

*St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury*

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014: Mass 9.00am – Timothy McMeniam  
First Sunday of Lent  
Ministers of Holy Communion:  
Julia Hasler and Tony Morris  
Ministers of the Word:  
Helen Fathers and Sarah Scott

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014: Mass 10.00am

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014: Meditation Group 10.00am  
Stations of the Cross 12.00pm  
Lenten Lunches 12.30pm  
Irish Night 7.30pm

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014: Mass 9.00am – Second Sunday of Lent  
Ministers of Holy Communion:  
Deacon Steve and Fran Billington  
Ministers of the Word:  
Sue Ingall and Tony Morris

*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

*Church Cleaning*

Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Louise Marsh and Rachel Moody

Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Janet and Chris Booth

*Collection Counters*

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Elaine and Angela

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

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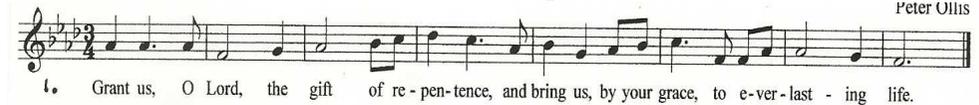
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**Welcome to St Michaels Church:** We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting in our parish for the first time. We pray for God's special Blessings on you. We wish you a very happy & holy worship with us. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome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

**Entrance Antiphon**

Peter Ollis



Grant us, O Lord, the gift of re-pen-tence, and bring us, by your grace, to e-ver-last - ing life.

**Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis 2:7-9; 3: 1-7

**Responsorial Psalm: Have mercy on me Lord, for we have sinned.**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5: 12-19

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Christopher Tambling



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal glo-ry!

**Man does not live on bread alone**

**but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

Christopher Tambling



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Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4: 1-11

*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, Santana Long, Shelia Moore, Joan Agassi, Alexander Conway, and Rex Chapman.

RIP all those who have died recently and Terry Bate 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.

### *Parish News*

**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.

**Irish Night:** This will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 Collection £136

Gift Aid Standing Orders: February 2014 £986.25

Tax Refund: January 2014 £228.06

**Thank you.**

### *TACT*

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

**Taize:** There is a Taize Prayer service here in St Michaels Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 @ 8.00 pm; Everyone is welcome.

### *Diocesan News*

**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).

### *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:** "The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts" Baudelaire once wrote, "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist". It's an interesting thought on the first Sunday of Lent as Jesus is tempted by the Devil to misuse His power, just as human beings have so often done. Jesus is very aware of the dynamic though and stands up to the Devil. As we discern priesthood, religious life, marriage or the single life, we have to be aware that we will be tempted away from our journey to fullness of life. Spiritual battle is inevitable. However, it is usually a sign that we are on the right track – so don't run away!

### *Other News*

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

### *CAFOD*

**Family Fast Day:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 is the Lenten Fast Day. Lent is a time for all of us to Dig Deep: into ourselves, our faith, our relationship with God and the people around us. Our faith helps to centre and ground us amid the pressures of everyday life: it roots us in Christ. Through fasting, prayer and reflection we can nurture those roots.

"The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest, his brethren" Catechism 1397.

**Second Collection next Sunday:** Please take with you an envelope and return it next week. Please also take with you a Lenten collection box and a Prayer card.

Our Parish has always donated enthusiastically for CAFOD; please help to continue that tradition.

**THANK YOU.**

### *Pope Francis*

Pope Francis celebrates the first anniversary of his election on Thursday 13 March 2014. His impact upon both the Church and the wider world in this short time has been immense. He needs our prayers for his continued strength to lead us with wisdom, for as he said in an interview this week he is a normal person, not superman. God Bless him always.

Pope Francis – Message for Lent:

On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis gave this message about Lent, during his general audience.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today, Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey of penance, prayer and conversion in preparation for the Church's annual celebration of the saving mysteries of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. In these days the Church asks us to ponder with joy and gratitude God's immense love revealed in the paschal mystery and to live ever more fully the new life we have received in Baptism. This journey of spiritual renewal in the footsteps of Christ also calls us to acknowledge and respond to the growing spiritual and material poverty in our midst.

**Specifically, it means** consciously resisting the pressure of a culture which thinks it can do without God, where parents no longer teach their children to pray, where violence, poverty and social decay are taken for granted. May this Lent, then, be a time when, as individuals and communities, we heed the words of the Gospel, reflect on the mysteries of our faith, practice acts of penance and charity, and open our hearts ever more fully to God's grace and to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

### **Prayer for Pope Francis**

Lord, source of eternal life and truth; give to your shepherd, the Pope, a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for the entire world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.