

A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF
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Diocesan Safeguarding Tel. 0117 954 0993 The Diocese of Clifton undertakes to ensure that any allegations of a safeguarding issue are responded to promptly and to liaise openly with statutory authorities to support investigations, responding sensitively and compassionately to those in need, and ensuring perpetrators are held to account. We affirm our undertaking for the Diocese of Clifton to be a place where all can come in confidence, and that they will be cared for and loved by their Christian Community.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: Please remember to bring your signed Code of Conduct back this weekend.

Week 34 Ordinary Time Year C

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 23rd Nov.	6:30pm (Saturday) Stroud FE 8:30am (Painswick) FB 9:00am (Stonehouse) FE 10:00am (Stroud) FB 11:00am (Woodchester) FE	Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Deceased members of McNeill Family Maisie McGinley RIP People of the Parish
Psalm Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Gospel Acclamation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!			
Tuesday 25th Nov.	9:30am Stonehouse 7:00pm Woodchester	34 th Week in Ordinary Time Dominican Community Requiem Mass	
Wednesday 26th Nov.	7:00pm Stroud	34 th Week in Ordinary Time	Mike Foran RIP
Thursday 27th Nov.	9:30am Stroud	34 th Week in Ordinary Time	Sue Trotman, Martin Jones & Alan Sweetham RIP
Friday 28th Nov.	9:30am Stroud	34 th Week in Ordinary Time	Kieran Brehony RIP
Saturday 29th Nov.		No Reconciliation Today	
Sunday 30th Nov.	6:30pm (Saturday) Stroud FE 8:30am Painswick FE 9am Stonehouse FB 10am Stroud FE 11am Woodchester FB	First Sunday of ADVENT Year A	Maisie McGinley RIP People of the Parish Gillian Hinchcliffe RIP Mike Foran RIP

Monday is Fr Eugene's day off ~ there is Mass available at 8:15am at More Hall every weekday morning

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the Parish of English Martyrs, Chard with Crewkerne and Ilminster.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November: For the prevention of suicide:

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their Community, and be open to the beauty of life. Amen.

We continue to pray for peace in the world, including the situations in the Middle East and Ukraine.

November the month of the Holy Souls. There is a basket to put your November Lists and the lists of those who have died from your family and friends. There will also be a Book of Remembrance for you to write the names of those who have died that you wish to be remembered in November. Each Mass in November will be offered for those names on your lists and in the book. ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. AMEN.***

Rest in Peace: We pray for those who have died recently, those whose anniversaries occur about this time, those who have died alone with no one to mourn them, and those who have died because of violence and aggression. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. AMEN.

Please remember in your prayers: those who are sick in hospitals or nursing and care homes, those awaiting test results, undergoing treatment, those suffering physically or mentally. We pray Our Lord will send his healing love upon them.

Local Catholic Communities News: Due to recent events and the collation of information to go in the weekly newsletter, the newsletter will be compiled at Immaculate Conception, Stroud. It is hoped that a redesign of it will allow for sections of news from each Church community, as well as Diocesan information and local events. We will attempt to add every event, brought to our notice according to date sensitivities and space. It is hoped that this way of disseminating information will encourage us to be involved in activities that may not be in our 'own' parish, but the local community. Please, to help this to work, we are asking that items for publication are submitted as soon as possible. The 'cut-off' for submission of items for the following Sunday will be **MIDDAY ON WEDNESDAY**. Please

note the best item gives clear information Date – Time – Place – Reason – who to contact for more information – any costs. Please email items to stroud.immaculateconception@cliftondiocese.com

BUY YOUR RAFFLES TICKETS TODAY Christmas Fayre 29th Nov 9am to 1:30pm

STROUD & PAINSWICK:

Journey in Faith: (RCIA). THURSDAY 27th November 7pm ~ 8.30pm in the UPPER ROOM, Stroud. This programme is for those wishing to know more about the Catholic Faith with a view if they so wish, to become members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Saturday 4th April 2026. Anyone from our four Church Communities and area are welcome to come and explore the Catholic Faith. The sessions will run on Thursdays in school term time. Refreshments will be available.

GIVING TREE SVP: Our SVP Group are again running the Giving Tree for Christmas: Please take a tag (or two) and simply purchase the items when you do your shopping. Then return the purchased goods to Church or Parish Office. We will make up hampers for families in need of help. We do not know who these families are: we simply make up the hampers (bags of goodies) and take them to The Rosary School, who identify those families in need. You can purchase other items, things you might like to have at Christmas and donate them if you prefer. The hope is to bring HOPE to those less fortunate than ourselves. Give a little love at Christmas. THANK YOU.

CAFOD THANKS: Many thanks to all who donated at the Harvest Collections: The combined Parishes Soup lunch raised £469:00 £720:00 (including cheques) was raised making a total of £1199:00. Thank you also from Martin Smith for the generous sponsorship of for his Half Marathon. So far this has raised £1090:00 for CAFOD with a little more still to come.

STONEHOUSE & WOODCHESTER:

St. Joseph's Stonehouse ~Welcoming Group First could I thank Shirley Lee for all her hard work in running this group and wish her all the very best for the future. I have agreed to take over running the group and my first role is to try to recruit some new members. If you are interested or would like more information on welcoming at mass, then please make yourself known to me or telephone me. We are currently down to four welcomers and would be very grateful for at least two new volunteers, but no one will be turned away. Thanks Mick Gibbons 01453 824332

Woodchester Church: We are fast approaching Advent, so on Friday 28th Nov the flower ladies will start adorning the church for Christmas, with a Christmas tree and Poinsettias, once again parishioners will have the opportunity to donate poinsettias in memory of loved ones, these should be placed near the alter or left at the back of the church and we will make sure they are distributed around the church, plus we will make sure there are some little dishes to stand the plants in to protect the carpet.

GENERAL EVENTS: The God who Heals 22nd Nov Prinknash Meeting Room 1:30pm to 4pm - See Poster in Church.
Mary's YES Day of Reflection 6th Dec Apostle Room Clifton Cathedral 9:30am to 3:30pm - See Poster in Church.
The Newman Association: Tuesday 2nd December 2:30pm at Sacred Hearts Parish Hall, Charlton Kings, GL53 9AU
The Nativity in Art: Focussing on Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Speaker: Dr Margaret Cooling See Poster in Church.

SHARING THE WORD OF GOD TODAY

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

1st Reading: 2 Sam 5:1-3 David had already been anointed king of Judah by his own people at Hebron. In this reading we hear how the northern tribes also acknowledge him as their king. Thus, David became king of a united country. His kingdom prefigured the universal kingship of Christ.

2nd Reading: Col. 1:11–20 This is essentially a liturgical hymn in praise of Christ. The first part speaks of his role in creation, the second of his role in redemption. On this feast we acclaim Christ as head of the Church and ruler of the universe.

Gospel: Lk 23:35-43 Here we see how the inscription over the cross, and all those who witnessed the crucifixion (the crowd, the rulers, the soldiers, and the thieves) unwittingly proclaim the true identity of Jesus. The irony is that the titles, which are pronounced in mockery, are true: Jesus is both messiah and king.

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