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1st November 2026 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

LITURGY THIS WEEK (Livestreamed at cliftoncathedral.org)

Sunday – All Saints	Mass: 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.00pm
Monday – All Souls	Mass: 7.30am,9.30am, 6.30pm
Tuesday – St Martin de Porres, Religious	Mass: 6.00pm
Wednesday – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Mass: 9.30am, 6.45pm
Thursday – Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 9.30am,
Friday – Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday – Our Lady on Saturday	Mass: 9.30am
Sunday – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.00pm

Confession Times:
Tuesday 5.15pm – 5.45pm, Thursday 8.45am – 9.15am
Saturday 10.15am – 11.00am; 4.00pm – 4.30pm and on request.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wednesday 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Saturday 10.15am – 11.15am

Diocesan Prayer Link: Today we pray for Fr James Williams, Fr Barnabas Page and Deacon Michael Belt, Deacon Vincent Calder with parishioners of St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend; Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernardette, Kingswood; St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury and St Paul, Yate.

Parish Newsletter: Items for consideration for the weekly newsletter must be submitted by midday on Wednesday.

Finance: Offertory collection last week was £818.29 and £960.17 online - thank you very much.

Fr Peter Fernandes SFX: Fr Thomas will be heading to Australia this week for the ordination of his brother to the priesthood taking place later this month in Melbourne. While he is away, we are delighted to welcome Fr Peter Fernandes SFX to Clifton Cathedral to assist Fr Liam. Fr Peter is a priest of the Society of Missionaries of St Francis Xavier, commonly known as the Pilar Fathers. Fr Peter has just arrived from Goa in India and will, in due course, be taking up a full-time appointment in Holy Rood Parish, Swindon which is in the pastoral care of the Pilar Fathers. We wish Fr Thomas a safe journey and we keep his bother Rev Dominic Lawes in our prayer as he draws near to his priestly ordination taking place on 14th November.

All Saints/All Souls' Day: The Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated today, November 1st. Monday, November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls' Day. Mass times are 7.30am, 9.30am and a sung Mass at 6.30pm. There are Holy Souls slips at the back of the Cathedral for parishioners to write the names of deceased family and friends. These can be placed in the bowl in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Masses for the Holy Souls will be offered throughout November.

Repository (Shop): We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with opening the shop after each of the Masses on Sunday, if you would be willing to help, please speak to Claire after Mass (at the shop) or email clvalsler@me.com so that we can get sorted before new stock arrives.

Holy Souls Cemetery: The annual November Mass in Holy Souls Cemetery will take place at 10.00am on Saturday November 7th. All welcome.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

Remembrance Sunday: Next Sunday, November 8th is Remembrance Sunday. At 11.00am a two minute will be observed in the Cathedral. The 11.15am Mass, which will be offered as a Requiem Mass for the War Dead, will begin with the choir singing the Requiem introit as the clergy and altar servers process to the front of the main altar. The Last Post, a period of silence, the Reveille, and the National Anthem, will then follow.

Armistice Day Service of Remembrance: 11th November at the Whiteladies Road Junction with Apsley Road, by the War Memorial at 10.45am for the 11.00am 2 minutes silence. Under the auspices of Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland. All welcome.

The Legion of Mary: Meet Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm in Cathedral House.

Addressing the challenge of Artificial Intelligence: Pope Leo's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, dealing with the challenges facing humanity in an era of Artificial Intelligence, has stimulated debate around the world. So it was appropriate that the Diocese organised a study day on the document on Saturday 24th October in Bristol. Participants from across the diocese came to hear expert speakers look at the content and implications of this document. Bishop Bosco examined the impact that technology is already having on our lives but also brought out distinctive features of being human. Dr Austen Ivereigh looked at the developments in Catholic thought that had led to the encyclical, as well as engagement between the Church and the AI industry. Dr Daniele Palmer, who grew up in the diocese, looked at the way in which Catholic Social Teaching underpins the encyclical. All three talks are available to be viewed on www.cliftondiocese.com.

Inspection Work: There is a need for further inspection work of the Lantern Windows (above the main altar) to be carried out this week. Access to the Cathedral on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be limited as follows. The West Door (opposite the main altar) will be locked. The Peter and Paul Doors will be open. There will be access to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Lady Chapel. The remainder of the interior will be roped off. There is the possibility that, outside of scheduled Mass times, a full closure of the Cathedral will have to be put in place. We apologise for the inconvenience caused. Details of the report on what future works may need to be carried out will be published once received.

