



## A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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### Second Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday Cycle Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 1, Psalter Week 2

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	6:30pm ( <i>Saturday</i> ) 8:30am ( <i>Painswick</i> ) 10:00am	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Brian Hursthouse and Family People of the Parishes Margaret Mason
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8:15am ( <i>More Hall Convent</i> )	Weekday	
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	8:15am ( <i>More Hall Convent</i> ) 10:30am	Saint Agnes <b>Funeral Service</b>	Rosina Wawryn
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	8:15am ( <i>More Hall Convent</i> )	Weekday	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	8:15am ( <i>More Hall Convent</i> ) 11:00am ( <i>More Hall Convent</i> )	Weekday <b>Funeral Mass</b>	Roy Clough
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:30am ( <i>Woodchester</i> )	Saint Francis de Dales	Lisa Parker R.I.P.
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul</b>	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	6:30pm ( <i>Saturday</i> ) 8:30am ( <i>Painswick</i> ) 10:00am	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Eddie Judge People of the Parishes John Mason & Thomas Reilly R.I.P.

*There is Mass at More Hall Convent on Sundays at 11:00am and Weekdays at 8:15am*

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** We pray for the parish of Saint Peter, Gloucester.

## Holy Year – Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

*May the grace of the Jubilee spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January 2025** is for the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**We continue to pray for peace in the world**, including the situations in the Middle East and Ukraine. Donations for the Cafod Appeals can be made online: for the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at <https://cafod.org.uk/?form=israelipalestiniancrisis>; and for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

**YOUR PRAYERS** are asked for those who are housebound, in nursing homes, in hospital or sick including:

Caroline Sellick, Paddi Spruyt, Naomi King, Maggie Ind, Conrad Newman, Jo Curtan, Mary Paul, Virginia Couchman, Edward Johnson, Maria Capicotto, Sarah Williams, Gisele Smart, Gerardo Capaldo, Clare McDermott, Pat King, June & John Privett, Olivia Bouzyk, Raphael Moore, Ursula Kyne, Brian O'Donoghue, Lisa Knight, Francis Kerrigan, Monika Smit, Rebecca Frazier, Joan O'Donoghue, Peter Ollis, Anne Allen, Sister Catherine, Daryl Jackson, Jamie Watt, Peter Tay, Janie Wilmot, Kevin Sivell, Niall Walker, Murray Dolan, Cecilia Redgrave, Christopher & Clifford Browne, Victor Vincent, Stephen Carden, John Stephens, Phyllis Bruton, Marilyn Anderson, Chris Strong, Kate Thorley, Amanda Mullins, Paul O'Keith, Simon Terry, Anna Dowdeswell, Stephen & Paul Coupe, Anthea Van Venroy, Maisie McGinley and all their carers.

*To add a name to this list please contact the parish office – please ensure you have the agreement of the sick person.*

**Feast of Saint Wulstan, our Pastoral Area Saint, and Jubilee Events 'Pilgrims of Hope':** The 19<sup>th</sup> January marks the memorial in England of Saint Wulstan who is the Patron of our Pastoral Area. In setting up the new Pastoral Areas Bishop Declan encouraged everyone in the Diocese to get to know the saint of their area better which we will be doing during this Jubilee year. Saint Wulstan is a great Patron to have - he was the only Bishop in England to remain in place after the Norman Conquest in 1066, being Bishop of Worcester from 1062 to 1095. In Bristol he was also instrumental in abolishing the Bristol slave trade of Angles to Viking Ireland. At the Pastoral Area Forum this weekend the main focus is the Jubilee Year, and how we as a Pastoral Area will celebrate it. Ideas include a Saint Wulstan Southern Way Catholic Jubilee Pilgrimage in May from Worcester to Bristol, and a gathering with children and their families from communities across the Pastoral Area in July. A website is being developed which will have further details of our Jubilee Year events. Further information will also follow in parish newsletters.

**Holy Year:** The Holy Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' began on 24<sup>th</sup> December and continues until 6<sup>th</sup> January next year. There will be a meeting for our three parishes at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00am for us to discuss how we can celebrate this year.

**The Octave of prayer for Christian Unity** began on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January and continues until 25<sup>th</sup> January (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul). We continue to pray and work together so that all followers of Jesus may be united ever more fully and be an ever more effective sign of his love for all people.

**First Holy Communion:** Our First Holy Communion Programme (open to Catholic children in year 3 or above) will begin in February. The First Holy Communion Masses will be on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Full programmes and application forms will be available later this month. For more information please speak with Father Gary.

**Dominican Chant Workshop** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February (10:30am – 4:30pm) at Saint James' Priory (1 Whitson Street, Bristol BS1 3NZ). The facilitator will be Father Matthew Jarvis OP. The day will include Mass and Sung Vespers. There is a suggested donation of £15 per person. For more details and to register please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sing-like-a-dominican-tickets-1113603290419>.

**Foundation Governors:** Our Rosary Primary School is seeking enthusiastic and committed people to apply to join the team of Foundation Governors. This is a great way to get involved in supporting Catholic education and making a real difference to the lives of our children. Foundation governors: promote the Catholic ethos of the school; support the school's leadership; and share their time, skills and ideas to make our school even better. This role is appointed by the Diocese, and there is a warm welcome for practicing Catholics who are committed to their faith and passionate about supporting the mission of Catholic education. No previous experience is required, as full training and guidance are provided. To learn more, please contact the school office (01453 762774 or [admin@rosary.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rosary.gloucs.sch.uk)) or speak with Father Gary. This is a great opportunity to help ensure our Rosary Catholic Primary School continues to flourish as a beacon of faith and learning.

**More Hall Residential Care Home** has vacancies at present for those requiring care. As we know it is a small care home, run by the Grace and Compassion Benedictine Sisters, together with lay staff. They welcome permanent residents and respite care. For more information please contact Sister Elsy by telephone (01453 764486), email ([moorehallconvent@gmail.com](mailto:moorehallconvent@gmail.com)), or post (More Hall Convent, Randwick, Stroud GL6 6EP).

**Newman Association** talk on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall (Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU). Jacqueline Henson will be giving a talk 'From Cravat to Collar'. She is a team vicar in the North Cheltenham Team Ministry. All are welcome. Admission is £3.00 (members & students free). Enquires: Stephanie Jamison (01242 539810).

**The 200 Club:** The **annual subscription** of £12.00 is now due. Cash or cheques (payable to 'Immaculate Conception, Stroud') may be given to the parish office or to Carmel. New members always welcome.

**We remember in our prayers** Rosina Wawryn (Funeral Service on Tuesday at 10:30am), Roy Clough (Funeral Mass at More Hall Convent on Thursday at 11:00am), Josie Feldwick (Funeral Service at Woodchester on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 12:00 noon), David Wood (Funeral Mass on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00am), Beth Cheyne (Funeral Mass at Stonehouse on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00am) and Patrick Hanley (Funeral Mass at Woodchester on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 1:00pm) who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.