

TIMES OF MASS THIS WEEK

Saturday 17 th May	St Peter's Church - First Mass of Sunday 6.00 pm,	Shirley Logan (RIP)
Sunday 18 th May	St Michael's Church - Mass 9.00am St Peter's Church Mass 11.00 am	Chris-Nuel Arumeni Jean Spencer (Sick)
Monday 19 th May Memorial of St Dunstan Bishop	St Peter's Church Mass 9.00 am	Private Intention
Tuesday 20 th May	St Peter's Church Mass 9.00am	Fred Halliday (Int)
Wednesday 21 st May	St Peter's Church 9.00am Liturgy of the Word & Expositions St Michael's Church Mass 10.00am	
Thursday 22 nd May	St Peter's Church Mass 6.30 pm	Richard Beale (Anniversary)
Friday 23 rd May	St Peter's Church Funeral Mass 2.00pm	David Croft
Saturday 24 th May Memorial of St Aldhelm Bishop	St Peter's Church First Mass of Sunday 6.00 pm	William Mockridge (Int)
Sunday 25 th May	St Michael's Church - Mass 9.00am St Peter's Church Mass 11.00 am	

ST PETER'S CHURCH, CIRENCESTER

THE ROSARY: Mon – Fri, 8.40 am, the Rosary is said in the Church.

CONFESSIONS: Confession time is every Saturday at 5.00 – 5.30 pm.

It could also be arranged by appointment with Fr. Issy.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday 9.00 to 12.30pm;

Wednesday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

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*St Michaels Catholic Church,
Tetbury
and
St Peter's Catholic Church,
Cirencester
Sunday 18th May 2014
Fifth Sunday of Easter*



WELCOME

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.

POPE FRANCIS'S MESSAGE FOR VOCATION SUNDAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel says that "Jesus went about all the cities and villages... When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest'" (Mt 9:35-38). These words surprise us, because we all know that it is necessary first to plough, sow and cultivate to then, in due time, reap an abundant harvest. Jesus says instead that "the harvest is plentiful". But who did the work to bring about these results? There is only one answer: God. Clearly the field of which Jesus is speaking is humanity, us. And the efficacious action which has borne "much fruit" is the grace of God, that is, communion with Him (cf. Jn 15:5). Let us dispose our hearts therefore to being "good soil", by listening, receiving and living out the word, and thus bearing fruit. The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, Sacred Scripture, the Eucharist, the Sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church and in fraternity, the more there will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God in the service of the Kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. And the harvest will be plentiful, proportionate to the grace we have meekly welcomed into our lives. With this wish, and asking you to pray for me, I cordially impart to you all my Apostolic Blessing. www.vatican.va

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: **May your love be upon us O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2: 4-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia

**Jesus said 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life
No one can come to the Father except through me.'**

Alleluia

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

CARE & DEVELOPMENT IN OUR PARISHES

New to the Parish: Our Parishes are a welcoming community; please let us know you are new and collect a Registration form from Elaine or any Welcoming Person at Mass.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are sick including Mgr Gabriel Leyden, Fr Michael Davies, Fr Kevin Knox-Lecky, Pip Mantell, Bill Brewer, Monica Whaley, Anne Dewey, Santina Long, Shelia Moore, Joan Agassi, Alexander Conway, Rex Chapman, Iris Brennan, Reg Bunt, Agnes Moran, Patrick MacDermott, Irene Spaul Elizabeth Catling, and Alice Walsh.

Please inform Elaine of any changes to this list.

RIP those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries are at this time: David Croft, Eileen Burns and Tyler Wright. May they rest in peace Amen.

Our Prayer Link: Let us pray for those who feel that there is someone missing from their life that they may turn to God in Prayer and realise that it is God who supplies whatever is missing.

Home Visits or Sick Call: If you would like a visit or Holy Communion at home, or in the case of emergency please ring the parish office (St Michaels 01666502367) or (St Peters 01285652087) to make arrangements. If you are going into hospital and would like to receive the sacrament of the sick before admission, please speak to Fr Issy who will arrange this for you. If you would like a visit from the hospital chaplain please ask in hospital as the chaplains no longer have access to admission records.

