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<u>Diocesan Prayer Link: Saints Peter and Paul, Bath</u>	
6th September 2026	
<u>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</u>	
Saturday 5 th September	5:00pm Mass
Sunday 6 th September	10:30am Mass – Pro populo
Monday 7 th September	No Mass
Tuesday 8 th September Feast of The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.15am Mass
Wednesday 9 th September	6:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 7:00pm Mass
Thursday 10 th September	9:15am Mass
Friday 11 th September	9:15am Primary School Mass
Saturday 12 th September Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday).	No Morning Mass and Confessions 5:00pm Mass – Pro Populo
<u>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</u> 13 th September 2026	10:30am Mass – Wedding Anniversary of Ernest and Rosemary Awanle
IN OUR PRAYERS	
ANNIVERSARIES: Doris Padden (37th), Georgette Higham (18th), Michael Smithard (17th), Mary Ellen Eskins (33rd), Mgr Canon Matthew Roche (35th), Margaret Casey (25th), Dee Dawkins (23rd), Margaret Morrison (21st), Michael S Gottardi (17th), Farther Frank Cama (17th), Ellen Amis (32nd), Thea Gardiner (24th), Beatrice Glover (15th), Eileen Hall (19th), Henrietta Teresa Davis (11th)	
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 and John 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love. (Ps 118: 137, 124)

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.' (Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a)

Acclamation Before The Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God. (Cf. Ps 41: 2-3)

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Message from Father Stephen: Thank you so much for your welcome. I am very happy to be with you, and am enjoying my new life as a Parish Priest. As I said in my homily last week, I have a lot to learn, and I currently still have a lot of unpacking still to do! We are still in the process of getting the landline and broadband in the presbytery and office sorted, please bear with us. Looking ahead, I am not available to celebrate Mass and hear Confessions on Saturday 12th and 19th as I need to attend a Mass and meeting at Clifton Cathedral connected with the upcoming Adoremus event in London, of which I am helping organise our Diocesan group. The following week I will be attending the Permanent Diaconate Ordination at Clifton Cathedral, as I was involved in the teaching programme for those who are due to be Ordained. I am of course always delighted to hear Confessions by appointment.

Pastoral Letter: Bishop Bosco has issued a pastoral letter for this weekend. There are copies available at the back of the church.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage: takes place this Sunday 6th September. We pray for the success of the pilgrimage, whose theme this year is 'Mary – Mother of the Faithful'. People from our parish and across our diocese are gathering for this important diocesan celebration.

The Season of Creation began on 1st September and continues until 4th October (Memoria of Saint Francis of Assisi). For more information please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>.

R/OCIA (also known as 'Journey in Faith') Inquiry: If you, or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and potentially in being Baptised as an adult, or Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, please contact Father Stephen to learn more.

'From seed to plant' - the Theological Life Journey: This will be a day for all catechists and those interested in becoming catechists with Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau OP. Bishop Bosco will celebrate Mass and commission the successful students who have completed the two-year 'Light of Truth' formation in Catechesis course. The day will take place on Saturday 17th October and the venue will be Saint John the Evangelist, Bath. The church is close to Bath railway station but if coming by car please use the park & ride as parking at the church is limited. Refreshments from 9.30am, for a 10:00am start. The day will finish around 4:00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. To register for the day, please use the Eventbrite link: fromseedtoplant.eventbrite.co.uk.

The Clifton Evangelist: The 19th edition is now available to read on the diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Newsletter-volume-19-lr.pdf>.

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.

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 now resume in **October** (not September at previously advertised) 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 7th October at 7.30pm.

Choir Practice: The next practice is Thursday 10th September at 7pm – 8pm and every Thursday during Lent. Contact details: Vron M. 07760115539 and Tony: 07891194853

Children's Liturgy of the Word. CLoFTW is celebrated at the 10:30am Mass every Sunday during term time. It is for children who are at primary school but have yet to make their First Holy Communion. For this ministry to continue we need more volunteers to come forward. If you feel you would like to contribute to the formation of our young children in the faith please speak with Emma or Father Stephen. Volunteers will need to have a DBS check and training is available.

