

<i>TIMES OF MASS THIS WEEK</i>		
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	St Peter's Church - First Mass of Sunday 6.00 pm,	William Mockridge (Int)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	St Michael's Church - Mass 9.00am St Peter's Church Mass 11.00 am	Holy Souls Alexander Bryant (Int)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest	St Peter's Church Mass 9.00 am	Henrietta Pickington (Int)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	St Peter's Church Mass 9.00am	Tony Jones (RIP)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	St Peter's Church 10.00am Liturgy of the Word & Expositions St Michael's Church Mass 10.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	St Peter's Church Mass 6.30 pm	Fr Alphonsus Hopwood (RIP)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	St Peter's Church 9.00am	Lionel Burk (RIP)
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St Peter's Church First Mass of Sunday 6.00 pm	Elena Adams (RIP)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	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.  
Confessions can also be arranged by appointment with Fr. Issy.

*ST MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFICE*

The Parish Office will be open on  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

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*St Michael's Catholic Church, Tetbury  
And  
St Peter's Catholic Church, Cirencester  
Sixth 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*

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, we now consider the gift of knowledge. Through this spiritual gift, we are enabled to see every person, and the world around us, in the light of God's loving plan. In a sense, we see the beauty, harmony and goodness of all creation with the eyes of God its maker. As is clear from the lives of Saint Francis of Assisi and so many other saints, the gift of knowledge gives rise to grateful contemplation of the world of nature and joyful praise of the Creator. The perspective given by this spiritual gift leads us to respect God's gift of creation and to exercise wise stewardship of its resources for the benefit of the whole human family. It also prevents us from restricting our vision to the persons and things of this world alone, forgetting that in their order, value and beauty they point beyond themselves to God, their source and ultimate end. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us grow in the knowledge which enables us to perceive the love with which God guides the world, to respond with gratitude and to praise him for his infinite goodness and love. I ask you to pray for me, I cordially impart to you all my Apostolic Blessing. [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

*LITURGY OF THE WORD*

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6: 5-8; 14-17

Responsorial Psalm: **Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Peter 3: 15-18

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia**

**Jesus said 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'.**

**Alleluia**

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

## 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:

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: £101

St Peters: Last week's collection: £346

St Peters Maintenance Appeal so far: £1537

Many thanks for your great generosity.

Clifton Diocesan Registered Charity No 233977

### Second collections

There will be a Second collection today for the Clergy Training Fund

Next Sunday there will be a Second collection for Catholic Communications Network

### This Week @ St Michael's:

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

### Next Week:

Ministers of Holy Communion: Deacon Steve and Les Holland; Ministers of the Word: Pat Jackson and Rachel

Moody; Flowers: Janet Booth; Church Cleaning; Hancock Family; Collection Counters: Elaine and Angela

## 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.

### Music Practice:

There will be a practice in St Michaels after Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 to practice the New Mass Music; thank you Peter

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**Vocation Matters** "Always have your answer ready" You're on University Challenge. "Here's your starter for ten", says Jeremy Paxman. "Why are you a believer in this day and age?" Will your answer be convincing

enough to get to the bonus questions, where this can be unpacked in more detail? Stock answers to certain questions are usually not good. However, a well-prepared brief reflection to the above question is useful. It never looks good to hang one's head and say, "I can't really explain". Hope is often transmitted invisibly to others. The more yours grows as you follow the Lord, the more you'll be asked that question. Be prepared. It's too important not to be! For the bonus questions will then help to win the prize!

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

### Understanding Islam:

Questions of Muslim-Christian relations in the World today. Will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### CAFOD

Connect 2: Ethiopia – we are invited to an evening with some of the partners the Connect 2 village of Sebeya, Ethiopia. Come and meet and hear about their lives and aspirations and how CAFOD is working with them on different projects. The event is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 @ 7.00pm @ the Immaculate Conception Church hall and it is a bring and buy supper.

### Youth Congress

An Event for Clergy, Catechists, Youth workers, Chaplains, Teachers, and those interested in Youth Ministry is being held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 from 11am to 4pm at St Brendan's Catholic College Bristol BS4 5RQ.

Please see the poster in the porch.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury

This will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014; the theme this year is 'Mary, Queen of Evangelisation'. The Rosary Procession will start @ 2.15pm starting in the Abbey grounds with Mass in the Abbey @ 3.30pm celebrated by Rt Rev Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton. There will also be services in St Mary's Church. Please see poster in the porch for further information.

## IN AND AROUND TETBURY AND CIRENCESTER

### The Feofees of Tetbury

We have been invited to an open day on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 from 10am to 4pm at the Market house; they are celebrating the refurbishment of the lovely building as well as remembering the history of the building over the last 355 years. At 11am and 2.30pm there will be a talk on the past, present and future of the Markey House.

Please join us if you can.

### Our Lady – Month of May

Yesterday was the liturgical celebration of the memorial of Our Lady, Help of Christians, venerated with great devotion at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai. I invite all the faithful to pray so that, under the protection of Our Lady, Help of Christians, the Catholics in China may continue to believe, to hope and to love and, in every circumstance, to be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among their fellow citizens. [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)



*Our Lady Help of Christians pray for us*