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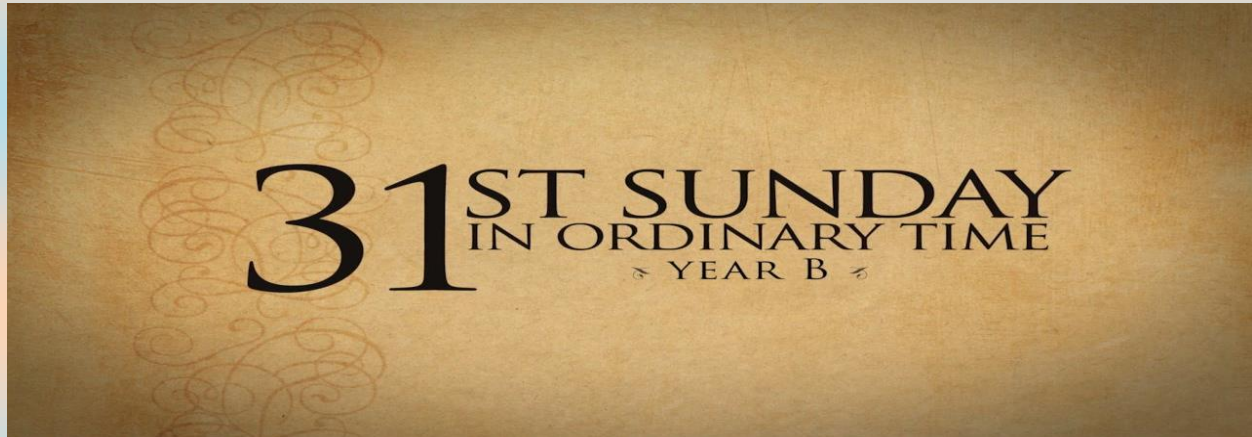
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Dear Friends,

One of the Scribes asked Jesus about which of the commandments was the first. Jesus presented the first as loving God above all else with heart, mind, soul and strength; loving God with all you are and all you have and the second as loving "neighbour as yourself". The Scribe welcomed this insight and added that it was even worth more than any burnt offering or sacrifice. Jesus affirmed the Scribe's insight and told him that he was "not far from the kingdom". Jesus taught, eventually, that we can be and belong in the kingdom and not just "not be far from the kingdom". To really belong in the kingdom, we must learn to love as he has loved us: "love one another as I have loved you". This is our challenge.

It is this "LOVE" - unconquerable benevolence that will make us "sons of God", godlike persons. That is WHO GOD IS: LOVE. We are to image HIM - His Love, His Benevolence - seeking the highest good of all. God makes his sun rise on the good and on the wicked; He sends his rain on the just and the unjust. We are called to love others as Jesus loves us with unconditional, unconquerable, invincible, unwearied, benevolent love...

Jesus sums up the law and the prophets into "LOVE" - love with our whole being. As St. Augustine says, it is only in loving God with our whole being that we come to love our life, our self and others in the proper way.

By loving God and walking in His ways, we do not use others to meet our needs or exploit them for our purposes. By centring on God's love, we are liberated to love everything as God's gifts. We come to experience ourselves as loved and gifted. We no longer need to prove our worth. We are loved by "LOVE". We are accepted by Total, Unconditional Acceptance. Love of God does not turn us away from the world - love opens our eyes to see

the world as God's gift to us. Love gives us a new, clearer and true vision of the world around us.

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 2 nd Nov 9.30am 5.30pm	St. Peter's St. Peter's		All Souls Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 3 rd Nov 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Morgan & Rosalie Hurford - 60 th Wedding Anniversary Caroline Mary Hurst - RIP	Thirty First Sunday
Mon 4 th Nov	No Mass		St. Charles Borromeo
Tue 5 th Nov 9.30am	St. Peter's	Clara Caravana - RIP	
Wed 6 th Nov 10.00am	St. Michael's		
Thu 7 th Nov 10.30am	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass for Peter Wallis	St. Willibrard
Fri 8 th Nov 9.30am	St. Peter's		Rosary followed by Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
 In St. Peter's Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm
 In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 3rd November. 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.

