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<i>Diocesan Prayer Link: University/College/School Chaplaincies.</i>	
<u>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Year A. 2 nd August 2026	
Saturday 1 st Aug.	5:00pm. Mass: Fran Mackay RIP
Sunday 2 nd Aug.	10:30am. Mass: Pro Populo
Monday 3 rd Aug.	9:15am. Mass.
Tuesday 4 th Aug. Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest.	9:15am. Mass.
Wednesday 5 th Aug. Memorial of the Dedication of St. Mary Major's Basilica.	6:30pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 7:00pm. Mass:
Thursday 6 th Aug. Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.	9:15am. Mass.
Friday 7 th Aug.	9:15am. Mass.
Saturday 8 th Aug. Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest.	9:15am. Mass. 9:45-10:15am. Confessions.
Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday).	5:00pm. Mass: Pro Populo
<u>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Year A. 9 th August 2026	10:30am. Mass: G. & P. Kilminster Int.

IN OUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES: ESheehy family (1st), Joseph McKnight (2nd), John Ramsey (2nd), Cicely Cohen (2nd), Andrew Kinsella (3rd), Thomas Bullock (4th), John Moore (4th), Norah Shayle (4th), Kimberly Dieperink (4th), Anne Fuller (4th), Mary McKnight (4th), John Higham (5th), Jozef Lesniak (6th), Maureen Lowe (6th), Margaret Morris (7th), Br. Dom. Gilbert Taylor (8th), Maria Lesniak (9th), Sheilagh Banner (9th).

PRAYERS for the SICK: Pat Crompton, Consolacion De Dios Blanco, Carol Benson, Wynn McGhee, Terry Pool, Ian Villanueva, Natalie Edwards, Nigel Lamb, Doreen Baker, Kieran Anderson, Brian Phillips, Maria Kent, Christopher Brown, Thomas Jayaseelan, Gordon Palmer, Caitlin Godden, Maggie Hansell, Rebecca Lansdown, Angela Woulfe, Peter Kost, Kerrie Lane, Ian Wright, Nathan Wright, Eileen Maguire, Tina Walsh, Mary Meldrum, Frances Walker, Marie Stevens. 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.

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay. (Ps. 69:2,6)

Psalm: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord. (Ps. 145(144):16)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia! Mt. 4:4b

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste. (Wis. 16:20)

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Requiescat in Pace. Please pray for Mrs. Fran Mackay who died on 11th July. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 14th August at 11am. Fran. requested that any collection after her death, in her memory go towards parish funds. These can now be made on the Digital Collection Plate. May she rest in peace.

Changes at Our Lady's. My time as Parish Priest at Our Lady's, Churchdown is coming to an end. Bishop Bosco has given me a new assignment. He has appointed me to be Parish Priest of two parishes: St. Teresa of the Child Jesus in Filton and St. Vincent de Paul in Southmead, Bristol. My last weekend at Our Lady's will be 22nd/23rd August. My successor will be Fr. Stephen Corrigan who will begin his new ministry here the following weekend 29th/30th August. Please keep Fr. Stephen and myself in your prayers as we make preparations to move, and I really need your prayers; the disciples left everything to follow the Lord and I'm a bit of a hoarder! *Peace and Joy, Fr. Paul.*

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CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal. You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 (or scan the QR code on the poster in the Narthex). Please keep the people of Venezuela in your prayers.

Our Lady's SVP Group: Our Lady's Saint Vincent de Paul group exists to help anyone in need – either resulting from a short-term crisis or an on-going need. If this applies to you, or anyone you know, please contact us on 07745 318656 or email ourladys.svp@gmail.com. Our activities are wide ranging and involve visiting the sick and needy, we participate in the running of local food banks. We are funded by voluntary donations within the parish; if you are able to, you can donate either by cash into our donation box or by card through the D.C.P., both of which are in the Narthex. You could also make donations of non-perishable food using the box in the Narthex.

New Gift Aid Declaration/Standing Order forms are now available in the Narthex in a plastic folder under the notice board. These are required for anyone who as yet hasn't joined the Parish's Gift Aid scheme but wishes to do. Should you require any information regarding Gift Aid I generally attend the 5pm Saturday Mass. Alternatively, I can be contacted on my parish email: GA.churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com Carol Magill, Our Lady's Gift Aid Administrator.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury: 'Mary – Mother of the Faithful.' Sunday 6 Sept. 2026. May this day be one of grace, fellowship, and deep peace for all who come. 2026 Programme: 1.45pm Rosary Procession from the Abbey through the town centre. 3.15pm Mass in the Abbey celebrated by Bishop Bosco MacDonald.

Volunteering for Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Clifton: Do you care about young people in the Church, particularly those age 11-18? Have you thought about volunteering to work with the young people either in your Parish or further afield? For more info. please go to: <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/evangelisation-anddiscipleship/youth-ministry/> where you'll be able to register your interest and join a database of Youth Ministry volunteers so that we can keep in contact, share new initiatives and keep you informed about events in the Diocese: Youth Ministry Volunteer Database – Fill in form

Adviser for Evangelisation and Mission (full-time): An exciting new opportunity to join the Diocese of Clifton on a full-time basis within the Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship. The Diocese is seeking a committed and enthusiastic person to support parishes in evangelisation, faith formation and outreach. Working closely with the Director on a variety of projects, you will help promote the Bishop's vision across the Diocese. Core office hours are between 9am to 4.30pm. Further Information and Application form can be found here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> . Closing date for applications: 28th August 2026. If you are interested in such a role, please send your application to Sarah.Adams@cliftondiocese.com. For more info & an informal conversation, prior to applying, please contact Sarah Adams, Director of Dpt. for E.&D. on 0117 902 5595.

Free Survivor Support & Information Event 11th Aug. 2026: Hosted by the South West Ecumenical Safeguarding Forum in Partnership with First Light. If you have been affected by abuse, you are warmly invited to attend this supportive and informative event. More info. and registration is via Eventbrite. [Free Survivor Support & Information Event Tickets](#)

St. Francis of Assisi Pilgrimage Walk: Saturday 3 October 2026 is exactly 800 years since St Francis died, and the day before his feast day. Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Year to commemorate St. Francis. To mark this a walking pilgrimage is planned in the Diocese of Clifton. For more details and to register go to: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/a-franciscan-pilgrimage-in-the-diocese-of-clifton>

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) 15th August falls on a Saturday this year so the Solemnity is transferred to Sunday 16th August. Mass times at Our Lady's will be as follows: **Saturday 15th August: 5pm. Sunday 16th August 10:30am.**

Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 5th September, 9:45-11am. There will be a light breakfast in the parish hall for the men of the parish who would like to meet for some social interaction and faith sharing.

Confirmation 2026 It's not too late! **Would parents who have not yet registered their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation please do so by emailing a.s.a.p.: CG.churchdown.ourladys@cliftondiocese.com** Candidates need to be baptised Catholic and in year 9 or above in September 2026. The new course will begin on 5th September. Application forms are available in the Narthex or one can be e mailed to you if requested from the aforementioned e mail.