

St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury

Sunday 16th February 2014: Mass 9.00am

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Shelia Davies and Pam Orr
Ministers of the Word:
Katie, Niamh, Emily and Imogen

Wednesday 19th February 2014: Mass 10.00am

Friday 21st February 2014: Meditation Group 10.00am

Sunday 23rd February 2014: Mass 9.00am –

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Mary Dignan and Graham Wright
Ministers of the Word:
Julia Hasler and Richard Lark

Church Open during the Week for Prayer and Reflection:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am to 14.00pm

Parish Office Open

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Flowers

Sunday 16th February 2014 Jan Healy

Sunday 23rd February 2014 Christine Lippiatt

Church Cleaning

Week Commencing 17th February 2014 Mary Kitchen and Helen Fathers

Week Commencing 24th February 2014 Mary Pollock and Jan Healy

Collection Counters

Sunday 16th February 2014 Elaine and Tony

Sunday 23rd February 2014 Elaine and Pat

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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 book of Ecclesiasticus 15: 16-20

Responsorial Psalm: The are happy who follow God's law.

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2: 6-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5: 17-37

Message from Pope Francis: Pope Francis said the following during his weekly audience this week: "Dear Brothers and Sisters: Continuing our catechesis on the Sacraments of Initiation, I wish to reflect on how we live the Eucharist in our daily lives, as a Church and individual Christians. First, the Eucharist affects the way we see others. In his life, Christ manifested his love by being with people, and by sharing their desires and problems. So too the Eucharist brings us together with others – young and old, poor and affluent, neighbours and visitors. The Eucharist calls us to see all of them as our brothers and sisters, and to see in them the face of Christ. Second, in the Eucharist we experience the forgiveness of God and the call to forgive. We celebrate the Eucharist not because we are worthy, but because we recognize our need for God's mercy, incarnate in Jesus Christ. In the Eucharist, we renew the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ for the remission of sins, and our hearts are enlarged to receive and show mercy. Third, in the Eucharistic celebration, we are nourished as the Christian community by Christ's Word and Life. It is from the Eucharist that the Church receives continually her identity and mission. It is in our celebration that Christ fills us with his grace, so that our lives may be consonant with our worship of God in the Liturgy. Let us live the Eucharist in a spirit of faith and prayer, with the certainty that the Lord will bring to fulfilment all that he promised."

Parish Care and News

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are sick including Mgr Gabriel Leyden, Fr Michael Davies, Fr Kevin Knox-Lecky, Bill Brewer, 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 Finola Dignan and all 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.

Finola Dignan (RIP): Please pray for the repose soul of Finola Dignan. We remember in our prayers her daughter Charlotte; Mary and Fergus Dignan and all their family.

APF-Mill Hill Mission Thank you and Appeal: Next Sunday we will welcome Br Eddie Slawinski MHM. Thank you to all parishioners who already support this wonderful Association through the Red Boxes. We thank also Ann Walsh for her work as our parish representative. "The Red Box is a focus of Prayer and direct giving for all Catholics in over 200,000 homes across England & Wales."

Calling all decorating enthusiasts: If you have any spare time would you like to put your talents to good use by helping to refurbish the presbytery? If you are free to help, please contact the parish office in the first instance on 01666 502367 asap, thank you.

Parish Finance

Sunday 9th February 2014 Collection £14.00

Thank you.

TACT

Women's Day of Prayer: This will be held this year on Friday 7th March 2014 @ 2.00pm in Christchurch. All are welcome to attend.

Diocesan News

The Floods: Bishop Declan issued a sympathetic and thought provoking statement this week about the current bad weather and floods we are suffering at the moment. "In the short term, we must ask what can be done to help people with the loss of their homes and livelihoods. In the longer term, we need to ask what we have learnt from our experiences. In Somerset, one lesson would seem to be the need to dredge the Levels on a regular basis. Other long-term lessons can be summed up by the need to adopt a simple lifestyle; be prepared to make sacrifices and live sustainably." Read the full statement at www.cliftondiocese.com

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

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.

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: "They are happy who follow God's law" Donkeys have always been seen as rather daft animals! In fact, the phrase "the law is an ass", popularised by Charles Dickens, comes from this perceived 'asinine' nature of donkeys. Any application of the law that is contrary to common sense is surely daft! God's law, however, when taken to heart through the Gospel of Christ, is pure wisdom. It may be counter-intuitive at times, and the call to love others through the living out of our vocation, may challenge us out of our comfort zones. However, God's law brings freedom and so our following Him will surely bring happiness. Perhaps, when it comes to our vocation, we might learn something from the humble donkey - obstinacy can be a good thing. Stick with it.

Second Collection

There is a second collection today for the Catholic Education Service. We are asked to celebrate the success and achievements of Catholic education. We remember especially the Catholic schools in the Stroud Deanery and the Diocese of Clifton. Please give generously, thank you.

Remembering in your Prayers

Archbishop Vincent Nichols: On Saturday 22nd February 2014 Pope Francis will place red hats on the heads of the 19 new cardinals and give them each a titular church of the Diocese of Rome. Vincent Nichols is the tenth consecutive Archbishop of Westminster to be made a cardinal. We assure him our prayers at this important time.

