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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

Luke 18:1-8 - Be steadfast. Even an unjust judge awards a just decision to a widow because of her persistence, perseverance. God will take care of the needs of his people. Pray. Be patient. Persevere. Be steadfast in faith.

For the past 16 weeks or so Luke has been taking us on a journey with Jesus to Jerusalem through different geographical territories, among foreign, unfriendly people, into the moral and ethical concerns of many and often into the dark recesses of the human heart. Throughout this journey, Jesus was deeply engaged in the formation of his disciples: revealing to them God's love; calling

them to God's saving will; encouraging them to challenge the values of the world; charging them with the mission of proclaiming the Good News; counselling them on how this mission has to be fulfilled; giving them a new lifestyle to live.

When the disciples seemed to find the challenge of discipleship overwhelming, Jesus gave them sound advice which has withstood the test of times and continues to support us today. Remember the Gospel passage two weeks ago when the disciples talked about their struggle with the demands and asked for an increase of faith, Jesus' advice was to trust the little faith they had and let it come to life. Last week, the advice was to be gratefully and thoughtfully aware of God's saving work and his loving presence in life.

This week, the advice is: Be steadfast. Stand your ground. Be patient, Persevere. Pray without losing heart. This calls for a shift from self-reliance to God-reliance. Perseverance in prayer is more than true grit that will never quit. It is trust in a God who will never abandon or ignore those who put their trust in Him. It is God-centred and Grace-powered perseverance and not mere human effort or enterprise. It is a radical shift from self to God.

Be steadfast because God's love is steadfast. Never quit because God never does.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 18 th Oct 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Mary Hester - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 19 th Oct 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Destiny & Harmony – Int. Destiny & Harmony – Int.	29th Sunday Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 20 th Oct	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	
Tue 21 st Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's		
Wed 22 nd Oct 10.00am	St. Michael's		St. John Paul II
Thu 23 rd Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. John of Capistrano
Fri 24 th Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. Antony Mary Claret

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 19th 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.

MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give

what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate there will be a second collection, Missio envelopes will be available, alternatively please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. You can also donate through the Dona Machine which is at the back of St. Peter's.

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.

JOYFUL WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!



We extend our warmest congratulations to **Rosie, Destiny, and Harmony**, who were joyfully **baptized on October 11th at St. Peter's**. Their baptism marks a beautiful beginning - a sign of their welcome into our Catholic family and a celebration of new life in Christ.

Let us continue to keep the whole family in our prayers as they grow in faith, love, and the joy of belonging fully to the Church. May the light of Christ always guide their journey!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT TETBURY

As we approach Remembrance Sunday, the community at Tetbury will come together to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country.

A **two-minute silence** will be observed at **11.00am on Monday, November 11th** around the **Market Hall**, offering a moment of reflection and gratitude.

The **Remembrance Service** will take place on **Sunday, November 9th at 2.30pm in St. Mary's Church**, followed by the traditional **parade down Long Street to St. Saviour's**, where a **wreath-laying ceremony** will be held in the churchyard.

As part of our longstanding tradition, **St. Michael's** will take part in laying a wreath in remembrance. Those who wish to join the service are warmly invited - please contact **Brian** for further details. Let us come together as a community to remember, reflect, and give thanks.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ST. MICHAEL'S

At St. Michael's on December 12th we will be celebrating the annual Christmas lunch in the church hall from 12md.

There will be a collection box for donations for the Christmas raffle in the porch, all contributions gratefully received.

CHAPLAINCY AND YOUTH MINISTRY MEMBER

The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust are very excited to recruit Chaplaincy and Youth Ministry team members to support the primary schools within our Trust with chaplaincy and youth ministry. We are at the start of our journey into developing a team of youth ministers to work within our Trust schools. These roles will be to work across six primary schools in the first instance and so a willingness to travel between those schools (across Gloucestershire) either by own transport or using public transport or lift shares is necessary.

Salary - £17,306.00 Annually (FTE) - National Living Minimum Wage
Closing Date - 11:59pm, 7th November 2025
Start Date – 5th January 2026
Positions Available - 2
Interview Date - Friday 14th November 2025

For further information please use the link below
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Further Details - Charlotte Blanch, CEO of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust
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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>



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £ 359. 16 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

St. Michael: £ 139.87

