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Dear Friends,

Real source of impurity: As illustrations of the evils which really make a person sinful and alienate him from God, Jesus mentions six evil acts: practices of sexual immorality, thefts, murders, adultery, acts of coveting or lust, and wickedness in general. Then He adds a checklist of six vices or sins of the heart: deceit (lying), wantonness (shamelessness, immodesty), jealousy or envy, slander (imputing evil to others), pride (arrogance), and folly (the stupidity of one lacking moral judgment). The point is clear. Righteousness is not what we do on the outside, but who we

are on the inside. Righteousness is not about the hand; it is about the heart. Acts of adultery, murder and unkindness come from within, from hearts that are adulterous, murderous and unkind. For Jesus, a community that is actively worshiping God but bases its behaviour solely on precepts and doctrines, fails to give Him true worship, but a community integrally connected to God through righteous, just, and loving relationships offers Him true active worship and deepens its union with Him. What makes a person holy are the attitudes and actions that Paul in Gal 5:22-23 lists as “the fruits” of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

Let us avoid the tendency to become cafeteria Christians. As the Pharisees did, we, too, add to or subtract from God’s laws given in the Bible and taught by the Church. Some of us pick and choose certain Commandments to follow, ignoring the others as we do food offerings in a cafeteria. For example, some actively do corporal and spiritual works of Charity, but avoid Sunday Mass or remain unfaithful to the obligations attached to the gift of their sexuality or the sacrament of marriage. Others are interested in fulfilling only the “minimal obligations” of the Faith.

Let us accept the challenge to become hearers and doers of God’s word as St. James instructs us: Let us ask ourselves how the Sunday or daily readings are affecting or changing our lives. That will show us whether we are being attentive listeners to, and doers of God’s word. We become more fully Jesus’ family members, only when we consistently “hear the word of God and do it” (Luke 8:21). When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion today, let us ask for the grace to become the doers of His word as Jesus was the doer of his Fathers’ will.

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 31 st Aug 5.30pm	St. Peter’s	Maurice Lynch - Int.	Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 1 st Sep 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael’s St. Peter’s	Mgr. Mitchell - RIP Caroline Hurst - RIP	Twenty Second Sunday
Mon 2 nd Sep	No Mass		
Tue 3 rd Sep 9.30am	St. Peter’s	Jaime Caravana - RIP	St. Gregory the Great
Wed 4 th Sep 10.00am	St. Michael’s	Kieran Beale	St. Cuthbert
Thu 5 th Sep 9.30am	St. Peter’s	Maria Baltag - RIP	
Fri 6 th Sep 9.30am	St. Peter’s	Lucila Caravana - RIP	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
 In St. Peter’s Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm
 In St. Michael’s Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am and by appointment, please ring to arrange.
 Thank you.

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 1st September. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our “regulars,” asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

Exciting Announcement for First Holy Communion Candidates and Altar Servers: We have a special treat for all those preparing for their First Holy Communion this year and our dedicated altar servers! After this Sunday’s (today) Mass, we invite you to remain in the chapel

for an engaging orientation class. This will be a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding and prepare your hearts for the beautiful journey ahead. But that's not all - after the orientation, please join us in the sacristy for a small but delightful refreshment. It's a chance to connect, share, and celebrate together as a community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Education Sunday is celebrated, including a **second collection, is next Sunday**. The beginning of September is the time when our children start their school life; return to school; start a new school or commence further education. We wish them well and assure them of our prayers at this time.

Secondary RE Adviser - Schools & Colleges Department: The department are seeking to expand the team by appointing a part time, term-time only Secondary RE Adviser to support the RE Lead. The successful applicant will have recent and relevant experience of teaching and/or advising RE in the secondary phase (and preferably post 16) with a willingness to contribute to the Primary work of the Diocesan team. Successful candidate will need to offer RE advice, training and consultancy to schools, Single academy trusts, and our three Multi academy trusts, Bristol, but will require extensive travel around the Diocese, as well as some evening work. For further information and application form, visit: [Working for us Clifton Diocese](#). If you would like to discuss the role further, please contact Mary Cox, Director of Schools and Colleges, or Paula Asquith, HR, on 0117 902 5599, and date for application is: 27th September 2024 In-person interviews in Bristol: 11th October 2024.

Curia Conference - Saturday 5th October 2024 - Save the Date - Following the successful event held back in September 2019, we will be hosting a Curial Conference this autumn to provide an opportunity for parish colleagues and volunteers to meet with members of the Curial departments and attend a variety of presentations and workshops. The event will be held on Saturday 5th October at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Bristol from 10.00am to 2.30pm and further details will be available at the beginning of September.



SEASON OF CREATION

Commencing today 1st September until 4th October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi) we enter the season of creation. We are invited to wonder at the beauty of creation and to grow in our understanding of our encounter with God through his handiwork. The season also gives us chance to reflect upon our responsibility towards our common home and towards those who are poor. It is a season of prayer and a season of action, changing a mindset, maybe, and committing ourselves to creating a better world through the care we take. The heavens proclaim the glory of

God and the firmament shows for the work of his hands. Day unto day takes up the story and night unto night makes known the message.



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £330.26 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Standing order for August: £1252.00

St. Michael: £119.65

Standing order for August: £831.00

Joyful Celebration: Baptism of Sebastian Francis John Yeo

Last Saturday marked a special day of grace and joy for St. Michael's parish as we welcomed Sebastian Francis John Yeo into the Christian community through the sacrament of Baptism. The ceremony took place at St. Michael's Church, surrounded by family and friends.

Our heartfelt congratulations go out to Sebastian and his family on this significant milestone. May his life be filled with blessings, and may he grow in faith, love, and wisdom, always walking in the light of Christ. We ask the entire parish to keep Sebastian in your prayers as he embarks on this wonderful journey of faith.



Thank You