sunday Masses. Children get an opportunity to develop their musical and vocal skills, particularly sight-singing and the chance to make new friends with similar interests, whilst having fun and performing a wide choral repertoire to a high standard. For further details please contact the Cathedral Organist and Junior Choir Director, Stephen Bryant

SYCAMORE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY: 'Growing in Faith' has organized a 4-week evening training course beginning on 7th November to help couples reflect together on the deeper questions of life and on their love, in light of the Christian faith. It is recommended for engaged couples, who have completed their formal marriage preparation, and married couples seeking to build and develop their relationship. For more details, visit: <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/growing-in-faith-together/>

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP: Has returned for their weekly sessions in the Apostle Room. It runs from 9.30-11.30am, nominal cost £1 per family. Parents, Grandparents, child minders, nannies all welcome.

TRAIDCRAFT & FOODBANK: The collections are taking place every Sunday and have an especially high need of coffee & jam, toilet roll, shower gels, shampoo & conditioner.

BRISTOL FRIENDS OF WELSH NATIONAL OPERA invite you to enjoy a variety of talks with glorious music at The Apostle Room. Wednesday, 21st September the writer and Radio 3 broadcaster, Nigel Simeone will introduce Janacek's opera, The Makropulos Affair. Pay at the door 6.45 for 7.15 pm: WNO Friends £8, visitors £10. Refreshments will be available. Coach trip to performance in Cardiff is organised for 28th September. More information from Melanie David tel: 01934 842014, email melaniej david@btinternet.com

PRISONERS' SUNDAY, A FRESH START: On Sun 9th October the Catholic Church encourages everyone to reflect on and pray for prisoners and their families, who often find themselves on the margins of our society. Yet Jesus challenges us with His words: "I was in prison and you came to me". The work at Pact draws on the values of our faith: dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity. For more information and to donate please go to prisonadvice.org.uk/prisoners-Sunday. We believe that everyone can make a fresh start whatever they may have done.