Parish Finances

St Michaels: Last week's collection: £104

St Michael's Annual Appeal raised £459

St Peters: Last week's collection: £320.

St Peter's Spring Fayre raised £1,018.

Many thanks for your great generosity.

Clifton Diocesan Registered Charity No 233977

This Week @ St Michael's: Ministers of Holy Communion: Deacon Steve and Elaine Wright; Ministers of the Word: Jane Archer and Richard Lark Flowers: Carol and Pam; Church Cleaning; Janet and Chris Booth: Collection Counters: Elaine and Peter

Next Week: Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Dignan and Pam Orr; Ministers of the Word: Sue Ingall and Tony Morris Flowers: Janet Booth; Church Cleaning; Ann Walsh and Sue Rooker: Collection Counters: Elaine and Tony

PARISH EVENTS

St Michael's Parish: Future Fund Raising: We would like to hold one or two more events this year for a local charity. If you have any ideas of a worthwhile cause, please let Elaine know.

Raffle Prizes: We are always looking for raffle prizes for our fund raising events; if during the year you come across gifts you would like to donate, please don't wait until we hold an event; bring it along to the Parish Office anytime; thank you for all your support.

Holy Hour: At the recent meeting of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Bishops resolved to ask all parishes to hold a Holy Hour on Sunday 25th May between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. This is the time when Pope Francis will be meeting with local families in Bethlehem before visiting the Grotto of the Nativity. Our prayers will be a sign of our

solidarity and support with those communities and our desire to pray for peace with justice in the Holy Land. Bishop Declan

Fr Isidore Obi: Bishop Declan Lang has asked that Fr Issy be inducted as the parish priest of St Peter's Cirencester and St Michael's Tetbury. This will be on Tuesday 17th of June at 7 pm with Mass at St Peter's Church Cirencester. For more information please contact the parish offices of Tetbury and Cirencester.

Cirencester Signpost: A message has been received – Dear Fr Issy, on behalf of Cirencester Signpost, thank you very much to yourself and everyone at St Peters for your donation of £82.50. This will make a big difference to some of our most hurting and vulnerable friends in our community. We are grateful for your ongoing practical help and give thanks to the Lord Jesus for you all living out your faith. Every Blessing to you all Graham & Juliette.

DIOCESAN

Vocation Matters: *You are.... a people set apart to sing the praises of God*” In their wonderfully pumped up praise song, “Heaven is Here”, the band *Jesus Culture* sing, “We won't stop crying out to Him, 'cause he hears us every time, yeah he hears us every time.” The chorus then rings out, “Heaven is here now. He's all around us. Heaven is Jesus. It's the moments we meet”. Can you imagine yourself singing that? Are you passionately in love with Jesus? Oh, that we would all realise that we are set apart to sing the praises of God. Oh, that we would all realise that to praise Jesus with great energy and enthusiasm can lead us ever deeper into His presence, where He shows us His heart and leads us forward in confidence.

Exploring the place of the Word of God: Fr Michael McAndrew will be leading us in exploring the place of the Word of God in our lives of faith on **Saturday 24 May** at St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon from 10.00am-3.30pm. This is a great opportunity to ponder the scriptures and to grow in our familiarity and confidence in using the Word of God in all we do to hand on faith to others. **This day is open to all**, all the catechists in our diocese, all those involved in faith formation... and all those interested in pondering the scriptures.

Understanding Islam: Questions of Muslim-Christian relations in the World today. Will be held on Monday 2nd June 2014 in St John's Parish Hall, South Parade, Bath @ 7.30pm (refreshments from 7.00pm).

Dr Chris Hewer will help enlarge our understanding of Islam, alongside the work of dialogue and a commitment to an understanding that helps us appreciate and “shed light on shared beliefs”

This is open to priests, deacons and religious, catechists, pastoral council members, and the people of our parishes as well as ecumenical and faith representatives.