

St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury

Sunday 2nd March 2014: Mass 9.00am – Barbara Russell (RIP)
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Deacon Steve and Rachel Moody
Ministers of the Word:
Angela Oxenham and Graham Wright

Wednesday 5th March 2014: Mass and Distribution of Ashes 10.00am

Friday 7th March 2014: Meditation Group 10.00am
Stations of the Cross 12.00pm
Lenten Lunches 12.30pm

Sunday 9th March 2014: Mass 9.00am – Timothy McMenian (RIP)
First Sunday of Lent
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Julia Hasler and Tony Morris
Ministers of the Word:
Helen Fathers and Sarah Scott

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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Church Cleaning

Week Commencing 3rd March 2014 Hetty Niblett and Carmel Rogers

Week Commencing 10th March 2014 Louise Marsh and Rachel Moody

Collection Counters

Sunday 2nd March 2014 Elaine and Peter

Sunday 9th March 2014 Elaine and Angela

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St Michaels Catholic Church, Tetbury *Sunday 2nd March 2014* *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

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 48: 14-15

Responsorial Psalm: In God alone is my soul at rest

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4: 1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:24-34

Message from Pope Francis: Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt. May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are "as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything" (2 Cor 6:10), sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. In expressing this hope, I likewise pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you safe.

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 Philip Hyland 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

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.

Ash Wednesday: There will be Mass and distribution of Ashes on Wednesday 5th 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 14th March 2014 @ 7.30pm. **Tickets costing £7.00 are on sale today.** It promises to be a great evening with good food and wonderful music. Please bring your friends.

APF-Mill Hill Mission Thank you and Appeal:

Br Eddie Slawinski MHM wishes to thank you for your welcome last weekend. If you not become a member of APF-MILL Hill by taking a Red Box and you wish to do so, or to find out more about APF-Mill Hill, please see Ann Walsh, our Parish Secretary.

Church Flowers: This is just a gentle reminder that last year the PPC decided that it would be nice to have a flower fund for special occasions in addition to the collections we hold at Easter and Christmas. In the wall on the left hand side of the church is a money box marked 'Flowers Fund'. Please consider donating money occasionally to help keep our church to continue to look lovely; thank you very much.

Parish Finance

Sunday 23rd February 2014 Collection £121.00

Thank you.

St Michaels and St Peters

Parish Pastoral Councils: There will be a joint meeting of both PPCs on Monday 3rd March 2014 in St Peter's Presbytery @ 7.00pm. Fr Issy will be celebrating Mass prior to the meeting at 6.30pm.

TACT

Women's Day of Prayer: This will be held this year on Friday 7th March 2014 @ 2.00pm in Christchurch. Members of St Michaels Parish are taking part in the service. This is a global ecumenical event, and this year the material has been prepared by women in Egypt and is called Streams in the Desert. Egypt is one of the oldest civilizations in the world and has long been home to Coptic Christians. Since the uprising in 2011 there has been conflict between religious groups. People across the world will be praying with the women of Egypt for peace in their country and throughout that troubled region. All are welcome to attend.

Fridays during Lent: There will be Stations of the Cross commencing on Friday 7th March 2014 here in St Michaels @ 12.00pm followed by Lenten Lunches in the Parish Hall @ 12.30pm. Please join us, everyone is welcome.

Diocesan News

Clifton Lourdes Pilgrimage 2014: Bishop Declan invites us to join him on the Diocesan Pilgrimage from Friday 22nd to Friday 29th 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.

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: "*Set your hearts on his kingdom first*" In 1988, Bobby McFerrin sang, "Here's a little song I wrote. You might want to sing it note for note. Don't worry, be happy." It might sound a little trite to just say to someone "Don't worry, be happy". However, Jesus does remind us that our lives are in God's hands and that we are loved tremendously. Understanding that love will help us to surrender ourselves to his will. Our vocation in life is a free gift. Let's grasp it eagerly and trust that, without worrying how things might pan out, we may live in the awareness of God's loving presence each and every day.

Other News

Home Paschal Candle: If you would like to purchase a Home Paschal Candle, please let me know by Friday 4th April 2014; they cost £10.00 each, thank you

Today we are asked to pray for those who are unemployed; please remember those in our parish, the community of Tetbury and our families who are searching for work at this time.

We pray for the people of Wales, as they celebrate their patron saint this weekend: may the prayers of St David always be with them.



Prayer, Fasting, Works of Love