The Essential Mission of the Church: Proclaiming the Gospel: Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering 'The Essential Mission of the Church: Proclaiming the Gospel'. This is a session to explore the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel by looking at essential documents, such as *Dei Verbum, Evangelii Nuntiandi* and *Christifideles Laici*. To register, please click on the Zoom link on the Light of Truth website www.lightoftruth.uk/join. The session takes place Friday 6th November 7.00pm-8.00pm.

Clifton Literary Festival: At the Clifton Literary Festival, Catholic writer and commentator Michael Kelly will discuss the quiet leadership of Pope Leo XIV, drawing on his new biography, *In Christ We Are One: Pope Leo XIV at the Service of Humanity*. From peace and climate change to the Church's place in a secular age, he will explore how the Pope can speak to the wider world while remaining faithful to his spiritual mission. You are warmly invited to join this timely conversation at 10.30am on Saturday 14th of November at the Rose Theatre at Clifton High School. Tickets are £14 (£12 for concessions) and are available at Clifton Library or on https://foccal.com/litfest . See noticeboard for more details.

An Open Cathedral: During this week, the Cathedral will open as follows: Monday 7.00am – 5.00pm; Tuesday and Wednesday 7.45am – after evening Mass; Thursday and Friday 7.45am – 6.00pm, Saturday 7.45am – 6.00pm; Sunday 6.30am – 7.30pm.

Thank you from Bristol Northwest Foodbank: for a wonderful 222.4kg Harvest Season donation of food items and other goods, greatly appreciated by our brothers and sisters in their moment of need.

Christmas Fair: In support of the St Kizito's Baby Home in Uganda will take place on 21st November from 10.00am to 12noon in the Apostle Room. All welcome.

Gift Aid: Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your donation to the Cathedral Parish could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through the Gift Aid scheme, for every £1 you donate, the parish can reclaim an additional 25p from HM Revenue & Customs. Gift Aid is one of the most effective ways of increasing parish income without asking parishioners to give more. All that is required is a simple Gift Aid declaration confirming that you pay sufficient UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax. If you are already a Gift Aider, thank you for your generosity. If you are not yet enrolled, please consider signing up. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a real difference and enables us to continue the mission of the Church in our parish and beyond. For more information, or to obtain a Gift Aid form, please contact the Cathedral House Office. There are many ways you can contribute to the weekly offertory collection: monthly standing order (contact Mary Manners at Cathedral House for a form), via the Dona Donation Card Reader in the Cathedral, by a cash donation during the collections or by using this QR Code.

Journey in Faith: The meeting is on Wednesday November 4th at 7.30pm in the Apostle Room. Please hold in prayer those journeying in faith.

Looking Ahead: The Annual Celebration Mass for Marriage & Family Life will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday 6th February (12 noon). Bishop Bosco is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2027. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2027 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: hope@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

From the words of Pope Leo XIV's General Audience last Wednesday: The Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes, reflecting on the Church in the modern world, also addresses the topic of culture. In promoting culture in all its forms, the Church has always combined the proclamation of the Gospel with the establishment of schools, seeking to foster human and spiritual formation, encouraging believers to give an account of their faith (cf. 1 Pet 3:15–17) and preparing all peoples to receive the Gospel. The authentic relationship between faith and culture is rooted in the Incarnation. Faith, therefore, enriches and brings to fulfilment every culture it encounters, and is itself called to become a culture that is shaped by Christ. In this way, Gaudium et Spes affirms the need to cultivate a fruitful integration of knowledge, expressed in a way of living the faith marked by a positive outlook on the world and history. www.vatican.va.

Prayers for those who are unwell: Katrina Hodgson, Eliza James, Bridie O'Sullivan, Steffan Llwyd, John Worsnop, Leta Clement, Kristin Randall, Salvador J. Da Silva Brandao, Marie Bolton, Rachel Hatch, Theresa A. Lum, Edmund Richardson, Eileen Cauley, Angelo Giampaglia, Sebastian Sales, Danny Manning, Barbara Banwell, Claire Valsler, Osborne Almeida, Eileen Murdoch, Grace, Derek and Michelle Harvey, Leila Santo, Cliff Murphy, Joe McLorinan, Louise Rich, Molly Nicholson, Barbara Springate, Patrick Mortimer, Louise Fraser, Christopher Browne, Auriol Ashley, Tom Millington. *In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.*

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bridget McGinty, Kate Cullen, Kathleen Hughes, Mervyn Jones, Sheila Vaughan-Shaw, Sheila Wright, Patrick Morrisey, Michael Hughes, Denis Connell, Filomena Staffieri, Fr Patrick Auger, William Brendan McBride, Alick Dowling, Eileen Clifford.