

St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury

Sunday 2nd February 2014: Mass 9.00am

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Julia Hasler and Tony Morris
Ministers of the Word:
Pat Jackson and Pam Orr

Wednesday 5th February 2014: Mass 10.00am

Friday 7th February 2014: Meditation Group 10.00am

Sunday 9th February 2014: Mass 9.00am –

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Las Holland and Fran Billington
Ministers of the Word:
Rachel Moody and Jane Archer

Church Open during the Week for Prayer and Reflection:

Tuesday 13.00pm to 16.00pm; Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am to 14.00pm

Parish Office Open

Tuesday 13.00pm to 16.00pm; Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am to 14.00pm

Flowers

Sunday 2nd February 2014 Sue Rooker

Sunday 9th February 2014 Jan Healy

Church Cleaning

Week Commencing 2nd February 2014 Louise Gilbert and Sandra Wombach

Week Commencing 10th February 2014 Carol Hancock and Pat Martin

Collection Counters

Sunday 2nd February 2014 Elaine and Kevin

Sunday 9th February 2014 Elaine and Tony

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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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Malachi 3: 1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2: 14-18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The light of enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel your people.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2: 22-40

Message from Pope Francis: Pope Francis spoke of the importance of confirmation in his weekly public audience last week... In our continuing catechesis on the seven sacraments, we now reflect on Confirmation, which, together with Baptism and the Eucharist, is one of the sacraments of Christian initiation. These sacraments make us sharers in the death and resurrection of Jesus and living members of his body, the Church. In Confirmation, through the sacramental sign of anointing with sacred chrism, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in order to be more closely conformed to Christ, God's "anointed one". We are also strengthened – "confirmed" – in the grace of our Baptism and in our mission of bearing daily witness to Christ and his love. The working of the Holy Spirit in our lives is reflected in the seven spiritual gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Today let us thank the Lord for the grace of our Confirmation and ask that, filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, we may always mirror Christ's presence in our relations with others, our openness to those in need, and our living witness to the Gospel message of joy and peace.

Parish Care and News

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are sick including Mgr Gabriel Leyden, Fr Michael Davies, Finola Dignan, Patricia Baker, Monica Whaley, Anne Dewey, Santina Long, Shelia Moore, Joan Agassi, Alexander Conway, and Rex Chapman

(please inform Elaine of any changes to be made to this list)

RIP those who have died recently and 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.

Parish Fundraising: The Quiz Night last Friday raised £200 in aid of CAFOD. This brings the total raised for CAFOD £ 735. We also raised £660 for Tetbury Hospital and for our parish £745. The total raised reached £2140. Thank you for your continued support.

World Challenge Concert: Please support Lucy who has help to organise a concert to raise funds for the World Challenge team in aid of their expedition to Cambodia and Laos in July which she is taking part. The concert is on Thursday 13th February 2014 @ 7.00pm in the Orangery at Westonbirt School. The Evening Angels are also taking part; as you know we have been delighted that they have been part of our Michael Fest celebrations over the past few years. Tickets are priced at £58 for adults and £2 for under 18s. These can be purchased from the school on 01666 880333.

Parish Finance

Sunday 26th January 2014 Collection £94

Thank you.

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Women's Day of Prayer: This will be held this year on Friday 7th March 2014 in Christchurch. There is a planning session on Friday 31st January 2014 in Christchurch @ 2.00pm. All those interested in taking part are welcome to attend. There will be a rehearsal on Friday 21st February 2014 @ 2.00pm. Please let me know

if you would like to take part but are unable to attend next Friday; thank you.

Diocesan News

Pilgrimage to Assisi: The Diocesan is organising a pilgrimage to Assisi led by Bishop Declan from 22 – 29 July 2014. It costs from £799 per person. Booking has opened with a deposit payable of £160 pp. to reserve a place (there are only 50 places). Details of the trip and schedule are on the notice board and the Diocesan website. www.cliftondiocese.com

Celebrating Marriage: Bishop Declan has invited the whole Diocesan community especially married couples to join him at the Celebration of Marriage Eucharist in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 8 February 2014 at 12noon as part of National Marriage Week (7-14 February). If anyone is celebrating significant anniversaries in 2014 - silver (25), pearl (30), ruby (40), sapphire (45), golden (50), emerald (55), or diamond (60)...or beyond – please let me know as soon as possible, thank you.

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.

Young Peoples Musical: Born for This is a unique and prayerful musical, performed by young people from our local secondary schools and colleges, that brings the Stations of the Cross to life. There will be performances on Friday 28 February at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud and on Saturday 1 March at St Gregory's, Cheltenham, both starting at 7.30pm. Admission is free. More information: www.cliftondiocese.com/youthministry.

Pope Francis: Change of Style or Substance?

The Newman Association has organised an afternoon talk on the above topic by Carmony Grey – Doctoral Student at Bristol University, studying Life Sciences & the Natural World in the theological perspective. It is on

Tues. 4 Feb at 2.30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall Charlton Kings, Cheltenham (GL53 9AU). £3 entry - students free - . (incl.refreshments). It should be an interesting talk.

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.

Special Retreat - 18-40? Interested in exploring more about your vocation? Or just want to be better informed about this whole area? If so, there is a special retreat being held at the Bernardine Cistercian Monastery at Brownhill, Stroud, 14-16 February, led by Fr Matt Anscombe and with various speakers, the charge is just £25. Contact Fr. Matt for more details: vocations@cliftondiocese.com.

Vocation Matters: "My eyes have seen the salvation"

The American patriotic song 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic', starts with the famous line "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord", before moving in to its chorus of 'Glory, Glory, Hallelujahs'. Have our eyes really seen that glory? To follow Christ closely, we all need to confess, as Simeon did, that in Jesus is salvation. In Him there is liberation from all enslavements, which hold us back from living out God's will in our lives. Acknowledging this day in and day out, we will be able to discern more deeply how God is calling us to serve, so that His truth keeps marching on.



"you did not choose me, no I chose you"