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Diocesan Prayer Link: Saint John the Evangelist, Bath	
<u>13th September 2026</u>	
<u>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</u>	
Saturday 12 th September	5:00pm Mass – Pro populo
Sunday 13 th September	10:30am Mass – Wedding Anniversary of Ernest and Rosemary Awanle
Monday 14 th September FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	No Mass (For Masses at Saint Peter's see their newsletter or website)
Tuesday 15 th September Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	9.15am Mass
Wednesday 16 th September Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	11.00am Funeral Mass for Katherine Holt 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass – Solange Lafleur RIP
Thursday 17 th September Memorial of Saint Edith of Wilton, Virgin	9:15am Mass
Friday 18 th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Saturday 19 th September Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)	No Morning Mass and Confessions 5:00pm Mass
<u>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</u>	10:30am Mass – Pro populo
20 th September 2026	

IN OUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES: Isaac Vose (1968), Joanna Vosper (2011), Nevil (Roy) Nutting (2021), Thomas Doherty (2010), Elizabeth Teresa Wyatt (1998), Jack Armitage (2008), Celia Burke (2000), Luigi Emanuelli (2006), Moira Martin (2013), Hilda Newton (1993), Margaret Casey (2001).

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel. (Cf. Sir 36: 18)

Responsorial Psalm: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy. (Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R8)

Acclamation Before The Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia. (John 13:34)

Communion Antiphon: The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord. (1 Cor 10:16)

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Message from Father Stephen: Other than continuing to settle in, this week has been one largely focused on our schools, with me having meetings and celebrating Mass for both the pupils of Saint Mary's and for Year 7 at Saint Peter's High School. I have been asked to celebrate two Masses for the whole of Saint Peter's High School, this coming Friday, so I am afraid there will not be a weekday Mass at Our Lady's on Friday. I am also due to attend the Permanent Diaconate Ordination at Clifton Cathedral the following day as I was involving in the teaching programme for those who are due to be Ordained. I do not intend to make a habit of missing weekday Masses, but sadly it cannot be helped this week. I was in Alexander House in Bristol on Wednesday working on the Liturgical Diary as part of my Liturgy Department role, and had some helpful conversations with the relevant diocesan departments about parish finance as well as health and safety. Finally, we should have broadband and a new landline in the presbytery from Tuesday 22nd September.

Education Letter: Bishop Bosco has issued a letter appealing for more Foundation Governors. While Saint Mary's School Governing Body is currently full, please consider becoming a Governor in any of our Catholic schools across our Diocese. There are copies available at the back of the church.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto: Are coming to Clifton Cathedral from the 26th – 27th September. Please see the poster on the narthex wall for more details.

Pax Christi England and Wales: Are recruiting a new General Secretary to lead our small team, working with individuals, groups, parishes, the Catholic hierarchy and the network of organisations who share our values, including Pax Christi International, our mother body. Based in London, we are open to some remote working and flexible working hours; job share applications will also be considered. If this sounds like you, or someone you know, we would love to hear from you. Download the Job Description and Person Specification from our website www.paxchristi.org.uk. To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter with your personal statement (each no more than two A4 pages) to: Treasurer@paxchristi.org.uk Deadline for applications: Midnight Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Caritas Clifton Administration Support: We have had a Caritas initiative in the Diocese as part of the Catholic Social Action Network for many years. (www.csan.org.uk). The bishop is now keen that this is developed into a practical resource for parishes. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the setting up, and administration, of the initiative. This could be for a few hours per week or days. For more information, please contact Deacon Robert von Hawrylak on caritasclifton@cliftondiocese.com.

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.

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 17th 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.