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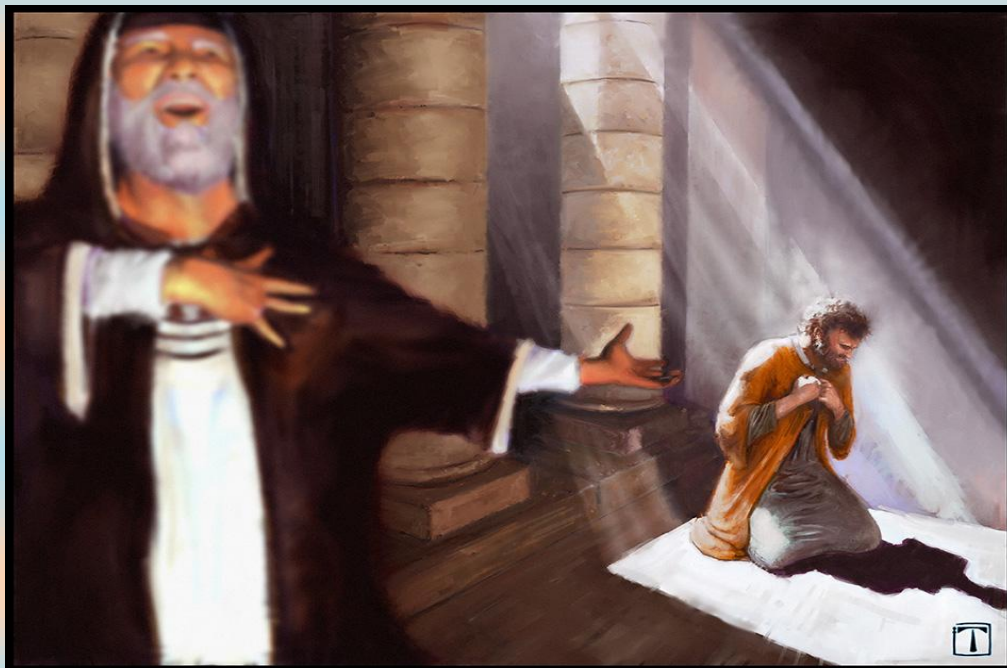
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

The Pharisee's prayer in today's gospel was filled with pride and self-sufficiency, while the tax collector's prayer was humble and sincere. The Pharisee prayed to himself; the tax collector prayed to God - and was changed by that encounter. Real prayer transforms the one who prays and deepens intimacy with God.

Last Sunday we reflected on perseverance in prayer; this week, focused on the *quality* of prayer. Authentic prayer is **truthful** and **humble** which is rooted in the awareness of our need for God. It is **God-centered**, not self-centered; the "I" must yield to "You, God." Prayer moves us from self-reliance to trust in God's grace.

True prayer is also **personal** - we stand before God alone, not comparing ourselves with others. The Pharisee's comparison to the tax collector hindered his communion with God.

Finally, authentic prayer **brings change**. The tax collector went home transformed and justified; the Pharisee did not. Every real prayer, however small the change, draws us closer to God. Like the tax collector, may we learn to pray the prayer that changes us.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 25 th Oct 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Frank Morgan - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 26 th Oct 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Stefan & Zofia Osiak - RIP	30th Sunday Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 27 th Oct	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	
Tue 28 th Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's	Walter Warriner	Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles
Wed 29 th Oct 10.00am	St. Michael's		
Thu 30 th Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's		
Fri 31 st 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 26th 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

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world.

To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT TETBURY

As we approach Remembrance Sunday, the community at Tetbury will come together to honour 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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Red Wednesday Mass for Persecuted Christians on Wednesday 19th November at 6.45pm in Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Bosco MacDonald as main celebrant. The default position of 'the world' on the issue of Christian persecution is largely silence. Red Wednesday week offers a chance as

Catholics and other Christians to make a stand together in solidarity. Bishop Bosco will be saying this Mass for Persecuted Christians. Please come and unite in prayer with our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. All are welcome. With every good wish Fr. Liam.

RIP



Meryl Franco

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of **Meryl Franco**, the beloved wife of Tony, a faithful parishioner at St. Peter's. Meryl was called to her eternal rest peacefully on Wednesday.

We hold Tony and his family in our prayers, asking the Lord to comfort them and grant Meryl the fullness of His peace. Funeral details will be shared once arrangements have been finalized.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

DAY FOR RELIGIOUS AT BROWNSHILL MONASTERY STROUD

What a lovely day it turned out to be! On Tuesday 14th October, around twenty of us, Religious and Consecrated from all corners of the Clifton Diocese, gathered at the peaceful Monastery of Our Lady and St Bernard in Brownshill. Fr. Nick Crowe OP, the Prior Provincial of the English

Dominicans, led us beautifully through the theme of the day: “How we can best serve the diocese in this Jubilee Year.” Drawing on St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, he reflected with his insight on what it means to live as people of hope. His words were both grounding and uplifting.

He spoke to us about the “song” we each can bring to the diocese, not necessarily one you can find in a hymnbook! It might be a song of encouragement or compassion, of joy or of sorrow, of helping or of simply being present, and yes, occasionally a little song of complaint too, as we are not necessarily saints fallen straight from heaven. Each of us has our verse to sing, and together we make a chorus that enriches the life of the diocese.

