

St Peter's Catholic Church

Abbey St. Eynsham Oxon OX29 4HR

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The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered as a Charity (234216)

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Domenico Caprotti: He can be contacted on sg.stpeter.eynsham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

PLEASE ACCESS THE NEWS SHEET BY VISITING OUR WEB PAGE.

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Sunday 3rd December – 1st Sunday Advent – Year B

Year of Prayer – See Below for full details

Saturday (for Sunday) 5pm – Liam Bourke R.I.P. (Anniversary)

Sunday Mass 10am – Sick of the Parish

Mass times this week

Monday 10am

Thursday 10am

Friday 10am

Followed by Exposition for half an hour

(NB no Mass This Tuesday)

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sundays 10am Mass

Confessions Saturdays 4.30pm & On Request

TEA & COFFEE IS SERVED AFTER SUNDAY MASS – ALL WELCOME

Sunday 10th December – 2nd Sunday Advent – Year B

Saturday (for Sunday) 5pm – In Thanksgiving (NSPL)

Sunday Mass 10am – People of the Parish

Prayers for the sick: Please keep in your prayers all our sick and housebound, especially, Peter Glare, Kitty Jennings, Stephanie Tucker, Wilf Murray, Muriel Dell, Debbie Rooke, Valdis Culverwell, Dot Walker, Paul Morrill, Frances Flatman, Philomena Knox, Sara Ruane, Colin Flett, Margaret Edwards, & Frances Morill.

Anniversaries: Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Liam Bourke, Patricia Wymer, Gerard Bradley, Christopher Walsh, Denis Callow, & Delia Whiting. May they rest in peace.

ADVENT AT ST PETER'S

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS IN THREE ROSARY MEDITATIONS

At 12 Noon On Monday 4th 11th & 18th December

In the Tolkien Room followed by soup and a roll

Advent Calendars and 'Walk With Me' booklets will be available at the rear of the church.

Christmas Mass Times: First Mass of Christmas: Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December **5pm & 8pm** Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day: **10am**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Three churches: Carols for Christmas: The annual ecumenical carol singing programme this year begins on **Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.** The churches will be carol singing on Abbey Green the newest of the West Eynsham developments, just past the Evenlode. We meet at 6:30 right at the entrance to the estate, which is accessed from Old Witney Road.

Then on **Sunday 10th December at 4pm** in the Village Square. All Welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

- Parish Lenten Pilgrimage Walk to St James the Great at South Leigh - Friday Morning March 1st. (Full details nearer the date)
- Parish Harvington Hall Visit – May 17th Depart by coach from St Peter's in the morning (Full details nearer the date).
- Eynsham Abbey Singers: Informal Concert at St. Peter's – Wednesday 20th March.

EYNSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

With the OXFORD PLAYERS and Soloists. CONDUCTOR: STUART DUNLOP
Handel's MESSIAH Part 1 plus the Hallelujah Chorus
Vivaldi's MAGNIFICAT Handel's Concerto Grosso
Saturday 9th December 2023 7.30pm
St Leonards Church, Eynsham
Tickets £15 from Evenlode DIY or info@eynshamchoral.org

Parish Collection: Last week £249.10. Catholic Youth Service £20.40 Thank You. **THIS week:** Retiring Collection B & M
NEXT WEEK Poor Parish Fund (Annual)
NEXT WEEK: Gatehouse. For full list of donations, see below. Donations to Newland Street. Thank you.

**If you would like to sponsor our Christmas Tree this year,
please contact Fr. Mark. Thank You**



YEAR OF PRAYER

Preparing for the Jubilee Year 2025
In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year -
entitled "Pilgrims of Hope" - 2024 has been
designated as a Year of Prayer by Pope
Francis. With its focus on the Our Father, it
presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of
prayer.

- Making the Most of the Year of Prayer -

Our Jubilee Preparatory Commission, which Pope Francis has asked
each diocese to establish, wants to encourage every Catholic to
reflect on their life of prayer: what they pray, how they pray & why they
pray. This is for two reasons:

1. To encourage Catholics to deepen their prayer life and love of God;
2. For each Catholic to help at least one other person to pray during the
Year of Prayer.

There are already a growing number of resources on the Diocesan &
Office for Mission websites to help you, so that our Archdiocese can
have, as its focus, missionary prayer and accompaniment during 2024.

