

ST LAWRENCE AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

9th and 10th October 2021

Psalter 4

DPL: Immaculate Conception, Stroud with Brownhill, Painswick and More Hall



SAT	9 th	CS	5:00pm	TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fordham Intention
SUN	10 th	StP	11:00am	TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bridie Green (Fmass)
Tue	12 th	CS	9:30am	Mass	Patrick McCoy (Fmass) OLOL
Wed	13 th	StP	9:30am	Mass	Harry & Winnie Woods (OLOL)
Thr	14 th	CS	9:30am	Mass at St Lawrence (Welcome to Fr Tim Peacock)	
Fri	15 th	CS	9:30am	Mass	Thanksgiving Mass (MM)
SAT	16 th	CS	5:00pm	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Special Intention
SUN	17 th	StP	11:00am	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Isabel Exposto RIP
Tue	19 th	CS	9:30am	Mass	Eileen Foster RIP
Wed	20 th	StP	9:30am	Mass	Eileen Charnley RIP
Thr	21 st			No Service	
Fri	22 nd	CS	9:30am	Mass	Jean Parsons Intention
SAT	23 rd	CS	5:00pm	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Simon Withers (Fmass)
SUN	24 th	StP	11:00am	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Amaldo Gouveia

Confessions: please contact Parish Priest for appointment.

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GREEN ALERT!

How can YOU **SHRINK YOUR**



Pope Francis reminds us: "...most global warming in recent decades is due to

the great concentration of greenhouse gases ... released mainly as a **result of human activity.**" (L.S. 23)

MAYBE, THIS WEEK, YOU COULD.....

- Think twice before you use the car - why not walk or bike or use public transport? Slow down a bit!
- Wear warmer clothes indoors and turn the heating down.
- Switch off all lights, TVs and other devices when not in use. Don't leave things on 'standby'!

Fundraising during Advent

We are hoping to have some fundraising activities after each weekend mass during Advent, such as a small raffle and a nearly new sale. It would be wonderful if you could donate some items that could be used as prizes or items to sell to raise much needed money for parish funds. If you have anything you could donate please leave at either church or give to Pat O'Rourke or Kay Chapman. Thanks in anticipation!

St Paul's 40th Anniversary

A very big thank you to Fr. Jim, Fr. Frank and Fr. Duncan, Deacon Vincent, Fran and Martin for serving and all parishioners attending for the beautiful Mass to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's Church. It was a lovely celebration with singing (thanks to Sr Fidelis) and with a fantastic buffet afterwards. Thank you to everyone who helped organise it and a very special thank you to Tim Hughes for making the sandwiches! God bless you all.

THE HOLY FATHER'S Prayer Intention for October- Evangelisation: Missionary Disciples. That every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



BONUS BALL - Game 944 w/n 5 Kath Parsons £25 to the winner and £25 for the parish Building Fund.

The lottery is a fun way of supporting the Parish. The monies raised are for the building fund, which helps towards the continuing maintenance of all our Parish Buildings. If you don't feel safe enough yet to return to Mass, you can still take part by posting your lottery money, preferred numbers, and **contact details** through the Presbytery front door. Many thanks for your continuing support. Please speak to P O'Rourke or K Chapman for more information.

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What's on?



Time to Start School? If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 & 31 August 2018, now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) available from the school admissions team of South Gloucestershire Council, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date 15th January 2022.

Reflections for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading from the Book of Wisdom 7: 7-11.

This section of the reading informs us that God's Wisdom is worth more than wealth and the pursuit of success. Some people think that knowledge is wisdom, but the wisdom we are considering here is sharing God's wisdom, realising that he guides us by his Commandments and his teaching, contained in Holy Scripture. It is a reflection upon Solomon's request for God's Wisdom, because through God's wisdom we receive everything we need for life and fulfilment. God's Wisdom is not just spiritual it is fleshed in Christ, so we are indeed blessed in having him as our guide on the road to Wisdom. God's wisdom rounds us as humans to be aware of our neighbour's needs and not just our neighbour, but the whole of God's creation, which was shared with us for our companionship and to beautify our lives with its' splendour. This is the Wisdom that we are discussing, not the accumulation of facts and figures, to acquire a good career.

Psalm 89: 12-17.

This song continues the theme of waking up to the shortness of our lives and asks for a share of God's wisdom to enable us to balance joy and affliction, and to grant success to the work of our hands. This was a mainly agrarian society, so we are thinking in terms of a harvest to feed us all, not just the selfish pursuit of wealth.

2nd Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 4: 12-13.

We continue with our reading of Hebrews this week and explore the Word of God, which is his Wisdom, shared with us. We cannot hide from God's gaze, we are laid bare, like a sacrifice opened up for examination. There is no fooling God, so we need to be aware that he knows us, even better than we know ourselves, and it is to Him that we give an account of our life, when we come to meet him. We will need to rely upon the infinite Mercy of Him to receive us, knowing that our failings are mainly the result of weakness, rather than disobedience.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 10: 17-30.

We encounter an over pious young man, who tries initially to flatter our Lord, then enquires what he must do to inherit eternal life. I often think that he represents most of us, who really do know that, we should do as Jesus tells this young man, namely keep God's commandments, but we somehow hope there is a simpler way to attain eternal life with God's company. Jesus attests that this is the road to eternal life, and we should take note of it. We also see how God really does know us and our motives when Jesus perceives that although the young man says he has kept all these from his youngest days, he loves splendour and wealth more than being a true disciple. Jesus challenges us all to forsake ourselves for discipleship, that means that we will follow Christ wherever he leads us. That means submitting our own desires to those of God for us. He does not beat about the bush; God shows us the way to eternal life and that is in following the Gospel life, in whatever vocation he leads us to embrace, for the greater glory of God. Sometimes he calls us to abandon everything to follow Him. Peter enquires about this route, and he is informed that whatever he sacrifices will be restored to him in abundance. A disciple who gives up a family, if they really embraces discipleship with Jesus, then the members of his flock that he calls that person to serve, become his family and as he loves and cares for them for Christ's sake, they, in turn, love and cherish them as their shepherd, guiding them to eternal life. It brings more than money can buy, it brings a true and pure love, which is beyond price. That is what the young man lost in his riches!!

God Bless you all & stay safe. Deacon Vincent.

Safeguarding our Vulnerable Adults and Children: All church activities are subject to safeguarding policies and procedures. We encourage everyone to access these policies which can be found in the Diocesan Resource along with important contact numbers on the safeguarding pages. **Parish website:** <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/cliffondiocese.html>
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