



Holy Trinity Church, Horfield, Bristol
Creating connections through the inclusive Catholic
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26th July 2026
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE – 4.00 PM TODAY

Collect: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Romans 8:26-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR THE MASS

244 Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round

272 Father, Lord of earth and heaven

763iii Praise to the holiest in the height

128i Jesu, lover of my soul (Tune: *Aberystwyth*)

Mass Setting: *The New People’s Mass – Dom Gregory Murray*

Organ Voluntary: *Alla marcia* - John Ireland.

Organist: Martin Firth

PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are unwell: Marcia, Annie, John Crocker, Sophia Vryoni-Dickson, Ray Harris, Bryan and Joan Bufton, Phillada Ware, Geraldine, Frank, Michael, Matthew, Robin, Michael Lewis, Henry Wills, , Kaydee Short, Mollie Lievesley, Ann Plaister, Celia Wells, David Wells,

Vanessa Blundell, Wanda Prosser, Hannah Spink, Nigel de Bray, Scott Blankley, Movita Greening, Dixie and family, Geraldine and Joseph Fucci, Lynn Sayer, Bruce Turnbull, Fr John Ware, Nigel Moore, Lisa and family, Gillian Crow

Please pray for those recently departed:

and in our year's mind we pray for Deirdre de Bray (26th)

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please contact either Fr David, Caroline Plaice or Carolyn Larcey.

The Welcome Project Prayer

Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal your compassion and mercy in the life we share. Bless us as we respond to your Spirit's invitation to open wide our doors to Christ. May the doors of our hearts remain ever open in holy and unconditional welcome. Bless *The Welcome Project* – that our welcome may be wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship, as we reach out to welcome the stranger and friend alike and so welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Peace

Holy and gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia; of Israel and Palestine. We pray for all those who are afraid; for those who are suffering and traumatised; and for those who are grieving, that your everlasting arms may hold them in this time of great suffering. We pray for those who choose war; that they will turn their swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for the leaders of nations; that they may follow the wisdom and compassion of Christ. We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for your children!

PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you need prayer support either for yourself or for someone you know do let Fr David know in confidence. Fr David is also in church most Saturday mornings to offer counselling, prayer, hear confessions or just for a chat. If you, or a member of your family, is in hospital, or housebound through illness, please let Fr David or Caroline (warden) know, and a pastoral or holy communion visit can be arranged.

Prayer and Meditation for July

The Parish Prayer

Lord, help us to love one another as you love us:
Send your blessing upon this parish and community of Horfield,
That your wisdom and your love may flow into our hearts,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
And that your will be done, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

(1 Corinthians 3, 6-9)

From the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July

Decisions:

- Approval of spend towards the maintenance of the bells – replacement of bearings, and re-bushing of the clappers. This maintenance will be undertaken at the same time as the work to install the new bell.
- Approval of the Churchyard Strategy and Work Plan 2026-2031
- Approval of the text of the further particulars to accompany the advertisement for the post of organist. The post will be advertised in September into October, to enable music students to see the advertisement, as well as national applicants. Instagram will also be used to advertise.
- Approval of the Parish Data Protection Complaints Procedure, with James Kay as Parish Data Protection Lead, as part of his role as Communications and Social Media Lead.

Churchyard volunteers - can you help?

We receive so much positive feedback about the churchyard being a beautiful, well managed place for people to find calm and refreshment. Unfortunately a number of long-term volunteers will shortly be stepping down from volunteering in the churchyard for health and family reasons so we're looking for more people to help out.

Could this be you, or a family member or neighbour? Perhaps someone you know would be interested- someone who is recently retired, is looking for a project to support their university application, or to help them get back into a regular pattern of work?

- Green Gym meets on Monday afternoons to mow and strim the Churchyard.
- Sapling Saturday meets on the 2nd & 4th Saturday mornings each month and works clear graves, manage the dead hedges clear vegetation growth on graves.

A volunteer doesn't need to commit to every session, but a regular pattern of support is useful. If someone can help but isn't able to manage these times, we may be able to arrange something different.

If you would like to know more, please talk to Donald Wainwright or Nick Stephenson.

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady 15th August

10.00 am Mass

11.00 am *Welcome Conversation,*
 Images of Mary, led by Fr David

The previously announced Recital has had to be postponed until later in the year.

Sunday, 16th 10.00 am Parish Mass of Our Lady

Parish Contacts

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Horfield Parochial Church Council (General Account)

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Horfield Parochial Church Council (Charity Account)

Sort Code: 306296 **Account Number:** 27658063

Horfield Parochial Church Council (Welcome Project)

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Please make any cheques payable to 'Horfield PCC'.

Parish Office:

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Instagram Account: @holytrinityhorfield

Regular Services:

Sunday 10am Mass. **Tuesday 12 noon Mass.**

Thursday 10am Mass. **Friday 6pm Mass.**

Next Messy Church - 19th July

Additional monthly Services in Chapel of Reconciliation & Peace at 10am

First Saturday - the Holy Rosary will be prayed for peace.

Last Saturday - a Mass for healing with anointing will be offered.

Holy Hour of prayer – Last Sunday of the month at 4pm

Live streams of Sunday Mass (10 am), Tuesday Mass (12 noon), Thursday Mass (10 am) and any other advertised services being streamed, and recordings of previous services are available at

<https://www.youtube.com/@HolyTrinityHorfield> **Bookings** for the Hall,

Helliwell and Blancharde rooms can be made via:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holy-trinity-horfield>



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Getting involved: 26th July 2026

Activities

- **Sapling Saturday**, an informal and friendly working party undertaking maintenance work in the churchyard. 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 9.30 - 11am followed by coffee and cake. Next date 25th July
- **Green Gym** Every Monday from 2-5pm; mowing, strimming and trimming the churchyard. Training is given in using any equipment.
- **Tombstone Tuesday**, meets whilst light at 6.15pm on the last Thursday of the month to make safe and reset headstones so they are visible. Next session Thursday 28th July.

Memorial Recording Project, uncovering, deciphering and recording all the memorials in the churchyard before they are lost for ever. Regular recording sessions whilst light at 5.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month and from 9.30am on the 4th Saturday. Next sessions Saturday 25th July and Tuesday 11th August.

If you or someone you know is interested in any of our churchyard volunteering opportunities, please get in touch. Whilst there are a lot of sessions there is no expectation that you attend all of them - just those that you are able to make.

- **Craft Club** - "Weekly 'Craft Club' every Monday, 9.00 am to 10.30 am. Bring along your own craft work to do or have a go at the craft of the day (materials supplied).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 2nd August – we will be saying “thank you” to Mtr Diane with fizz and canapes after Mass

Sunday 9th August – Members of the Mothers’ Union will be involved in the main service as part of its 150th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 15th August - Feast of the Assumption (see separate entry in main bulletin) **Saturday**

Saturday 12th September - Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust ‘Ride and Stride’. HTH are hosting Afternoon Tea between 2-5pm.

Sunday, 27th September - Harvest Lunch

Sunday 15th November – Blessing of the new bell

Saturday, 21st November - Curry and Quiz Night

Saturday, 23rd January 2027 - Burns Night Supper