

St Michaels Church, The Green, Tetbury

Sunday 16th March 2014: Mass 9.00am – Second Sunday of Lent
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Deacon Steve and Fran Billington
Ministers of the Word:
Sue Ingall and Tony Morris

Wednesday 19th March 2014: Mass 10.00am

Friday 21st March 2014: Meditation Group 10.00am
Stations of the Cross 12.00pm
Lenten Lunches 12.30pm

Sunday 23rd March 2014: Mass 9.00am – Third Sunday of Lent
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Shelia Davies and Pam Orr
Ministers of the Word:
Youth of the Parish

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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Church Cleaning

Week Commencing 17th March 2014 Janet and Chris Booth

Week Commencing 24th March 2014 Ann Walsh and Sue Rooker

Collection Counters

Sunday 16th March 2014 Elaine and Louise

Sunday 23rd March 2014 Elaine and Tony

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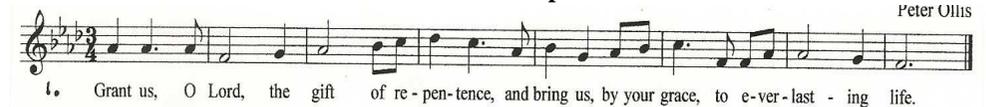


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Welcome to St Michaels Church: We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting in our parish for the first time. We pray for God's special Blessings on you. We wish you a very happy & holy worship with us. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you, please complete a Registration Form and hand it to Elaine.

Entrance Antiphon



Peter Ollis

Grant us, O Lord, the gift of re-pen-tence, and bring us, by your grace, to e-ver-last-ing life.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis 12: 1-4

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

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

Gospel Acclamation:



Christopher Tambling

Praise to you, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal glo-ry!

From the bright cloud the father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'



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Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 17: 1-9

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

RIP all those who have died recently and Muriel Alexander 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. More volunteers to make the coffee would be appreciated, thank you.

Irish Night: Thank you to all those who organised and those who supported the evening; more next week.

Church Flowers: This is just a gentle reminder that last year the PPC decided that it would be nice to have a flower fund for special occasions in addition to the collections we hold at Easter and Christmas. In the wall on the left hand side of the church is a money box marked 'Flowers Fund'. Please consider donating money occasionally to help keep our church to continue to look lovely; thank you very much.

Parish Finance

Sunday 9th March 2014 Collection £124

Thank you.

TACT

Fridays during Lent: There will be Stations of the Cross commencing on Friday 7th March 2014 here in St Michaels @ 12.00pm followed by Lenten Lunches in the Parish Hall @ 12.30pm. Please join us, everyone is welcome.

Diocesan News

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.

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: *“Stand up,” he said “do not be afraid.”* “One thing I can't stand, it's people grovelling” says a fictional God to King Arthur in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. In the Gospel of the Transfiguration, the disciples are understandably fearful in the presence of divinity and fall on their faces. Yet, just as Jesus sets his face like flint for Jerusalem, our calling in Christ is to allow ourselves to be liberated of those fears which hold us back. If we spend our whole lives on our knees saying, “We're not worthy”, then we'll never move forward. Regularly gazing on the face of Christ, we will be able to hear him tell us to stand up and move on.

Other News

Home Paschal Candle: If you would like to purchase a Home Paschal Candle, please let me know by Friday 4th April 2014; they cost £10.00 each, thank you

CAFOD

Family Fast Day was on Friday; Lenten Fast Day. Lent is a time for all of us to Dig Deep: into ourselves, our faith, our relationship with God and the people around us. Our faith helps to centre and ground us amid the pressures of everyday life: it roots us in Christ. Through fasting, prayer and reflection we can nurture those roots.

“The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest, his brethren” Catechism 1397.

There is a Second Collection today; envelopes are still available in the porch if you need one. There are still Lenten collection box and Prayer cards available..

Our Parish has always donated enthusiastically for CAFOD; please help to continue that tradition.

THANK YOU.

Pope Francis

Lent is a time of god's mercy and forgiveness;

What is the joy of God? It is to forgive!” Forgiveness, Pope Francis warned, “is not a sentiment – it is not 'feeling good' – on the contrary, mercy is the true force that can save man and the world from the cancer that is sin, bad morality or bad spirituality. Only love fills up the emptiness, the negative chasms that evil opens in hearts

and in history. God alone is complete mercy and love, while each of us is the Prodigal Son who has “squandered his own freedom following false idols, mirages of happiness, and have lost everything. But God does not forget us, the Father never abandons us. He is a patient Father. He always respects us. He respects our freedom but remains always faithful. Like the father of the Prodigal Son, when we return to Him, he welcomes us as children, in his house, because he never gives up waiting for us with love, not even for a moment. And his heart is in celebration for every child that returns. This “celebration” is found in the joy that God has “for each of us who returns to Him and asks His forgiveness. We need never fear approaching God, but should rather remember that God “always awaits us” when we seek his mercy. However, we must be aware of certain “dangers” that must be avoided, especially acting as judges rather than leaving that to God. We presume to be judges and we judge others, we judge God, too, because we think that he should punish sinners, condemn them to death, instead of forgiving them. The devil is shrewd,” added Pope Francis. He deceives us with the idea that our human justice can save us and save the world. In reality, only the justice of God can save us! God's justice is very different from that proposed by the devil, he continued. The justice of God is revealed in the Cross. There we see how God judges: by “giving his life for us!” Jesus' sacrifice of his life on the Cross is the “supreme act of justice” and is “also precisely an act of mercy. Every Christian is called to this kind of mercy. Jesus calls all of us to follow this path: ‘be merciful, as your Father is merciful. The Holy Father encouraged his audience to examine their own hearts to see where they may need to extend mercy and forgiveness.

*Hope is knowing that I have been forgiven,
my guilt removed*

*Hope is knowing that there is a future,
a life after death.*

*Hope is knowing that there is love,
that there is a God, and I am loved by him.*

Whatever happens he does care.

*Hope is knowing that he has plans,
even if I do not understand them.*

Cardinal Basil Hume