ALL SOUL'S DAY



All Souls' Day, observed on November 2nd, is a day dedicated to praying for the faithful departed, particularly those who may still be in need of purification before entering heaven. It is a time to remember and honour loved ones who have passed away, offering prayers, Masses, and acts of devotion for their souls. The tradition emphasizes the hope of eternal life and the belief in the communion of saints, where the living and the dead remain united in prayer and love. Many families and communities take this day to visit cemeteries, light candles, and reflect on the hope of resurrection and the promise of everlasting peace.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection taken today towards our Diocesan Church, Cathedral Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Clifton.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no children's liturgy at St. Peter's on 27th of October and 3rd of November as it is half term (several families are away). The sessions will start again on the 17th of November (the 10th is children's Mass).

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

Heartiest Congratulations to Morgan and Rosalie Hurford at St. Michael's on their 60th Wedding Anniversary as they celebrate this remarkable milestone in their life on the 7th of November. Sixty years of love, dedication, and togetherness is truly inspiring, and we are grateful to witness their enduring bond within our community.

As they reach this diamond anniversary, let us all keep Morgan and Rosalie in our prayers asking for God's continued blessings of good health and happiness in the years ahead. Their steadfast love is truly a gift to our community and a beautiful reminder of the strength of a lasting partnership.

Congratulations, Morgan and Rosalie!

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE: PRAYERS FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

As we are already in the sacred month of November, we are called to offer special prayers for our loved ones who have passed, particularly those who died through violence, war, or those who may have no one to pray for them.

In keeping with tradition, remembrance envelopes and sheets are available at the back of the church. We invite you to fill out the forms with the names of those you wish to remember. These will be placed on the altar throughout the month. Kindly return the completed envelopes to the parish office.

Let us come together in prayer and remembrance, ensuring that no one is forgotten.

CLIFTON DIOCESE TRUSTEES

Following the recent retirement of one of the educational linked Trustees, there is a current vacancy to join the Board. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of education within the UK and knowledge of the Catholic sector would be advantageous. The commitment is to attend one 3-hour meeting approximately seven times per year on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol, along with membership of two education related committees which would meet six times per year. Time to prepare for the various meetings is also required. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for a position, please send your details to Alessia Dini, St. Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com by 29th November.

CLERGY WELFARE OFFICER

The Curia team is recruiting a new position (part-time – 15 hours per week) to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The role will provide advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing. The successful applicant will have a full understanding of the Catholic religion and the role of priests, including empathy with their spiritual and pastoral needs, and experience of working in a healthcare setting or with social services. The role is mainly based in the Curia Offices in Bristol with travel within the Diocese as required. For further information please see the Diocesan website:

www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/ Closing date for receipt of applications: 22nd November 2024

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

This will take place Saturday 27th September – Thursday 2nd October 2025. This is a great opportunity for the people of Clifton Diocese to experience the Jubilee Year, 'Pilgrims of Hope' in Rome. Places are limited to 55, so please those who might be interested to sign up as soon as possible to ensure that you do not miss out. For more information, please see poster on notice board.

EDUCATION MASS

Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass for all those involved in any way in Catholic Education, at Clifton Cathedral on Thursday 21st November at 6.00pm. This is an annual Mass, bringing all our school community members together as a Diocesan Family to celebrate Catholic education. Light refreshments will be available.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The next afternoon talk will take place on Tuesday 5th November @ 2.30pm by Christine Whittemore; her talk will be A Glimpse of Catholic Lives and anti-Catholic Agitation in 1850's Cheltenham. For further details, please see the poster on the notice board.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

On 29th November, MPs will vote on whether to introduce an extreme suicide law. Please see poster asking us to write to our MP asking them to stop Assisted Suicide being rushed into law.

FUTURE SECOND COLLECTIONS

24th November Catholic Youth

8th December Poor Missions of the Diocese

JOYFUL CELEBRATION: BAPTISM OF LUCY SYLVIA AKUA ADJEIWAA

Last Saturday marked a special day of grace and joy for St. Peter's parish as we welcomed Lucy Sylvia Akua Adjeiwaa into the Christian community through the sacrament of Baptism. The ceremony took place at St. Peter's Church, surrounded by family and friends.

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



R.I.P

Please pray for Peter Wallis who passed away recently and whose Requiem Mass will take place on 7th November (Thursday) at 10.30am at St. Peter's Cirencester followed by the funeral at the Kingsdown Crematorium.

*Eternal rest grant unto him Oh! Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him,
May he rest in peace.*

PETER WALLIS



*Rest
in
Peace*





Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £500.51 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Second Collection: £578.85

Standing order for October: £1230.00

St. Michael: £168.33

Standing order for October: £831.00

100 club winners at St. Peter's: £30 = 78, £20 = 106, £10 = 14.

THANK YOU

