

## *St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014: Mass 9.00am –  
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord  
Ministers of Holy Communion:  
Les Holland and Fran Billington  
Ministers of the Word:  
Sarah Scott and Sue Ingall

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014: Mass 9.00am –  
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
Ministers of Holy Communion:  
Sheila Davies and Elaine Wright  
Ministers of the Word:  
Tony Morris and Helen Fathers

*Church Open during the Week for Prayer and Reflection:*  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

*Parish Office Open*  
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*Flowers*  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Carol Hancock & Pam Penn-Taplin  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Janet Booth

*Church Cleaning*  
Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Louise Marsh & Rachel Moody  
Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Janet and Chris Booth

*Collection Counters*  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014: Elaine Wright and Pat Jackson  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Elaine Wright and Tony Morris



## *Welcome to Saint Michaels Catholic Church, Tetbury*

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**Welcome to St Michaels Church:** We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting in our parish for the first time. We pray for God's special Blessings on you. We wish you a very happy & holy worship with us. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you, please complete a Registration Form and hand it to Elaine.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.  
Alleluia

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2: 1-12

### **Contact us:**

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*Please remember in your prayers*

Those who are sick including Mgr Gabriel Leyden, Fr Michael Davies, Finola Dignan, Patricia Baker, Monica Whaley, Anne Dewey, Santina Long, Shelia Moore, Joan Agassi, Alexander Conway, and Rex Chapman

*(please inform Elaine of any changes to be made to this list)*

RIP those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Peter Meredith; Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**Welcome:** We welcome and thank Fr Liam O'Connor who is with us today who is and celebrating Mass.

**New Year:** We wish you all a Happy, Holy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year during 2014. We hope with your help the Parish will go continue to go from strength to strength in continuing our support of Fr Issy and of each other.

**Wednesday Mass:** There will not be a Mass celebrated this week or next.

**Thank you:** We would like to thank all those who have helped to make our Christmas Masses special and successful. Thank you to those who have prepared the Church with flowers, decorations, prepared the crib and donated and decorated our tree; it all looks lovely. Thank you to our Altar Servers; Ministers of Holy Communion; those who read especially the youth; Peter for the music and Niamh and Lucy for singing.

**Crib Offerings:** When you visit and pray at the Crib, it is traditional to place a donation in the basket for a children's charity; this year the donations are for Mary's Meals. Please give generously, thank you..

**Meditation Group:** The Group will meet again on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014; everyone is welcome to attend.

**Coffee/tea:** Please do join us for coffee in the hall after Mass. It is a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everybody is welcome. Please sign the

list in the hall if you are able to make tea/coffee etc. More volunteers needed please.

**First Holy Communion:** If you have a child who you would like to receive their First Holy Communion during 2014; please contact the Parish Office for a form to complete and return.

**Gift Aid:** If there is anyone in the Parish who pays Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax and is not a member of our Gift Aid Scheme: please consider joining the Scheme. The Parish will then benefit from a Tax rebate on any money you donate to the Church: currently 25p for every pound donated. Please contact Elaine in the Parish Office for a form. The Parish receives approximately £4000 each year from HM Revenue & Customs so Gift Aid does make a very significant difference to our finances; thank you.

**Taize:** There will be a Taize prayer service on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 here in St Michaels Church at 8.00pm. Everybody is most welcome

**Message from Pope Francis:** The New Year will be brighter only if everyone steps outside their safe havens, gets involved and works together to solve local problems with generosity and love, Pope Francis said at the annual Te Deum prayer service to thank God for his blessings in 2013. He asked people to reflect on how they have spent the past year. "Have we used it mostly for ourselves, for our own interests or did we know to spend it for others, too? How much time did we set aside for being with God, in prayer, in silence, in adoration?"

People should also reflect on how they used their time to contribute to their communities. The quality of life in a community – how it runs and looks – depends on everyone, he said in his homily. "Have we contributed, in our small way, to making [our communities] liveable, orderly, and welcoming?" the Pope asked. "What will we do, how will we act in the New Year to make our city (communities) a little bit better?" To read more visit the Catholic Herald website at: [www.catholicherald.co.uk](http://www.catholicherald.co.uk)

**Pilgrimage to Assisi:** The Diocesan is organising a pilgrimage to Assisi led by Bishop Declan from 22 – 29

July 2014. It costs from £799 per person. Booking has opened with a deposit payable of £160 pp. to reserve a place (there are only 50 places). Details of the trip and schedule are on the notice board and the Diocesan website. [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

**Celebrating Marriage:** Bishop Declan has invited the whole Diocesan community especially married couples to join him at the Celebration of Marriage Eucharist in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 8 February 2014 at 12noon as part of National Marriage Week (7-14 February). If anyone is celebrating significant anniversaries in 2014 - silver (25), pearl (30), ruby (40), sapphire (45), golden (50), emerald (55), or diamond (60)...or beyond – please let me know as soon as possible, thank you.

**Diocesan Directories:** There are some copies of the 2014 Diocesan Directory in the porch priced at £5.00. Please hand the money into the Sacristy, thank you.

**Catechists' Formation Course** – this could be for you! Running throughout 2014, the series seeks to encourage and enthuse those engaged in handing on faith to others. You'd be more than welcome, all you need to be is keen to know more, keen to understand, and keen to bring others into the life of our communities of faith and hope. For more details, please contact the Adult Education department on 0117 902 5595.

**Vocations:** Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in our Diocese of Clifton. We need more priests to carry on the legacy of our priests who have passed away in recent years and those who are now retired. We thank them for their work in our Diocese and pray that more young men will answer God's call.

*Prayer for the Epiphany of the Lord*

*Lord Jesus*

*may your light shine our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
that we too may be led into your presence  
and worship you, the Child of Mary,  
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,  
the Saviour of man kind to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*