Full report: [Day for Religious at Brownhill Monastery Stroud](#)

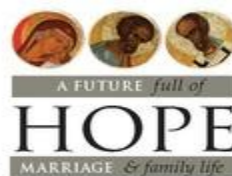


MARRIAGE MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE ON SATURDAY **14TH FEBRUARY**

Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14th February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. You are **all** very welcome to join our diocesan family for this Mass. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names

to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

ADULT EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION



"God has poured out his love into our hearts"

Romans 5:5



"Every encounter with Christ, who in sacraments gives us salvation, invites us to 'go' and communicate to others the salvation that we have been able to see, to touch, to encounter and to receive and which is truly credible because it is love."
Pope Francis

Join the Bishop for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage & Family Life on **Saturday 14 February** at 12noon.

All are welcome.

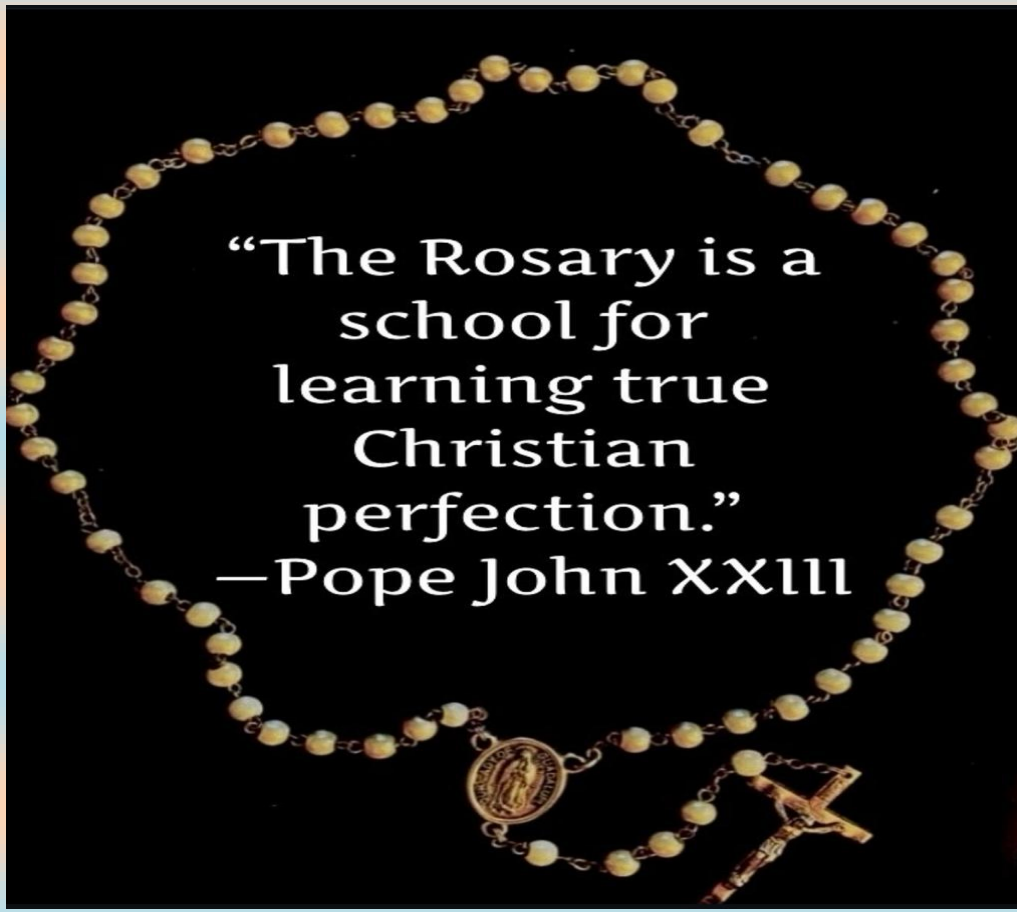
If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2026, then please contact us: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595.

**CELEBRATING
marriage & family life**



ROSARY AT ST. PETER'S

You are welcome to come and pray the Rosary, have a chat and cup of tea.
Every Monday at 6.00 pm in the meeting room at the St. Peter's Parish Hall.



POPE LEO XIV APPOINTS BISHOP NICHOLAS HUDSON AS NEW BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson as the new Bishop of Plymouth.

Ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Southwark in 1986, Bishop Hudson has been an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and Titular Bishop of St Germans in Cornwall since 2014.

On hearing of his appointment, **Bishop Hudson**, Bishop-elect of Plymouth said:

"I am deeply grateful to Pope Leo XIV for appointing me; and I do not take lightly the trust he has placed in me. I am aware how long the clergy, religious and laity of Plymouth Diocese have waited for a bishop. I come with a desire to listen and to learn. I hope we can apply all the strengths of synodality to discern together ways to deepen the diocese's outreach, mission and presence to the people of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset. I look forward greatly to meeting all who belong to the diocese. "I ask their prayers for me as I prepare to be their bishop – as I most surely pray for them." Full report: [Pope Leo XIV appoints Bishop Nicholas Hudson](#)



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £ 336. 00 (incl. via the Dona Machine)
Mission Sunday: £ 186.50

St. Michael: £ 102.37
Mission Sunday: £ 52.00

