

St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury

Sunday 26th January 2014: Mass 9.00am – Dr Ishbel Billers
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Graham Wright and Fran Billington
Ministers of the Word:
Mary Dignan and Elaine Wright

Wednesday 29th January 2014: Mass 10.00am
Friday 31st January 2014: Meditation Group 10.00am

Sunday 2nd February 2014: Mass 9.00am –
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Julia Hasler and Tony Morris
Ministers of the Word:
Elaine Wright and Pam Orr

Church Open during the Week for Prayer and Reflection:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm
Parish Office Open

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Flowers

Sunday 26th January 2014 Sue Rooker

Sunday 2nd February 2014 Sue Rooker

Church Cleaning

Week Commencing 27th January 2014 Hancock Family

Week Commencing 2nd February 2014 Louise Gilbert and Sandra Wombach
Collection Counters

Sunday 26th January 2014: Elaine and Kevin

Sunday 2nd February 2014 Elaine and Tony

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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 8: 23-9:3

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people**

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4: 12-23

Message from Pope Francis: last week Pope Francis said that the evangelisation of secular society requires focusing on the essentials of Christianity in collaboration with other Christian churches. He followed it up at this week's public audience with these thoughts:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: "In these days we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme is a question taken from the First Letter to the Corinthians: "Has Christ Been Divided?" We know that Christ has not been divided; yet we must sincerely recognize that our communities continue to experience divisions which are a source of scandal and weaken our witness to the Gospel. In reproaching the Corinthians for their divisions, Paul reminds them to rejoice in the great spiritual gifts which they have received. His words encourage us to rejoice in the gifts God has given to other Christians, gifts which we can receive from them for our enrichment. To be able to do this calls for humility, discernment and constant conversion.

As we reflect on Paul's teaching during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, may we be confirmed, together with all Christ's followers, in our pursuit of holiness and fidelity to the Lord's will."

Parish Care and News

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.

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

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.

Parish Fundraising: Thank you to all those who organised and took part in the Quiz Night on Friday in aid of CAFOD. Fundraising has always been an important part of our Parish Life for many years; raising money for the parish, local charities and overseas charities. We have also raised funds for CAFOD regularly. In 2013 we raised for Tetbury Hospital £660; for CAFOD (in addition to the normal collections) £535 and for our parish (including the annual collection) £1250. THANK YOU TO YOU ALL for your generosity. We hope that 2014 will be just as successful; please join in the various events planned during the year.

Parish Finance

Sunday 19th January 2014 Collection £119

Pax Christi £71

Thank you.

St Peter's Church, Cirencester:

Young peoples evening: There will be a folk Mass followed by an activity evening at St Peter's Church, Cirencester on Saturday 1st February 2014 @ 6.00pm. Please see the poster in the porch and there are flyers available.

TACT

Christian Unity: There will be a service on Sunday 26th January 2014 at 6.30pm in Christchurch. All are welcome to attend.

Women's Day of Prayer: This will be held this year on Friday 7th March 2014 in Christchurch. There is a planning session on Friday 31st January 2014 in Christchurch @ 2.00pm. All those interested in taking part are welcome to attend. There will be a rehearsal on Friday 21st February 2014 @ 2.00pm. Please let me know if you would like to take part but are unable to attend next Friday; thank you.

Diocesan News

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

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 Vacancies: There are three job vacancies in the Diocesan Offices, Alexander House Bristol.

Part time (20 hrs. pw) Accounts Clerk in the Finance Office. Closing date is 28 January 2014.

Part time (20 hrs pw) Safeguarding Officer - an experienced professional in the field of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Closing date is 31 January.

Full time Property Administrator and Supporting Officer in the Property Services Dept. Closing date is 31 January.

Details of all roles on Diocesan Website

www.cliftondiocese.com or contact Andrea Barrett on 0117 9025591 for further information and application forms.

Pope Francis: Change of Style or Substance?

The Newman Association has organised an afternoon talk on the above topic by Carmony Grey – Doctoral Student at Bristol University, studying Life Sciences & the Natural World in the theological perspective. It is on Tues. 4 Feb at 2.30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall Charlton Kings, Cheltenham (GL53 9AU). £3 entry - students free - . (incl.refreshments). It should be an interesting talk.

Vocations

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.

Vocation Matters: “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men” “The Church needs many men to be courageous and give their lives to Jesus Christ in the priesthood.” Those are the words from a successful promotional video about priesthood called *Fishers of Men*. How true that is. Let's not beat about the bush. We need priests! Surely there are many young and middle-aged single men in our parishes called to priesthood. How do we hear this call though in a noisy, confusing world, whose values can so often be against the spirit of the Gospel? Firstly, don't get caught in the devil's trap of thinking priesthood might be unnatural or unfulfilling. That's poppycock! Secondly, ask the question of others. Thirdly, be steadfast in prayer.

