Mass at Tetbury and Cirencester - Week commencing Saturday 27th August 2011

Saturday 27th August 2011	St Peter's, Cirencester	6.00pm
Sunday 28th August 2011	**St Michaels Tetbury**	**9.00am**
	St Peter's, Cirencester	11.00am
Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th August2011	St Peter's, Cirencester	10.00am
Wednesday 31st August 2011 - Funeral	St Michaels, Tetbury	2.00pm
Friday 2nd September 2011 - Funeral	St Peters, Cirencester	11.30am
Saturday 3rd September 2011	St Peter's, Cirencester	10.00am

Ministerial Lists

Sunday 28th August 2011
Minister of Holy Communion: Fran Billington
Lector: Elaine Wright
Flowers: Jan Healy
Church Cleaning: Week commencing 29th August 2011
Anne Walsh and Sue Rooker

Sunday 4th September 2011
Minister of Holy Communion: Trish Dent
Lector: Julia Hasler
Flowers: Mary Pollock
Church Cleaning: Week commencing 5th September 2011
Hancock Family

Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours this week:

Tuesday	14.00 - 17.00
Wednesday	12.00 - 16.00
Friday	10.00 - 14.30

Church Open for Quiet Prayer and Reflection:

Monday	11.00 - 13.00
Tuesday	14.00 - 17.00
Wednesday	12.00 - 16.00
Friday	10.00 - 14.30

Saint Michaels Catholic Church Tetbury

28th August 2011 Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

James and Peter. Before we start on today's' gospel, lets go to another occasion in the gospel. Jesus has been telling a parable about servants being ready for their master's return. Peter asks 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' Jesus replies 'what sort of steward then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time?'

A good question, judging by our first reading. Shebna was master of the Kings palace, the highest position in the land, with the responsibility of caring for the inhabitants. Instead, Shebna was more interested in having a magnificent tomb carved for himself in the rock. Shebna got the sack. Eliakim, his successor, with the key of House of David on his shoulders, also ended up in disgrace.

So would Peter, being appointed steward of Gods household, the Church which Jesus would build, do better than his ancestors? The odd thing is that Jesus, declaring that Peter would be head of the Church to come, knew that Peter would let him down before that time came. After the conversation in today's gospel, Jesus began to teach his Disciples that he would suffer, die and rise again. Peter immediately took issue with this: 'Lord, this must not happen to you!' Jesus told him off, for thinking not Gods way, but mans. Later, there was the occasion when Peter denied three times that he knew Jesus. So how then, did he become the Faithful and wise steward that Jesus was looking for?

The answer is, by Gods grace. Let's look at grace in today's gospel. Peter says 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus replies 'It was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you, but my Father in Heaven.' In other words, it was by grace, God reaching out to Peter and inspiring his reply.

After the Resurrection, by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him, and told him to feed his sheep and his lambs. Jesus was confirming Peter's role as steward, and showing that Peter was reinstated in spite of past failures.

So what steward is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household? The one who realises his weakness and looks to God for strength. Look at the Day of Pentecost. We're familiar with the fact that from being rather timid and frightened, the Disciples became bold and courageous, able to proclaim the truth about Jesus to the crowds. What had happened to them? As the Holy Spirit came down on them, they had a new realisation that it was Gods strength, Gods power that counted, and that if they relied on him, he would work through them to achieve his purposes.

We've been concentrating on Peter, because along with Jesus, he is the main character in today's gospel. But as Jesus continues to build his Church, we are all called to look to God for strength to play our part in his work

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 complete a parish registration form and give to Elaine or post through the letter box of the Parish Office, thank you.

Please join us for coffee in the hall after Mass.

Coffee on Sunday: Every Sunday after mass there is coffee in the hall. It is a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Please join us and if you can help with making coffee etc please put your name on the list.

Weekday Mass: Fr Michael has confirmed that he will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday morning here in St Michaels Church at 10.00am with effect from Wednesday 7th September 2011.

Parish Newsletter: There are copies of the Parish Newsletter available for those who did not receive one last detailing forthcoming parish events.

Fr David Ryan: Fr David and the Parish of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud has invited us to a Mass of Farewell on Saturday 3rd September 2011 at 6.30pm, followed by a reception in the hall. It would be lovely for parishioners of St Michaels could attend and to say goodbye and thank you to Fr David, especially for the support and guidance he gave us after the sudden death of Mgr William Mitchell (RIP) and in the months following. Fr David will be leaving Stroud on Wednesday 7th September 2011 for a new challenge at the Parish of St John the Evangelist, Bath.

Gala Coffee Morning: Thursday 1st September 2011, there is a Gala coffee morning at Athelston House, the OSJCT care home at Priory Way, Burton Hill Malmesbury. Please come and support and help raise money for their Amenity Fund which pays for extras and makes this care home so special. If you are able to, please bake a cake and take it along. Please see poster in porch for further information.

Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey: This takes place on Sunday, 4th September 2011 at 3.00pm. Please see the poster with more details on the Church notice board.

One Year On: As we remember Pope Benedict XVI visit one year on, there is an exhibition of amazing photographs of the Holy Father in the United Kingdom at the Grant Bradley Gallery, Bedminster Parade Bristol starting on Saturday 3rd September until Saturday 1st October 2011.

One Year On: Ann Widdecombe reflects on the impact and legacy of the Holy Father's historic visit at St John's Parish Hall, South Parade, Bath on Wednesday 21st September 2011 at 7.30pm. There is a poster on the notice board.

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, Bishop Crispian Hollis, Pam Penn-Taplin, Sarah Cornell, Monica Whaley, Catherine Elgar, Emily Birrane, Sheila Kenny, Theresa Triggs, Patrick Dignan, Wilf Smith, Anne Dewey, Santina Long, 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 Marjorie Brewer, Bill Martin, Bernard McLaughlin, Diana McW illiams the soldiers killed in Afghanistan; Duncan Bradley, Christopher McAlphine and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace in God's heavenly Kingdom, Amen.

Mgr William Mitchell RIP: We remember Mgr Mitchell today on the anniversary of his unexpected death three years ago. As we remember Mgr William perhaps with sadness let us also remember that he is now at peace and out of pain enjoying a well earned rest with God whom he loved and served diligently in the kingdom of heaven; we also pray for his family and his many friends here in Tetbury, the Clifton Diocese and throughout the world.

Bernard McLaughlin RIP: Will you please pray for Bernard McLaughlin who passed away on 20th August 2011. We offer our prayers and condolences to his wife Hilda, his family Kevin, Michael, Beverly and Martin. His funeral will be on Wednesday 31st August 2011 at 2.00pm here in St Michaels Church.

Bill Martin RIP: Will you please pray for Bill Martin who passed away on 23rd August 2011. We offer our prayers and condolences to his daughters Pat and Gill.

Marjorie Brewer RIP: Will you please pray for Marjorie Brewer who passed away on 24th August 2011. We offer our prayers and condolences to her husband Bill, her son Andrew and daughter in law Sarah Jane. Her funeral will be on Friday 2nd September 2011 at St Lawrence Church, Didmartin at 3.30pm.

Parish Finance:

Sunday 21st August 2011 collection raised £115.00.

Thank you very much.