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Parish Office: Monday: 10.00 – 12.00pm
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 Wednesday 14.00 – 18.00pm (Fr Patrick)

Liturgy this week 21st to 27th November 2009
 Saturday 21st Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
 Reconciliation 5.00pm
 Mass 5.30pm
 Sunday 22nd Mass 9.30am
 Wednesday 25th Mass 7.00pm
*Next Week's readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-15; Thessalonians 3:12-42;
 Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36*

Simon's Shoulder; Bear one another's burdens Galatians 6.2: In your Prayers please remember those parishioners and others who are ill, homebound, or recovering from surgery, especially Monica Whaley, Rita Lyons, Catherine Elgar, Lorraine Radford-Hancock and all those injured in conflict.

May they rest in Peace; Please pray for the soldiers killed in Afghanistan and all who have died recently. We pray for Anne Beck, Norman Bell and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace, Amen.

A People of Hope: There are further copies of this implementation document in the church porch. There are also copies of three questions that Fr Patrick prepared; please take a copy and return with your ideas to the parish office by the end of November 2009, please.

Our responses have to be provided to the Diocesan committee by December 8th at the latest.

Prayer for Priests: Pope Benedict has asked that from June 2009 to June 2010 we dedicate it as a year of prayer for priests. We have now received from the diocese some prayer cards and a list of all the priests in the diocese. Please take one to use in association with your daily prayers.

Advent Reconciliation service: We will be holding this very important opportunity for the sacrament at 4 pm on Sunday November 29th. As this will also be the time when our candidates for First Holy Communion will be making their first confession we do hope that you will make every effort to be there to support them. Fr. Patrick will have Fr. Peter Craddy from the Monastery at Brownhill and Fr. Michael Davies the parish priest from St. Peter's Cirencester there to assist him in hearing the individual confessions.

Advent Morning of Reflection & Prayer: On Saturday December 5 from 10 am – 1 pm there will be an opportunity to gather together to reflect on the Advent and Christmas Scriptures as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. The time will be led by Maureen Eastman who has considerable experience in leading such mini- retreats. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Advent Lunch: We're having an Advent lunch on Wednesday 2nd December 2009 at 12.30 in St Michael's hall and we hope you'll be able to join us. No charge but any funds raised will be sent to Aids Orphans in South Africa. We are looking forward to seeing many parishioners on the day. Please complete the yellow slip today; thank you.

Charity Christmas Concert: If you were unable to attend the Michael Fest musical evening; you have another chance to hear Heather Bristow and the Boreas Wind Quintet at Holy Trinity Church, Long Newton. Please see poster on board for more details.

Parish Teams Signup: We will be distributing a "Parish Groups and Roles" document before Mass this weekend. This lists, alphabetically, all 43 of these bodies and positions in our parish. It gives a brief description and contact for each. We hope parishioners will find this useful and encouraging. We will be holding a follow up introduction/explanation next weekend 28th/29th in the hall. Representatives will be there to explain what our groups do and what the role involves over a glass of wine and a piece of cake.

So do come! Learn more about how the parish runs; and consider whether you can, in any way at all, join in this rewarding task. Thank you.

This is Youth Sunday: The young ladies who were recently confirmed will be assisting in the Mass. **There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Service** which will be used nationally and also in our local parishes. After the mass it is hoped that some of you will join Fr. Patrick in the hall to share some ideas on how we as a parish community can best pass our faith on to the young people in our area.

Interfaith Week. This has been the first UK interfaith week and Fr. Patrick has included a short article on the place of an interfaith dimension in his life and in the life of the Catholic Church. As pointed out we should be active in our pluralistic society in fostering really good friendships with the people around us who follow different faiths. This is not to be confused with ecumenical dialogue with other Christians which of course also very important.

Next week will be the first Sunday of the Advent season and the beginning of the church's new liturgical year when we start the year of Luke as our gospel. I will be providing a general orientation to Luke writings with the bulletin next week. The Mass will begin with the blessing of the Advent Wreath and we will follow this with a sprinkling rite to recall our beginning in Baptism.

Parish Finance:

Weekend 14th and 15th November 2009; Collection raised £153; **with many thanks.**

Rotas: There are new rotas available for Lectors and Church Cleaning; please take yours, thank you.

| THIS WEEK - Saturday 21 st November – Friday 27 th November 2009 | |
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| READER: SATURDAY: Julia Hasler | SUNDAY: Lucy, Rachel and Kieran |
| CHURCH CLEANING: Trish Dent and Sarah Cornell | |
| FLOWERS: Janet Booth | |
| NEXT WEEK – | |
| READER: SATURDAY: Rosemary Latter | SUNDAY: Maureen Eastman |
| CHURCH CLEANING: Louise Marsh and Rachel Moody | |
| FLOWERS and ADVENT WREATH : Sarah Cornell | |

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