- An Invitation -

Archbishop Bernard Longley calls on everyone to take part in this Year:
"The Year of Prayer starts on the first Sunday of Advent (3rd Dec). Pope Francis
desires to see the Our Father become the "life programme" of every disciple,
and so I invite our Diocesan family to prepare for the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims
of Hope", through a deeper devotion to prayer in this Year of Prayer!
"At our recent Bishops' Conference meeting, we resolved to work towards a
renewal of our adoration of Jesus Christ and our service of neighbour. I pray
that our Lord will guide us to become a more synodal, missionary and
prayerful Church, as we approach the Holy Year."

St Peter's Choir: Singers and musicians are always welcome to join us at St
Peter's. If interested, please speak to Jane Shaw or any member of the choir.
Thank you.

Transport Volunteers: Saturday evening Mass & Sunday morning

Thank you to those who have offered the occasional lift for our frail and elderly
parishioners which will enable them to come to Holy Mass. If you would like to
support the elderly and frail of the parish in this way, please contact Fr. Mark.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said on a particular date for a loved one, either
an anniversary Mass, birthday, special intention, etc., please be sure to arrange
this well in advance so as to avoid any disappointment. I do my best to say Mass
on the date requested but this is not always possible so I ask for your
understanding. The Mass is the most precious & effective way in which we can

assist our departed loved ones, for it is the offering of Christ Himself. Our prayer, & the prayer of the Mass, is an expression of our continued love for those who have died. May they rest in peace, Amen. For Mass Intentions, it would help if you would kindly use the 'Mass Intention Envelopes' which are provided on the table at the rear of the church. Simply complete the details, suggesting the date preferred, (if the date you prefer is not available I shall celebrate the Mass on the nearest date to it unless requested otherwise). Please indicate whether the intention is for someone living or deceased, and/or anniversary, or Special Intention and put the Mass Offering envelope through the presbytery letter box or hand it to the priest after Mass. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING – VOLUNTEERS

I am most grateful for the help received for the cleaning of the church and the Tolkien room. But we are now in need of a few more willing hands – the 'Holy Dusters' – so that we can reintroduce a rota to ensure the church is cleaned more regularly and kept beautiful for our collective worship and celebration of the Sacraments. If you would like to serve the parish in this way, and can spare an hour or so once a month, please contact Fr. Mark. Thank you.

STANDING ORDERS

Thank you to those of you who have created a standing order (SO) through your bank in order to maintain some income for the parish at this time. You can do this directly with you bank: Just let them know how much you would like to give each month. If you need parish Bank Account details, please email me.

If you need any forms so as to Gift-Aid your SO, please let me know. I can send you an e-copy of the Gift-Aid form. Thank you.

ONE-OFF Donations: Bank Transfer: For our bank details please email stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com

CHEQUES: If you are not able to set up a SO or make a bank transfer, it would help a great deal if you are in a position to post a Cheque, say monthly, as your contribution so that we can avoid too great a shortfall for the year. Thank you very much for your donations received by post or bank transfer.

GATEHOUSE DONATIONS - Dates for 2023 – Donations to Newland Street.

Dates for 2023

10th December 2023

21st Jan 2024

Gatehouse is at last welcoming home-made cakes, sandwiches etc. All donations need to be labelled with your name, date and contents. Marie will bring some pre-printed labels on the next few Sundays for you to collect. Or else contact her to arrange some other way to receive labels: marie.bridge1@gmail.com
Please deliver donations to 15 Newland St Eynsham OX29 4LB on the Sunday morning of our Gatehouse weekends.

Clothing Donations - Due to limited storage capacity and rapidly fluctuating availability, anyone who would like to donate clothing should first email clothes@oxfordgatehouse.org and check that any items they want to donate are needed at that specific time, and, if so, to make arrangements with Gatehouse for dropping them off. Priority items are blankets, sleeping bags, men's gloves (fleece/waterproof), men's trousers and jogging bottoms, men's boots, shoes, trainers, and rucksacks.

Gatehouse Financial Donations

Gatehouse continues to value its support from St. Peter's and is currently operating 4 separate but interlinked services which include a food and drink delivery service to the vulnerably housed, a food, drink and clothing takeaway service 6 evenings a week, a bespoke one to one remote service on a wide range of emotional and practical needs, and a new counselling service.

If you would like to make a financial donation please visit:- <http://www.justgiving.com/gatehouse>"

You can also access this link to GATEHOUSE from the parish web page at any time - <https://stpeterseynsham.org.uk> and click on link.

Parish News Sheet.

If you need to receive a prompt, a reminder, to access the news sheet each week via the parish web page, please let Marie Bridge have your email address. Her email is - stpeter.eynsham@rcaob.org.uk Thank you.