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<i>Diocesan Prayer Link: Christ the King, Amesbury.</i>	
<i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM.</i> 16 th August 2026	
Saturday 15 th Aug.	5:00pm. Mass: Pro Populo
Sunday 16 th Aug.	10:30am. Mass: Fran. Mackay RIP
Monday 17 th Aug.	9:15am. Mass.
Tuesday 18 th Aug.	9:15am. Mass. Katie Jackson RIP
Wednesday 19 th Aug.	6:30pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 7:00pm. Mass:
Thursday 20 th Aug. Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor.	9:00am. Mass.
Friday 21 st Aug. Memorial of Pope St. Pius X.	9:15am. Mass:
Saturday 22 nd Aug. Memorial of the Queenship of Our Lady. Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday).	9:15am. Mass. 9:45-10:15am. Confessions. 5:00pm. Mass: Pro Populo
<i>Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Year A. 23 rd Aug. 2026	10:30am. Mass: Fr. Paul's Int.

IN OUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES: Bishop Mervyn Alexander (14th), Joe Cotter (15th), Margaret Norris (16th), Katie Jackson (18th), Thomas Poole (19th), Theresa Freeman (19th), Paul Kelly (19th), Ina Ainsworth (20th), Alan Legge (21st), Joseph Whyte (22nd), Terence Rafferty (22nd), Laurence Artus (22nd), Elizabeth Lewis (22nd), George O'Neill (31st).

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.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM - Vigil Mass:

Entrance Antiphon: Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, who today were exulted above the choirs of Angels into eternal triumph with Christ.

Psalm: Go up, O LORD, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength. (Ps. 132(131):8)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia! Lk. 11:28

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father. Lk. 11:27

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Requiescat in Pace. Please pray for Mrs. Maureen Richards who has died. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 1st September at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Baptism We welcome Florence Simmons into God's family who is baptised this weekend. We thank God for the gift of our own baptism and pray for Florence and for each other that we may always be faithful to our baptismal calling. 'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood a consecrated nation; sing the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.' (1 Peter 2:9).

Changes at Our Lady's. My time as Parish Priest at Our Lady's, Churchdown is coming to an end. Bishop Bosco has appointed me Parish Priest of two parishes: St. Teresa of the Child Jesus in Filton and St. Vincent de Paul in Southmead, Bristol. Next weekend 22nd/23rd will be my last at Our Lady's. 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 at this time. *Peace and Joy, Fr. Paul.*

A Farewell Gathering for Fr. Paul is planned after the evening Mass next Saturday 22nd August. All are welcome and you should bring your own food and drinks. A collection is also being made between now and then for a farewell gift for Father Paul. You can also donate online or by using the contactless donations plate.

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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.

ENCOUNTER (Prayer and share group). Encounter will resume in September and we would love you to join us for a monthly meeting (every first Wednesday) to continue to explore and celebrate our faith together. We will start with prayer and worship, then watch a recorded talk together, ending with group discussion and fellowship (including tea & cakes!). To find out more, please feel free to contact Tony (07891 194853) or Katherine (07855 188294) or just turn up on the night. Next meeting: Wednesday 2nd September, 7.30pm.

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.

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. A coach has been booked for the Glastonbury Pilgrimage on 6th September, Leaving St. Peter's, Gloucester at 9.15am & picking up at English Martyrs, Tuffley on the way. Departing Glastonbury at 4.30pm for the return journey. £10 Adults £5 Children under 16, Please email the parish office at St. Peter's (gloucester.st.peter@cliftondiocese.com) a.s.a.p. if you wish to book a place on the coach.

The Joy of Faith (11th- 13th September) and 'Loving God, Living Simply, Living Deeply' (24th-27th September) are opportunities for prayer, learning and reflection at the Monastery of Our Lady and Saint Bernard, Brownshill. For more information please visit <https://www.bernardine.org/brownshill-programme>.

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.

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>

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.