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<i>Diocesan Prayer Link: Christ the King, Amesbury.</i>	
<i>Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Year A. 23 rd Aug. 2026	
Saturday 22 nd Aug.	5:00pm. Mass: Pro Populo
Sunday 23 rd Aug.	10:30am. Mass: Fr. Paul's Int.
Monday 24 th Aug. Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle.	9:15am. Mass.
Tuesday 25 th Aug.	9:15am. Mass.
Wednesday 26 th Aug. Memorial of Bl. Dominic Barberi, Priest	6:30pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 7:00pm. Mass:
Thursday 27 th Aug. Memorial of St. Monica.	9:15am. Mass.
Friday 28 th Aug. Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop	10:30am. Requiem Mass: Gordon Hanks RIP
Saturday 29 th Aug. Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist. Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday).	No morning Mass or Confessions. 5:00pm. Mass:
<i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Yr A. 30 th Aug. 2026	10:30am. Mass: Pro Populo

IN OUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES: Alan Legge (21st), Joseph Whyte (22nd), Terence Rafferty (22nd), Laurence Artus (22nd), Elizabeth Lewis (22nd), George O'Neill (31st), Patricia Cook (29th), Luisa DeNavarro (31st), William Hall (31st), George O'Neill (31st), Gina Whittles (1st), Doreen Tippetts (2nd), Shirley Gottardi (2nd).

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.

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. (Ps. 85:1-3)

Psalm: O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands. Ps.138(137):8bc

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia! (Mt. 16:18)

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day. (Jn. 6:54)

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Requiescant in Pace. Please pray for: Mr. Gordon Hanks who has died. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 28th August at 10:30am. Mrs. Maureen Richards, her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 1st September at 11am. Mrs. Katherine Holt, her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 16th September at 11am. And also for Father Dariusz Mazur, the priest of the Polish community in Gloucester until a year ago, his Funeral Mass took place in Poland last Wednesday. May they rest in peace.

Thank You. The retiring collection in memory of Mrs. Fran Mackay on the day of her Requiem Mass came to £791:03. It was Fran's wish that this collection be allocated to parish funds. Thank you for your generosity which is much appreciated after last year's renovations to the church and hall.

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.

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Changes at Our Lady's. It is time to say, 'Farewell'. I would like to thank you for your support and friendship over the last nine years. We have accompanied each other on our journey of faith; sharing joys and sorrows, such is life. At Mass this weekend we give thanks for the graces that the Lord has bestowed upon us during our collaboration in working for the coming of the Kingdom. I give thanks for the sense of belonging I have found among you. The Lord tells us in Mark 10:29f 'there is no one who has left house, brothers or sisters...for my sake and for the Gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brothers and sisters... and in the age to come eternal life.' You welcomed me when I arrived and I discovered a whole community of friends and I thank you. As always it is a two way street, I feel we have, with God's grace enabled each other to truly become brothers and sisters in Christ and are able to offer a warm welcome to all who come here. Enriched in our faith together the Lord also strengthens us for service in the world. The part of the world to which I must now devote myself is St. Teresa of the Child Jesus in Filton and St. Vincent de Paul in Southmead, Bristol. I will be leaving Our Lady's next Thursday knowing that you are in good hands with Fr. Stephen who succeeds me as Parish Priest of Our Lady's. His ministry will begin here next weekend. I'm sure you will give him a warm and kindly welcome. With my departure there will be a change to the parish telephone number. If you have trouble getting through please contact St. Peter's, 01452-523603. The parish e mail address remains unchanged. Please keep Fr. Stephen and myself in your prayers at this time, you will be in mine. Thank you. *Peace and Joy, Fr. Paul.*

Our Lady's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference. Befriending people is at the heart of Our Lady's SVP Conference. Our conference (or group) is made up of volunteer members, motivated by their Catholic faith, who seek and find people in need and offer sincere friendship. Our members visit people in their homes, in hospitals and in care homes on a regular basis, sometimes for many years. They offer practical support such as food when it is needed most. We are funded by voluntary donations within the parish and, if able, you can donate either by placing cash into our donation box or by card through the electronic giving device, both of which are in the Narthex. Alongside visiting and befriending at a local level, the SVP can, at Diocesan and National level, offer a range of help (such as community shops, support centres, furniture and even holiday camps) and counselling including debt counselling. For more information please contact us on 07745 318656 or email ourladys.svp@gmail.com.

SVP Summer Raffle. Would you like to win £5,000? Then why not buy a ticket for the SVP Summer Raffle? These will be on sale after this weekend's masses at the miserly price of £1 a ticket or £5 for a book of 5. Payment can be made in either cash or, even better, by card. The proceeds will go to fund the SVP activities outlined above. Many thanks in advance.

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.

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.

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.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: is now underway, 21-28 August. We can follow the pilgrimage via <https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/lourdes/>.