

St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury

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

Wednesday 9th April 2014: 4.30pm Reception of Patricia Baker's Body into Church
Thursday 10th April 2014 – 11.00am Patricia Baker's Requiem Mass

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 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Les Holland and Fran Billington
Ministers of the Word:
Julia Hasler and Pam Orr

Church Open during the Week for Prayer and Reflection:

Thursday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

Parish Office Open

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

Church Cleaning

Week Commencing 7th April 2014 Louise Gilbert and Sandra Womback
Week Commencing 14th April 2014 Carol Hancock and Pat Martin

Collection Counters

Sunday 6th April 2014 Elaine and Peter
Sunday 13th April 2014 Elaine and Angela

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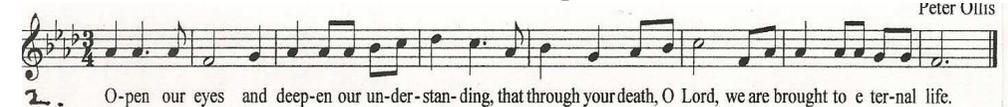


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Welcome to St Michaels Church: We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting in our parish for the first time. We pray for God's special Blessings on you. We wish you a very happy & holy worship with us. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you,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

Entrance Antiphon



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37: 12-14

**Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel Acclamation:



**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Whoever believes in me will never die.**



Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 11: 1-45

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are sick including Mgr Gabriel Leyden, Fr Michael Davies, Fr Kevin Knox-Lecky, Bill Brewer, Monica Whaley, Anne Dewey, Santana Long, Shelia Moore, Joan Agassi, Alexander Conway, and Rex Chapman.

RIP Patricia Baker and all those who have died recently 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.

Patricia Baker (RIP): Patricia passed away on Monday 31st March 2014. We send our condolences to her husband Jim, her sons Ian and Jamie and all her family and friends. Pat's funeral will be on Thursday 10th April 2014 here in St Michaels Church at 11.00am followed by burial. Please remember Pat and her family in your prayers at this time.

Weekday Mass: There will be no Mass here on Wednesday this week.

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.

The Sacred Triduum: Volunteers are needed for the 'Washing of Feet' at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.. Please sign your name on the sheet porch. There are also lists in the porch for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors who are available to carry out these ministries at this important time of the Liturgical Year. Thank you.

Holy Week Services: Please take with you today a leaflet containing the times of Masses during Holy Week.

Easter Flowers: There will be a collection today and on 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.

St Georges Afternoon Tea: After the much enjoyed afternoon last year; we are holding this event again on Wednesday 23rd April 2014 from 2.30pm onwards. Tickets are £5 in aid of CAFOD and are on sale after Mass today; please buy one and come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

Living our Faith in Lent: The theme of the resurrection of Lazarus this Sunday, prefigures Christ's Resurrection to which we look forward on Easter Sunday – the Solemn Day of the Lord's Resurrection. Jesus who has the power to lay down his life and to raise it up knows the powerlessness of the mere mortals like Lazarus who need to be raised. Going forth and reaching out to raise us up is Jesus' mission. Pope Francis instructs us that "A Church which "goes forth" is a Church whose doors are open. Going out to others in order to reach the fringes of humanity does not mean rushing out aimlessly into the world. Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way. At times we have to be like the father of the prodigal son, who always keeps his door open so that when the son returns, he can readily pass through it.." (Evangelium Gaudium, 46.) Indeed, we can stretch out our hands to lift up those who seem to go down the pit of destruction. You raise me up so I can stand on my feet...

God Bless. Fr. Issy

Parish Finance

Sunday 30th March 2014 Collection £113.40

Standing Orders for March 2014 £970.25

Tax Relief February 2014 £242.81

Thank you very much.

TACT

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.

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: "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption" The Redemptorist missionary congregation takes the motto 'Copiosa Apud Eum Redemptio', which translates as 'With Him is Plentiful Redemption'. The raising of Lazarus displays the outworking of such plentiful redemption. Love and

compassion triumph over sickness, sin and death. In this triumphing, Jesus uses a powerful word of command to call Lazarus from the tomb. Using the name of Jesus, we too can drive back all those things around us which are not of God. Fullness of redemption is found in the name of Jesus. Using His name liberally, and in a commanding fashion, we will find out who we are called to be as bearers of that name.

Other News

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we conclude our catechesis on the sacraments with the sacrament of Matrimony, which brings us to the very heart of God's loving plan for the human family. The Triune God created us – men and women – in his image and calls us to mirror the mystery of his love. Married couples carry out this vocation in a full and definitive communion of life. As "one flesh", they become living icons of God's love in our world, building up the Church in unity and fidelity. Christian marriage also reflects the mystery of Christ's own faithful and sacrificial love for his body, the Church. Christian spouses thus receive a special consecration and a special mission. While a noble vocation, marriage is not an easy one: it must constantly be strengthened by a living relationship with the Lord through prayer: mornings and evenings, at meals, in the recitation of the Rosary, and above all through the Sunday Eucharist. Today let us pray for all families, especially those experiencing difficulties, so that by God's mercy they can always be joyful models of faith, love and generous service in our communities.

