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**22nd**  
**Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**  
**YEAR C**



**Dear Friends,**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14** - Jesus advised his followers to humble themselves and behave humbly at social gatherings. Then he gave them a very radical teaching: "Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled and everyone who humbles himself shall be exalted." This kind of revolutionary ideas is central to the Gospel of Luke. In the first reading, referenced above, Ben Sira advised his readers to consider humility as strength and to remember that the proud and the arrogant have already received their reward. He also advised them to stay close to the humble and simple rather than seek out the attention of society's attention seekers.

**Be humble! Stay close to the humble and the simple!**

Jesus taught his listeners to be generous and gracious in giving and in showing hospitality. He challenged them to give generously to those who are unable to return the favour, the cripples, the lame, the beggars and the poor. You must give because it is your nature to give and not because there is a reward waiting for you. Giving is the quality of your person... you must learn to give because that is the kind of person you are... you must give even when there is no personal gain. Jesus called forth a new way of giving which made no claims, no conditions and no expectation of

return.

Jesus also set a new standard for hospitality to be hospitable to all, including the poor, the beggars, the cripples and all who cannot return the favour. Let your hospitality be inclusive, all-embracing and without reciprocity. The teaching of Jesus, in this context, was to “invite”, to host the poor, the cripples, the lame, the blind and so on and not to just sent them food baskets or a little cash to buy groceries. It is to reach out to all needy people as brothers and sisters who are worthy of respect and welcome in our homes.

**Be hospitable! Be gracious! Be generous! Give without counting the cost!**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Masses Requested</b>	<b>Saints &amp; Feasts</b>
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Donald and Family - Int.	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Mgr. William Mitchell-RIP Paul and Bernadette - Int.	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Fr. Maria's Day off</b>	
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 9.30am	St. Peter's		
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep 10.00am	St. Michael's		St. Gregory the Great
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. Cuthbert
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. Theresa of Calcutta

#### **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 31<sup>st</sup> August. 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.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

Coming weekend (7<sup>th</sup> September) there will be a second collection for **Catholic Education Service.**

### **REQUEST FROM ST. MICHAEL'S**

We are setting up a children's corner in the church of St. Michael's for use during Mass. If anyone has some small children's chairs/furniture or suitable equipment for a simple children's corner we would be very grateful for your contribution.

Please contact Mary, Margaret, Breda or Sue.



### **MAMMA MIA FILM NIGHT**

Please join us for our next fundraising event featuring the songs from ABBA ~ Mamma Mia Film Night (& Sing-Along) at **St. Peter's Parish Hall** on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, doors open at 6:30pm**. Tickets are £15 each and include a delicious selection of Greek food. There will be an exciting raffle and drinks available for purchase on the night. Fancy dress optional. All proceeds will go towards repairs needed at St Peter's Parish Hall. Please purchase tickets online beforehand at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-cirencester/> OR please speak to a member of the fundraising team and we can reserve tickets for you! Thank you for your support.

### **LEGION OF MARY**

We will be moving our weekly meeting from the daytime to evening beginning on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Our Lady's Birthday. Our presidium meets weekly to recite rosary, a spiritual reading and discussion and an invocation of the Holy Spirit to guide our work. Apostolic Works: Visiting and praying with the sick and elderly. Reaching out to lapsed Catholics to help them return to the faith. Assisting in parish activities.

You may already be doing some of the above so we would welcome you to



come and say the Rosary with us and share the spiritual reading and discussions. All are welcome.

**Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Meeting Room, St. Peter's Parish Hall.**

## **St. Peter's Parish Barbeque**



### **ST. PETER'S PARISH BBQ – YOU'RE INVITED!**

We're delighted to invite you all to the **St. Peter's Barbeque** on **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September** - so please mark the date in your calendar!

Join us for a joyful afternoon filled with delicious food, warm fellowship, and lots of fun for all ages. You're most welcome to bring along a **vegetable salad or dessert** to share.

To help us with planning, kindly **make yourself known to Fr. Maria or Patrick Scodeller, or Cathy Nelson** if you're able to attend or contribute something.

Let's come together as a parish family and make it a day to remember!

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## **ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY: SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

This year's pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and will be centered around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope."

As well as the usual Rosary Procession around Glastonbury town centre in the afternoon, there will be an additional Procession in the morning to celebrate the Jubilee from the Abbey grounds to the top of Glastonbury Tor.

Fr. Dominic Findlay-Wilson introduces this year's Pilgrimage in the video below. Full details: [Glastonbury Pilgrimage / Clifton Diocese](#)



### **BISHOP BOSCO GIVES INSPIRING TALK IN LOURDES: NOLITE TIMERE - IN THE JUBILEE OF HOPE**

During the Catholic Association and the Clifton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this week, Bishop Bosco MacDonald offered a moving and engaging reflection entitled *Nolite Timere* - in the Jubilee of Hope.

Speaking with warmth, honesty, and humour, he looked back on his first year as bishop, reflecting on how he has sought to live out his episcopal motto *Nolite timere* – "Do not be afraid."

Bishop Bosco began by drawing on a scene from the

film *Apocalypto*, in which two groups meet in the jungle: captives on their way to slavery and refugees broken by war. Their silence expresses how fear drains life and robs people of hope. In the same film, a father tells his son: "Fear is a sickness. Strike it from your heart." The bishop linked this to the words of Jesus in Matthew 14:27: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

These words, he explained, are no abstract motto but a living compass in his ministry. They guide him before every challenge - whether preaching to a packed cathedral or facing a difficult meeting. Inscribed on his coat of arms, the episcopal motto has shaped his vision of service. Fear paralyses, but Christ's peace steadies and frees.

He went on to remind us that peace is more than a handshake exchanged at Mass; it is a way of life grounded in authenticity. To illustrate this, he shared stories: a teenager heartbroken at not being elected head girl, a student rejected by Cambridge who later found both his vocation and his wife at Bristol, and a celebrated sportsman who used his fame to honour his sister with autism. Each story highlighted how faith allows setbacks to reveal God's providence and, in time, to become unexpected blessings.

The bishop placed the sacraments at the centre of this vision. They anchor Christian life, giving strength to carry disappointments without despair and to receive success without pride. Quoting St. Augustine, he reminded those at the talk to: "Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence."

Recalling the Clifton diocesan jubilee day at Downside Abbey in July - where hundreds gathered for Mass, food, and fellowship, he saw a glimpse of the Church at its best: joy, belonging, and *Nolite timere* lived out in practice.

Bishop Bosco also acknowledged the challenges that lie ahead: fewer priests, new parish structures, and the weight of an increasingly secular culture. Yet he insisted these are not reasons for fear. Rather, they are invitations to courage, creativity, and deeper faith. Hope does not deny hardship, he said, but proclaims that Christ walks with us into the unknown.

He concluded by returning to the heart of his message: fear is a sickness, but Hope heals. In this Jubilee of Hope, he urged all pilgrims to hear Christ's words afresh and to carry them home from Lourdes: "*Nolite timere* - Do not be afraid."

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## Offertory Collection

### Last Week:

**St. Peter's:** £ 331.00 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

**St. Michael:** £ 107.90

