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Wednesday 14.00 – 18.00pm (Fr Patrick)

Liturgy this week 13th to 19th March 2010

Saturday 13th March:	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)		
		Reconciliation	5.00pm
		Mass	5.30pm
Sunday 14th March:		Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 17th March:	Feast of St Patrick	Mass	6.30pm
Friday 19th March	Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary		

Next Week's readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 8-14; John 8:1-11

Simon's Shoulder; Bear one another's burdens Galatians 6.2: In your Prayers please remember those parishioners and members of our families who are ill, housebound, or recovering from surgery, especially Monica Whaley, Rita Lyons, Catherine Elgar, Beryl Harding, and all those injured in conflict. Please also remember in your prayers our clergy who are sick or recuperating from illness, especially Bishop Mervyn Alexander, Canon James O'Brien, Canon Brian McEvoy, Canon Matthew Hayes, Canon Edmund Murphy, Fr Tony Fejer and Fr Mervin Havard-Brown.

May they rest in Peace; Please pray for the soldiers killed in Afghanistan and all who have died recently and Bernard Doyle, Kenneth Vlyett and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace, Amen.

Lenten Lunches; On Friday the Lenten lunch in conjunction with Tetbury Area Churches Together started here at St Michaels, with donations for charity. There will be Stations of the Cross at 12 noon followed at 12.30 by the Lenten lunch each Friday here at St Michaels.

Chrism Mass; Wednesday March 31: Last year Tetbury was a bit unrepresented from our deanery so we really hope that there will be a good number of people who will come to this very beautiful celebration in our Diocesan cathedral. Bishop Declan will be blessing the Holy Oils which we will receive into the church at the Mass on Holy Thursday and the priests including Fr. Patrick will be there to renew his priestly vows with all the priests of the Diocese. Please be there to support him for this. The bus will leave the Chippings car park at 9.00am and we will leave the Cathedral after the Mass and stop on the Downs for about 30 minutes for lunch. There is a sign up sheet in the church porch; please put your name down if you are able to attend. There is no charge as St. Peter's Cirencester generously provide the bus!

St. Patrick's Day is on Wednesday of this week and the mass will be at 6.30 pm as usual – please try to come to this feast and pray for peace in Ireland.

St. Patrick Night Party: Please join us for what is going to a fun evening, with excellent live **Irish music**, on **Saturday 20th March 2010** in St Michael's Hall at **7.30pm**. Only **£5.00** per head which includes a Guinness Stew; refreshments will be available. There'll be a chance to win a bottle of whiskey and other raffle prizes. If you missed our last great social evening - the Race Night - then don't miss this one! Tickets available after both Masses this weekend and next weekend, or from the parish office, or at the door on the night. Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated - please leave them in the box in the porch.

Fair-trade table: This will be available this weekend; please support this cause.

Laetare Sunday (Mothering Sunday): This Sunday we celebrate Mothering Sunday; at the Sunday Mass there will be posies of flowers for the children to present to their Mothers. All are welcome to the celebration in the hall afterwards where there will be pink fairy cakes and coffee.

Memorial to Theresa Baker: A funeral pall has been purchased by Theresa's family as a donation in her memory for St Michaels Church. The Funeral Pall will be Blessed at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 27th March 2010.

A Future with Fewer Priests: The summary of the responses made by the parishes in the Stroud Deanery to the Future with Fewer Priests paper is now available. If you wish to read a copy, please contact the Parish Office. We believe an open day is being planned by the Dean and confirmation of this should be received shortly.

Paschal Triduum & Easter: As you know there are numerous opportunities to assist with these liturgies which are of course the highlight of our Christian celebrations. We will be asking people soon to help and we do hope that you will be able to accept.

Gala for St George- a celebration of all things English is going to be held in St Marys' on Friday 23 April at 7pm in aid of The Friends of Tetbury Hospital and St Marys' Church. A unique opportunity to celebrate being English and patriotic. The concert will include "Tetbury Talent"; English refreshments; and of course a chance for audience participation and flag waving. Come and celebrate - **Tickets are unusual – rent a pew for the night – main aisle £20 – ambulatory £15 - Blue chairs (limited) £5 and single seats in a pew £5. To book a pew contact Nikki Ind 502017 or Liz Wright 502333**

Parish Finance:
Weekend 6th and 7th March 2010; Collection raised £162; **With Many Thanks**

THIS WEEK 13TH and 14th March 2010
Minister of Holy Communion: Saturday: Les Holland **Sunday:** Pam Orr
Lector: Saturday: Pam Taylor **Sunday:** Mary Holker
Church Cleaning: Mary Pollock
NEXT WEEK 20th and 21st March 2010
Minister of Holy Communion: Saturday: Pat Martin **Sunday:** Patricia Dent
Lector: Saturday: Pam Orr **Sunday:** Sue Ingall
Church Cleaning: Carmel Rogers and Hetty Niblett