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# THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY



**Dear Friends,**

**Luke 21:5-19** - they admired the beauty and glory of their temple - gazed at it with amazement! They thought they were privileged to be in the presence of a beautiful and enduring reality, the construction of which took over 80 years. Besides its obvious beauty, the fact that the temple was revered as God's dwelling place on earth made it a permanent structure in Jewish life and spirituality. They were shocked and angry at the prediction Jesus made!

When Luke wrote his Gospel, the prediction of Jesus had come true! The temple was gone! Titus and his troops had conquered Jerusalem and levelled the temple in 70 AD. But God had not gone from there, nor was he gone from the hearts of the believers! The harsh realities that Jesus predicted did come true and believers faced them with courage. They were inherent in every aspect of

discipleship. Jesus encouraged the disciples to accept these hardships as opportunities to bear witness to him and to the good news of salvation. “You will be brought to bear witness...” He assured them that they would not be alone. He promised: “I will give you words and wisdom...”

**It is time for us to make our spirituality real. Our faith today is being tested. We need to stand our ground - be deeply rooted in our faith tradition.**

**Our faith must be true, our witness must be authentic and continuous, our prayer must be intense and unceasing, our service must be generous and practical, our hope must be our strength, our love must be forgiving and gracious and benevolent.**

Malachi reminds us that the day will come when we have to face the ultimate test of our faith. The humble will survive the test, he assures us. The author of the second letter to Thessalonians encourages us to aspire to a spirituality that is practical and authentic, rooted in life - a spirituality that is willing to work quietly and diligently. Jesus encourages us to “keep our heads” - remember his teachings, trust his word and not to give over to apocalyptic anxiety. He encourages us not to worry about fearful omens and not give-in to the dread of suffering that could come as a result of following him. He reassures us that we will be empowered with words and wisdom that cannot be refuted by anyone.

Believers in Jesus have greater and more important challenges to face than worry about things to come. We have to live lives of faith and not fear; concern ourselves with loving and serving; develop real spirituality, one that is rooted in life and not mere sentimentality; witness to the reality of Jesus and His Gospel... We definitely have more important challenges than worry about things to come!

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Masses Requested</b>	<b>Saints &amp; Feasts</b>
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Meryl Franco - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Betty & Douglas Jolliffe	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Fr. Maria's Day off</b>	St. Hugh of Lincoln
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am	St. Peter's		Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00am	St. Michael's		
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am	St. Peter's		
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 9.30am	St. Peter's		Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **DONATION TO ST. PETER'S & ST. MICHAEL'S**

We are pleased to share that donation to St. Peter's and St. Michael's can now be made easily through our website.

A heartfelt thank you to **Brian Helm** from St. Michael's for making this possible!

## **COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Community Kitchen dinner, which 50 people attended. We served a lovely Mexican meal including chips, salsa & guacamole, enchiladas with Mexican rice and a salad, and for puddings - sopapillas and mango lime mousse. Thank you to those who volunteered, cooked and donated funds. The next dinner will be on 14<sup>th</sup> December with a Christmas Around the World theme. Thank you - Melissa



## **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.

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### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF FAITH!**

We share in the joy of **Julia Jamila Sally Webster**, who was **baptized at St. Peter's last Saturday**. With hearts full of thanksgiving, we celebrate this beautiful beginning of her journey in faith. May Julia continue to grow in God's love and grace, surrounded by the prayers and support of our parish family. Let us keep **Julia and her family** in our prayers as they nurture this precious gift of new life in Christ.

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## **THE COMPANIONS OF MALTA AT ST. PETER'S**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, the Companions will be at THE BOTHY. 10.15 until 12.30 writing Christmas cards for residents of local OSJ care homes. If you have any time do join us all you need is a pen! Enquiries to Sarah 07817499829. - Sarah

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## **ST. MICHAEL'S NEEDS YOUR HELPING HANDS!**

As you know, much of the wonderful work at **St. Michael's** is carried out by our dedicated volunteers. We're now looking for more kind-hearted people to join our teams of **Collection Counters, Flower Arrangers, Welcomers, and Sacristans.**

If you'd like to share your time and talents in any of these roles, please have a word with **Fr. Maria** or **Brian Helm.**

Your help - big or small - truly makes a difference. Thank you for being part of our caring parish family! 🌸

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## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

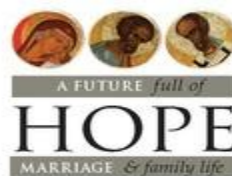
We wholeheartedly thank **Peter Bristow** from **St. Michael's** for attending the **St. Mary's Remembrance Day service** and laying the wreath on behalf of St. Michael's at the war memorial at St. Saviour's afterwards.

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## **MARRIAGE MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE ON SATURDAY** **14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys and 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](mailto: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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 902 5595.*

# CELEBRATING marriage & family life



## **Encounter - Clifton Cathedral, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 9.30am - 1pm**

Come and join us for another Encounter of God's love and mercy. The Parish Mass is at 9.30 followed by Adoration and Confessions. We will start at 10.30 and finish by 1pm. There will be a time of praise, teaching and prayer ministry. James Room, Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Clifton Park, Bristol, BS8 3BX. All are welcome. For more information, email [Encounter@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Encounter@cliftondiocese.com).



## Offertory Collection

### Last Week:

**St. Peter's:** £ 361. 05 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Building Maintenance Fund: £ 30.00

100 club winners: £30 - 107, £20 - 93, £10 - 18

**St. Michael:** £ 118.09

