

Mass at Tetbury and Cirencester - Week commencing Saturday 28th May 2011

Saturday 28 th May 2011	St Peter's, Cirencester	6.00pm
Sunday 29th May 2011	St Michaels Tetbury	9.00am
	St Peter's, Cirencester	11.00am
Monday 30 th and Tuesday 31 st May 2011	St Peter's, Cirencester	10.00am
Wednesday 1st June 2011	St Michaels Tetbury	6.30pm
Friday 3 rd and Saturday 4 th June 2011	St Peter's, Cirencester	10.00am

Ministerial Lists

Sunday 29th May 2011

Minister of Holy Communion: Trish Dent

Lector: Mary Dignan

Flowers: Mary Pollock

Church Cleaning: Week commencing 30th May 2011

Sue Ingall and Gill Weedon

Sunday 5th June 2011

Minister of Holy Communion: Maggie Marum

Lector: John FitzGerald

Flowers: Mary Pollock

Church Cleaning: Week commencing 6th June 2011

Mary Kitchen and Helen Fathers

Parish Office

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Davies

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Parish Office Hours this week:

Tuesday 16.00 - 17.30
Thursday and Friday 10.00 - 15.00

Church Open for Quiet Prayer and Reflection:

Monday 11.00 - 13.00
Tuesday 10.00 - 12.00
Thursday & Friday 10.00 - 15.00

Saint Michaels Roman Catholic Church Tetbury

29th May 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter

In one of the Sunday papers, there is a 'details competition'. We are given a small detail from a famous work of art, which we are invited to name. I've never entered the competition, because my knowledge of paintings is rather slight, to say the least. The Gospel passages we get on Sundays are a bit like that. The Gospel is named for us, and hopefully we have some overall knowledge of the Gospel. But the Gospel itself forms part of something much larger. The Bible, and we may not feel very confident with regard to that. What are we to do?

The Bible is essentially the record of what God has revealed to us, and it's important to remember that God has revealed to us all that is necessary for our salvation. There are many things that remain deeply mysterious to us, for example, how evil came about in the first place. In Genesis chapter 1 we are told that everything God made was good. How anything 'bad', evil started is not explained. But what *is* revealed is the 'way through', how we can share in God's victory over evil and find our way into his Kingdom. Today, let's examine this 'big picture' and then see how today's Gospel fits in. Returning to Genesis chapter 1, God made man and woman in his own image and likeness, and gave them his blessing. Now when God makes a blessing, it lasts. He doesn't change his mind. So this blessing has lasted all through history, in spite of everything that has happened, and will last until the end of time, whatever may happen in the future.

Bearing in mind that God *will* achieve his purposes, that what he has always intended *will* come about, this means that our creation and our salvation go hand in hand. They are both there in that original blessing. God made us *like* himself and *for* himself, to share his own nature and his life. Having free will, as individuals we can ultimately refuse what God offers, but we cannot block *his* overall purpose for humanity. It's interesting that in the Creation story, God says 'Let *us* make man'. Even here, we have a hint that our creation and salvation are the work of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the Gospel describes how, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God became man for our sake; how, in love and obedience. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross, and thereby overcame sin and evil; how he rose from the dead and promised to send *us* the Holy Spirit, who would help us to follow him into the Kingdom of His Father. In today's Gospel, Jesus describes for us how perfect God's revelation in human terms really is. In effect, he says that he is the true image and likeness of God the Father himself. If we want to know what the Father *is* like we look at the Son. In next week's Gospel, another essential detail is added to our picture. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit, who will enable us to *be* what God wants us to *be*, his children in name and in fact, resembling his Son and following his example, leading to the joy and delight of being in God's presence for ever. Amen.

Fr Michael Davies

Welcome to St Michaels Church; if you are a visitor, we hope you enjoy your stay in Tetbury. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to a member of the congregation at the back of the church. Please join us for coffee in the hall after Mass.

Fr Michael's Induction: Fr David Ryan will be inducting Fr Michael as our Parish Priest on Friday 10th June 2011 @ 7.30pm; we hope many of you will be able to attend on this important occasion as we move forward as a Parish Family. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards; if you are able to help with the food, there is a list in the porch; donations will be welcomed, however costs will be reimbursed if required; Elaine.

Ministers of Holy Communion: There is a day of reflection at the Immaculate Conception Church Stroud on Saturday 4th June 2011, 9.30am-1.00pm. To book your place, please phone 01453 762442.

Clifton Music Service: Music Day in preparation for The New Translation of the Roman Missal to be held on Saturday 18th June 2011 at St Dunstan's Church, Keynsham; 10.30 - 3.30pm. The day will start with Mass at 10.00am. Please see poster for more information.

APF and Mill Hill Missionaries: This year they celebrate their 75th anniversary of their partnership. A Mass of celebration in our Diocese will be held at Clifton Cathedral on Sunday 19th June 2011 @ 11.00am. All are welcome to attend.

Clifton Diocese Annual Glastonbury Pilgrimage: This will be held this year on Sunday 10th July 2011. The theme this year is 'Mary, Mother of Our Saviour'. A coach has been organised by St Josephs Church, Stonehouse, Please see the posters for more information If you would like to attend and require further information, please see Elaine.

Pentecost Retreat: This will be held Friday 10th to Sunday 12th June 2011 at Brownhill, Stroud. Please see notice board for further information.

A Day with Mary: This will be held on Saturday 18th June 2011 at Buckfast Abbey. Please see notice board for further information.

TACT(Tetbury Area Churches Together):

TACT have organised a holiday club programme during the summer holidays for Fridays 12th, 19th and 26th August 2011 at Christ Church. They are looking for volunteers for activities, refreshments, tidying away and washing up. If you would like to help, please let me know and I can give you more information.

Christian Aid Count: Are you free on Friday 3rd June 2011 @ 1.30pm to help count the Christian Aid collection at Christchurch. Please contact Alison Hesketh (Tel 505113) if you are able to help. It would be great if some of St Michaels parishioners could help.

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, Catherine Elgar, Emily Birrane, Sheila Kenny, Theresa Triggs, Patrick Dignan, Wilf Smith, Anne Dewey, Santana Long, Margery Brewer and all those injured in conflict. Please also remember in your prayers our clergy who are sick or recovering from illness.

May they rest in Peace; Please pray for those who have died recently especially Richard Sampson the soldiers killed in Afghanistan, and Margaret Matthews and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace in God's heavenly Kingdom, Amen.

Parish Finance:

Sunday 22nd May 2011 collection raised £81.00.

Thank you very much.

THE MASS

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 8: 5-8. 14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 65

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!'

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth

Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love for me.

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth

SECOND READING: The First letter of St Peter 2: 4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus said 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia

Gospel: John 14:15-21

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11;

Letter of St Paul to Esphesians 1:17-23;

Matthew 28: 16-20