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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

Jesus had offered several challenges to his disciples (Luke 16 and 17:1-5). He told his disciples that scandals would happen, but do not scandalize anyone. He advised them to be careful not to send a younger or weaker person on the wrong way! He taught them to learn to correct the erring brother, but to be generous and gracious and forgiving. He demanded that their standard of forgiveness must immeasurably exceed the best the world can achieve! Faced with these overwhelming challenges, the apostles asked Jesus for an “increase of faith”.

The imageries of mustard seed and sycamore tree seem to imply that the apostles possessed the “gift” of faith. All they had to do was to live it, unwrap the gift they had, translate it into action and see to its maintenance and care - they had to nurture it and give it life.

Stir into flame the gift of faith. Keep the prayer going: Lord, increase our faith.

Jesus uses the example of a servant, who comes in from the field after a day's work, being asked to do more work. Should this servant expect gratitude from his master for doing his duty? The featured servant is doing double duty, more than expected of him, more than his assigned duty. The servant is to see this "call beyond duty" as a gift, an honour and an expression of the master's gratitude.

The gift of faith and the relationship that grows from it makes it possible for us to understand this attitude. Be like the Master, Jesus, who came to serve and serve generously.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 4 th Oct 5.30pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 5 th Oct 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's		27th Sunday Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 6 th Oct	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	St. Bruno
Tue 7 th Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's		Our Lady of the Rosary
Wed 8 th Oct 11.00am	St. Peter's	Funeral Service of Maria Duffin	
Thu 9 th Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. John Henry Newman
Fri 10 th Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's		

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 5th October. 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

This weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD

JOIN US FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT RAU

We warmly invite you to the Eucharistic Celebration at the **RAU** on **Tuesday, 14th October, at 7.00 PM**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and community.

After the Mass, stay for **refreshments, including coffee, tea, and delicious cake** - because every good gathering deserves a sweet treat! Bring a friend, share in the joy, and make it an evening to remember.

All are most welcome!

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF HOLY SOULS - MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

During the month of November, we pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory. We also remember those dear to us who have died, family and friends, and the deceased of our parish. Remember that purgatory is on the threshold of heaven, it is where we encounter the healing fire of God's boundless love and mercy. It prepares us for the fullness of life with God. Holy Souls envelopes are available in the church. Please place the names of your deceased relatives or friends as well as the Mass offering you might wish to make and return to the Presbytery. Alternatively, place your envelope in the Sunday collection. Please do not leave your envelope in church. Intentions will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November.

FAITH INTO ACTION WITH THE SVP IN ST. PETER'S AND ST. MICHAEL'S

A member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), John Ciereszko, will be giving a short address at masses on **4th** and **5th October** to appeal for volunteers to form a new SVP conference in both the Parishes.

The SVP is a lay organization that provides people with the opportunity to put their faith into action by offering practical help and support to those in need, wherever there is need, and making a real difference to their lives.

If anyone is interested in finding out more following the appeal, there will be a short follow up meeting in **St. Peter's Hall** with refreshments on **8th October at 6.00 pm** to provide further information.

HARVEST LUNCH AT ST. PETER'S

Cafod Family Fast day is on Friday October 3rd. On Sunday October 5th we will be having our annual Harvest Lunch after the 11:00 a.m. mass. This is a 'bring and share' event for Parishioners and to support our brothers and sisters throughout the world whose faith we share.

There is a list at the back of the Church for you to sign up or just bring along your favorite dish.

We ask for a donation of £5 towards Cafod and children are free.

Finance Manager Needed...

On behalf of Dr Daniel Doyle, the Newman Catholic Trust is recruiting a Finance Manager (4 days per week). This is more than a finance role – it is a chance to bring professional expertise into a mission-driven environment where every decision supports children's flourishing.

You will be part of a growing Trust with a strong proven track record, working flexibly and dynamically alongside committed colleagues. As Finance Manager, you will help shape clear systems, support Principals with confident decision-making, and steward resources so that our schools can focus on what matters most: forming lives and building communities of hope.

This is a role for a finance professional who combines technical skills with service, able to give leaders clarity and confidence as our family of schools grows.

- 4 days per week (29 hours)
- Salary: £30,652-33,014
- Location: Bristol (hybrid working across schools)
- Closing date: 20th October 2025
- Apply here: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/17561/EDV-2025-CNCET-13863>

Annual Formation Day

The Clifton Diocesan Annual Formation Day will take place on Saturday 11th October at St Brendan's College, Brislington, with Mgr. John Armitage as our keynote speaker. He will be reflecting on the theme of 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'. There will also be several workshop options to attend where you can choose one for the morning and another for the afternoon when booking a ticket. More details and to register for the day, please use the Eventbrite link: <https://diocesanformationday.eventbrite.co.uk>



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £ 385. 68 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Standing Order for September: £ 1416.00

St. Michael: £ 79.65

Votive Candles: £ 69.45

Standing Order for September: £ 760.00

100 Club Winners are: 16 -£48; 49-£32 and 24-£16

