

St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury

Sunday 13th April 2014: Mass 9.00am – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Elaine Wright and Fran Billington
Ministers of the Word:
Julia Hasler and Pam Orr

Wednesday 16th April 2014: 9.00am Coach leaves The Chipping for Clifton Cathedral

Thursday 17th April 2014: 6.00pm Mass of the Last Supper with Washing of Feet
Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose

Friday 18th April 2014: 10.00am Stations of the Cross
11.00am TACT Walk of Witness Commencing at St Saviours
3.00pm Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 19th April 2014: 8.00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday 20th April 2014: Mass 9.00am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

Parish Office Open

Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am to 14.00pm – Wednesday 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Church Cleaning

Week Commencing 14th April 2014 Carol Hancock and Pat Martin
Week Commencing 21st April 2014 Mary Kitchen and Helen Fathers

Collection Counters

Sunday 13th April 2014 Elaine and Angela

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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.

Pope Francis – 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we begin a series of catecheses on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is himself the "gift of God" (cf. *Jn* 4:10), the presence of God's love in the Church and in our hearts. Based on a messianic prophecy of Isaiah, the Church has traditionally distinguished seven gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The first of these is wisdom. As a spiritual gift, this wisdom is an interior light, a grace enabling us to contemplate all things with the eyes of God and a heart docile to the promptings of the Spirit. Born of closeness to God in prayer and loving communion, it helps us to recognize with joyful gratitude his providential plan for all things. Christian wisdom is thus the fruit of a supernatural "taste" for God, an ability to savour his presence, goodness and love all around us. How much our world needs the witness of such wisdom today! Let us pray for this gift, so that, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, we can be true men and women of God, transparently open to his own wisdom and the power of his saving love.

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

RIP those who have died recently and Paul Clarke 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.

Patricia Baker (RIP): Pat's family have asked me to pass on the families' thanks and appreciation to all at St Michael's. It was a very beautiful, warm and moving ceremony, mum would have so approved.

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.

Chrim Mass: The annual Chrim 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 Confessions: There is opportunity for the two parishes of Tetbury and Cirencester to come to St Peters Cirencester for Easter Confessions, which will be on Tuesday, 9.30 - 10.30 am; and the same Tuesday at 6.30pm to 7.30pm. This confession will be ministered by the visiting priest who will be with us for the Easter period.

Fr Saji will be having confessions at Malmesbury on Wednesday 16th of April at 7pm. We encourage our Tetbury parishioners who may find Cirencester too far to go there for their Easter Confessions.

Easter Flowers: There will be a collection today 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.

Collections taken during Holy Week:

The collection on Holy Thursday will be taken for Fr Issy's chosen charity.

The collection on Good Friday will be taken for the Holy Places and Christians in the Holy Land.

The collection at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday will be taken a thank you to our Parish Priest. Please give generously, thank you.

Parish Finance

Sunday 6th April 2014 Collection £106.50

Thank you very much.

St Peter's Church

Spring Fayre: St Peter's are holding their Spring Fayre on Saturday 10th May 2014; time to be confirmed nearer the time. Please put the date in your diary and let us support our sister Parish.

Youth

Young Peoples Evening: The next folk mass & social in the Hall afterwards is on Saturday 26th April 2014 @ St Peter's Church. The **Folk Mass** will be at 6 pm; all are welcome. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Issy, with Young People doing Readings & Bidding Prayers. There will be Keyboard, Guitar & Flute music during mass. To be a part of the mass music group email Kate Kinsey: illtydkinsey@talktalk.net SPICE CLUB 7.00-8.15pm (for Primary age children - in the Hall). There will be an Easter Egg hunt, BBQ and creative activities.

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: "Hosanna in the highest heavens!" "The prayer of praise is a Christian prayer for all of us" said Pope Francis recently. "It is not just for those of the Charismatic movement. You're capable of shouting when your team scores a goal", he says. "Why are you not

capable of singing praise to the Lord, to go out a bit from your behaviour to sing this? To praise God is totally free! Let us not ask, not give thanks: praise!" "Do you know how to praise the Lord?" asks the Pope? King David did. Jesus praised his Father. Praise opens us to the gifts of the Spirit. It will open us to know how God is calling us too. Let's get ready for Easter. Praise Him. Now!

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 on Human Trafficking

"Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity": These were the strong words that Pope Francis addressed to participants at the conference on 'Combating Human Trafficking' on Thursday morning. The conference is the brainchild of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in collaboration with the UK Police Force and was hosted by the Pontifical Academy for Social Sciences. Thanking Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Pope noted that the meeting also draws on the expertise of law enforcement authorities, who he said: "are primarily responsible for combating this tragic reality by a vigorous application of the law". But, continued Pope Francis, "it also includes humanitarian and social workers, whose task it is to provide victims with welcome, human warmth and the possibility of building a new life. These are two different approaches, but they can and must go together".

Please pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Declan who celebrates his birthday this week and our own priest Fr Isidore Obi during this Holy Week, leading up to the Easter Celebration.

