

St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury

Sunday 30th March 2014: Mass 9.00am – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Mary Dignan and Graham Wright
Ministers of the Word:
Pat Jackson and Elaine Wright

Wednesday 2nd April 2014: Mass 10.00am

Friday 4th April 2014: Meditation Group 10.00am
Stations of the Cross 12.00pm
Lenten Lunches 12.30pm

Sunday 6th April 2014: Mass 9.00am – Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Deacon Steve and Elaine Wright
Ministers of the Word:
Simon Barton and Mary Dignan

Church Open during the Week for Prayer and Reflection:

Wednesday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

Parish Office Open

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

Church Cleaning

Week Commencing 31st March 2014 Hancock Family

Week Commencing 7th April 2014 Louise Gilbert and Sandra Womback

Collection Counters

Sunday 30th March 2014 Elaine and Pat

Sunday 6th April 2014 Elaine and Peter

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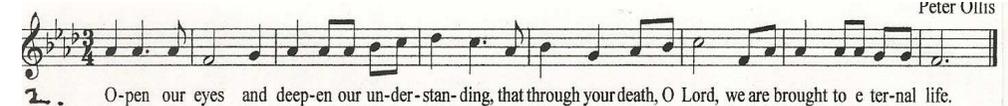


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Tetbury
Sunday 30th March 2014
Fourth Sunday of Lent
(Laetare Sunday)*



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



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A reading from the book of Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Gospel Acclamation:



**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.**



Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 9: 1-41

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 Pope John Paul II, Mgr Thomas Hughes, Greda Jacob 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.

Parish Pastoral Council: After our meeting on Wednesday, it was agreed that it would be great to have a few more members. If you would like to help the parish and join please let Fr Issy or Elaine know, thank you.

Chrism Mass: The annual Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral is on Wednesday 16th April 2014. As usual we will be joining our fellow parishioners of Fairford and Cirencester Parishes to travel by coach. The coach will be leaving the Chipping @ 9.00am prompt. If you would like to join us please put your name on the list in the porch. The cost will be £7 and children free. Please bring a packed lunch with you.

Easter Flowers: There will be a collection on Sunday 6th and Sunday 13th April 2014 after Mass towards the flowers for Easter. The ladies do a wonderful job decorating the church; please give generously, thank you.

Parish Finance

Sunday 23rd March 2014 Collection £186

CAFOD collection: £22

Total for CAFOD £259

Thank you very much.

FACT

Fridays during Lent: There are Stations of the Cross Fridays 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: *"He is old enough: let him speak for himself"* "Oh, grow up!" said the parent to the petulant teenager. How often has that been said to us? There comes a time when we have to stand on our own two feet and take responsibility for our lives. If we're young and wondering what we're going to do with our lives, the mature response is to ask God's guidance. Jesus opened the eyes of the blind. He can and will open our minds and hearts to knowing God's definite purpose for us. Growing up is like coming out of a cocoon and spreading our wings – the sky's the limit where service of God is concerned!

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

Pope Francis: A special publication from the Vatican Past and Present has been produced titled: 'A Year with Pope Francis – A New Vision for the Church' @ £3.50. If you would like to order one, please let me know as soon as possible, thank you.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis weekly audience message: Dear Brothers and Sisters: – the sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony correspond to two specific vocations and are two ways of following Christ and building up his Church. Holy Orders, in its three grades of bishop, priest and deacon, is the sacrament of pastoral ministry. Jesus entrusted his Apostles with the care of his flock and in every age the ordained make present in the Christian community the one Shepherd who is Christ. Following the Lord's own example, they lead the community as its servants. Theirs must be lives of passionate love for the Church for whose purification and holiness the Lord gave himself completely, and they must constantly renew the grace and joy of their ordination through prayer, penance, and daily celebration of the Eucharist. Today, let us pray for all the Church's ministers, especially those most in need of our prayers, and ask the Lord always to grant his Church holy, generous and merciful pastors after his own heart.

New Archbishop of Liverpool: Pope Francis has appointed the Dominican Bishop of Nottingham, Malcom

McMahon, to be the new archbishop of Liverpool. He served Nottingham for 13 years and his appointment follows the retirement of the previous Archbishop, Patrick Kelly last year, because of poor health. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are visiting the

Vatican: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will have a private audience with Pope Francis in the Vatican on Thursday 3 April 2014 whilst on a visit to Rome. The meeting – the first between the supreme governor of the Church of England and the leader of the Roman Catholic church since 2010 – will take place as part of a wider visit to Rome. Despite tension between the Catholic and Anglican churches over issues such as the ordination of women, her reign has seen a thaw in relations between the UK and the Holy See, which exchanged ambassadors in 1982. But the Queen's personal papal diplomacy predates that: she was received by Pope John XXIII in 1961 and became the first British monarch to make a state visit to the Vatican in 1980. Please remember Pope Francis, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh in your prayers at this time.

Mothering Sunday: We would like to wish the ladies of our Parish a Happy Mothers Day. We remember too, our Mothers who have passed away and those who what ever the reason are unable to have children and find Mothers Day hard and remembering those who have lost a child. Wishing God's Blessing on you all.

The love of a Mother

*A love that grows
A love that shows
A look that shares
A look that cares
A touch that's near
A touch that's dear
The love of a mother
is like no other*

