

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

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014: Mass 9.00am – Caroline Womack (RIP)  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ministers of Holy Communion:  
Mary Dignan and Graham Wright  
Ministers of the Word:  
Julia Hasler and Richard Lark

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014: Mass 10.00am  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014: Meditation Group 10.00am

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014: Mass 9.00am –  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ministers of Holy Communion:  
Deacon Steve and Rachel Moody  
Ministers of the Word:  
Angela Oxenham and Graham Wright

### *Church Open during the Week for Prayer and Reflection:*

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

#### *Parish Office Open*

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

#### *Flowers*

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 Christine Lippiatt

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 Christine Lippiatt

#### *Church Cleaning*

Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 Mary Pollock and Jan Healy

Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 Hetty Niblett and Carmel Rogers

#### *Collection Counters*

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 Elaine and Pat

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 Elaine and Peter

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## *St Michaels Catholic Church, Tetbury* *Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014* *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**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 book of Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.**

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him and we shall come to him**

**Alleluia!**

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5: 38-48

**Message from Pope Francis:** "Dear Brothers and Sisters: Through the Sacraments of Christian Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist — man receives new life in Christ. Now, we all know that we carry this life "in earthen vessels" (2 Cor 4:7), we are still subject to temptation, suffering, and death and, because of sin, we may even lose this new life. That is why the Lord Jesus willed that the Church continue his saving work even to her own members, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick, which can be united under the heading of "Sacraments of Healing". The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of healing. When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul, to heal my heart and to be healed of some wrongdoing. The biblical icon which best expresses them in their deep bond is the episode of the forgiving and healing of the paralytic, where the Lord Jesus is revealed at the same time as the physician of souls and of bodies (cf. Mk 2:1-12; Mt 9:1-8; Lk 5:17-26). The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation flows directly from the Paschal Mystery. In fact, on the evening of Easter the Lord appeared to the disciples, who were locked in the Upper Room, and after addressing them with the greeting, "Peace be with you!" he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven" (Jn 20:21-23). This passage reveals to us the most profound dynamic contained in this Sacrament.

But I am telling you: each time we go to confession, God embraces us. God rejoices! Let us go forward on this road. May God bless you!

## *Parish Care and News*

### *Please remember in your prayers*

Those who are sick including Mgr Gabriel Leyden, Fr Michael Davies, Fr Kevin Knox-Lecky, Bill Brewer, , 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 all who have died recently and Bishop Joseph Rudderham, Canon William Roche, Caroline Womack, Annie Ingall and all 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

**Fr Isidore:** Please remember in your prayers Fr Issy who celebrates the anniversary of his ordination this week. We thank God for Father's guidance in our Parish.

**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. More volunteers to make the coffee would be appreciated, thank you.

**APF-Mill Hill Mission Thank you and Appeal:** Today we welcome Br Eddie Slawinski MHM who will take the opportunity to thank the Parish for their support of prayers and donations to the 1069 World Missions. Please note that there will be no cash collection, the thank you and appeal is to inform you of the work carried out by APF – Mill Hill and to ask for continuing prayers and financial support, which can be given through their "Red Boxes". "Truly nothing is more beautiful than to know Christ and make him known to others." Pope Benedict XVI.

**Calling all decorating enthusiasts:** If you have any spare time would you like to put your talents to good use by helping to refurbish the presbytery? If you are free to help, please contact the parish office in the first instance on 01666 502367 asap, thank you.

**Ash Wednesday:** There will be Mass and distribution of Ashes on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 here in St Michaels @ 10.00am. There will also be a Mass in St Peter's Church @6.00pm.

**Irish Night:** This will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 @ 7.30pm. Tickets costing £7.00 will be on sale next Sunday. It promises to be a great evening with good food and wonderful music. Please bring your friends.

### **Parish Finance**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014 Collection £132.00  
Catholic Education Service: £90.00

**Thank you.**

### *TACT*

**Women's Day of Prayer:** This will be held this year on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014 @ 2.00pm in Christchurch. All are welcome to attend.

### *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](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

**Clifton Lourdes Pilgrimage 2014:** Bishop Declan invites us to join him on the Diocesan Pilgrimage from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014. To enable the very sick to join the pilgrimage a Jumbulance has been booked. For further information please see the poster in the porch and contact the Pilgrimage Director Deacon David Wakefield; Tel: 07711834800 or [Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com).

**Young Peoples Musical:** Born for This is a unique and prayerful musical, performed by young people from our local secondary schools and colleges, that brings the Stations of the Cross to life. There will be performances on Friday 28 February at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud and on Saturday 1 March at St Gregory's, Cheltenham, both starting at 7.30pm. Admission is free. More information: [www.cliftondiocese.com/youthministry](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/youthministry).

### *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:** "*Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy*" A rather pompous priest was endeavoring to impress upon a class of boys the importance of living the Christian life. "Why do people call me a Christian?" he asked. After a moment's pause, one youngster said, "Maybe it's because they don't know you." There will always be times that we fall short as we strive to grow in holiness and discern and live out our vocation. At least being honest with ourselves of our need for God's mercy in this venture will allow grace to build us up. Jesus speaks of being perfect. Perhaps a better translation is for us to be 'whole' as our heavenly Father is 'whole'. In short, let's be the people our loving Creator intended us to be!



*Fr Issy, God has called you to a special vocation, which you live with reverence, kindness, and joy. Thank you for your joyful preaching of the gospel and for your pastoral service to the people of God especially here in St Michaels, We offer Prayers for your health, happiness, and growth in holiness all the days of your life. God Bless, with love from your friends in St Michaels Parish.*

