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Diocesan Prayer Link: Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Paul, Clifton, Bristol	
<u>4th October 2026</u>	
<u>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</u>	
Saturday 3 rd October	5:00pm Mass
Sunday 4 th October	10:30am Mass – Pro populo
Monday 5 th October	No Mass
Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 6 th October	9:15am Mass
Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 7 th October	6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	7:00pm Mass
Thursday 8 th October	6:00pm Mass – For the Care of Creation
Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 9 th October	9:15am Mass
FEAST OF SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	
Saturday 10 th October	No Morning Mass or Confessions
Our Lady on Saturday	5:00pm Mass – Pro populo
Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday).	
<u>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</u>	10:30am Mass
11 th October 2026	
IN OUR PRAYERS	
ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine Pinney (1983), Leslie Freeman (1974), Renaldo Capaldi (2008), Anna Erminia Paola Ryder (2018), Eva Simpson (2004), Ivy Pearl Nutting (1987), Muriel Leslie – Smith (1990), Pauline Theresa Parsons (2007), John Anderson (1974), Patricia Byrne (2011), Bruno Martin Watzke (1945), Hedwig Agnes Watzke nee Kahl (1970), Nora May Neild (2005), James Brennan (2007), Richard Henry Basten (2022).	
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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all. (Cf. Est 4: 17)

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.
(Ps 80(79):9, 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. R̥ Isaiah 5:7a)

Acclamation Before The Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia. I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia. (Cf. John 15:16)

Communion Antiphon: Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice. (Cf. 1 Cor 10: 17)

Message from Father Stephen: One month in, once more thank you for being so welcoming. There is still a lot to do to get me unpacked and settled in, but I am very happy to be your Parish Priest. **This Thursday Mass will be at 6pm.** Looking ahead, on Saturday 10th October I will be part of the Adoremus National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress which includes a Corpus Christi procession from Southwark to Westminster Cathedrals. To learn more:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/adoremus/>

After Friday 9th October, the next weekday Mass will be Friday 23rd October. On those two Sundays we will welcome Father Gary Brassington, and then Father Lawrence Danladi who will be giving an appeal on behalf of the Missionary Society of Saint Paul (MSPs).

Finally, **my induction as Parish Priest will be Wednesday 25th November during the 7pm Mass.** Please save the date.

Pope Leo's Prayer for this Sunday, the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi: "Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen"

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest: Please donate to the Family Fast Day parish collection this weekend and support our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Please use the CAFOD envelopes in church, or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

Safeguarding Training: There is a requirement for all parish volunteers whose role requires them to hold a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance to undergo safeguarding training once every 3 years and it is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that they remain current. Training is provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and is provided as a short on-line session. The next courses are: Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 6pm until 7.30pm and Wednesday 9th December 2026 at 6pm until 7.30pm. Booking onto a course can be made through:

safeguarding@Cliftondiocese.com Volunteers whose role does not require a DBS clearance (eg flower arrangers, church cleaners and welcomers) also need a basic form of safeguarding training but the good news is that this is provided simply by reading the excellent leaflet entitled 'What should I do if I have a concern'. Copies of which are available on the table in the Narthex. It is full of pertinent information and is recommended to non-volunteers also anyone requiring help in obtaining training should contact Jim Stenson at

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Bishop Appeal: On Education Sunday Bishop Bosco launched a new appeal for parishioners to serve as school governors or as academy trust directors. Being a governor/director is helping our schools to provide the best possible education for today's children and helping to protect Catholic schools for future generations – it is truly supporting the mission of the Church. There is an urgent need for more volunteers to serve as governors/directors and no previous experience is required. If you would like to help our schools and respond to the Bishop's appeal, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at Clifton Diocese, for more information via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710094976 – thank you.

Newman Association: There will be a talk on the Prophet Isaiah on Tuesday 6th October at 2.30pm, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Please see the poster in the narthex.

Oaks of Righteousness – Growing Together in Christ: Saturday 24th October 11.00am – 3.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Brockworth. Our schools, parishes and religious communities are invited to come together for a special celebration of faith, fellowship and growth. We will celebrate Mass together, followed by the blessing and presentation of an oak sapling and candle to each participating community, to be taken back and planted or displayed within their own community. "That they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified." Isaiah 61:3 A bring-and-share lunch will follow. All are welcome.

ENCOUNTER (Prayer and share group): Encounter will resume this Wednesday 7th October at 7:30pm 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!).

Choir Practice: The next practice is Thursday 8th October at 7pm – 8pm and every Thursday.