

## Times of Mass This Week –December 2017

Saturday 16th December	St Peter's	6.00pm	<b>Billy Hester +</b>
Sunday 17th December	St Michael's	9.00am	<b>Jim Larkin +</b>
	St Peter's	11.00am	<b>Frank Mitten +</b>
Monday 18th December	St Peter's	9.00am	<b>Mgr S. Osigweh (40<sup>th</sup>)</b>
Tuesday 19th December	St Peter's	9.00am	<b>Private Intention</b>
Wednesday 20th December	St Michael's	10.00am	<b>Peter Butterworth +</b>
	St Peter's	10.00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word</b>
Thursday 21st December	St Peter's	6.00pm	
Friday 22nd December	St Peter's	9.00am	
Saturday 23rd December	St Peter's	6.00pm	<b>Mary Critchley (94<sup>th</sup>)</b>



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Cirencester  
Gloucestershire  
GL7 1RE



St Michael's Catholic Church  
The Parish Office/Hall  
Silver Street  
Tetbury  
GL8 8DH

### St Peter's Church, Cirencester

**Confessions** – Saturday at 5.00 – 5.30pm and could be arranged with Parish Priest

**Polish Confession:** First Saturday of the Month at 3.30pm followed by

**Polish Mass** at 4pm

**Prayer Line:** If you have an urgent request for prayer, please Contact Geraldine Ventham on Tel: 01285 671156

**Prayer Circle:** Last Tuesday of every Month after 9 am Mass

**Meditation Group:** First Thursday of every Month 6.45pm

**Parish Office:** Monday 9.30am to 3.00pm

### St Michael's Church, Tetbury

**Parish Office:** Wednesday and Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm



### CONTACT US

**Parish Priest - Fr Nnamdi I Obi**

**Parish Administrator–Elaine Wright**



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## Sunday 17th December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent (Year B) Gaudete Sunday

### WELCOME

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting our parish for the first time.

We pray for God's special blessings on you

We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

My soul rejoices in my God

**Second Reading: Paul to Thessalonians 5: 16-24**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia.

**Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28**

**Memorial Acclamation:**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death,

O Lord, until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Say to the faint of the heart: be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

## CARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PARISHES

**New to the Parish:** Each of our Parishes is a welcoming community; please let us know if you are new and collect a Registration form from Elaine or any 'Welcoming Person' at Mass.

**The Order of Mass is found in Laudate Hymn Book no. 479**

**Please remember in your prayers:** Those who are sick including Mgr. Gabriel Leyden, Mgr. Sylvester Osigweh, Fr Michael Davies, Fr Sean Fleury, Fr Donal Daly, Carol Hancock, Trish Dent, Veronica Harvey, Elizabeth Grieve, Mary Critchley, , Bill Brewer, Joan Agassi, Elizabeth Catling, Dorothy Godleman, Lyn Ibbitt, Julie Bulmar, Marie Gale, Kathleen Eustace, Chris Yates, Maureen Smithies, Peter Ollis, Patrick Walsh, Rosalind Constable, Roger Bramley, Rita Cloyden, June Johnson, Theresa Triggs, Christopher Browne, Kathryn Harding and Shelia Kenny.

**Please inform Elaine of any changes to this list.**

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. Michael's: 01666 502367) or (St Peters 01285 652087) to make arrangements.

**RIP:** Those who died recently and all whose anniversaries are about this time.

Our Diocesan Link this weekend is for the priest and parishioners of the Parishes in

Cirencester, Malmesbury and Tetbury.

**Second Collection:** There is second collection today for the flowers and decorations for the church for the Christmas celebrations. Thank you.

**Coffee:** Please join us in the hall for coffee after Mass on Sundays. Volunteers to make coffee are needed in both parishes; 2017 list on the table in the hall, thank you.

**Parish Newsletter:** Could you please send any items for the Parish Newsletter to Elaine in St Michael's Parish Office by Wednesday @12.00noon. Thank you.

## First Holy Communion 2018

We have received some requests for First Holy Communion 2018. This will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018. If you have any candidates ready to make their First Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

**Confirmation 2018:** Bishop Declan will be visiting St Peter's Church to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people of both Parishes on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018. If you have any candidates in Secondary Education who are ready to be confirmed please contact the Parish Office.

**Christmas Lunch:** We would like to say thank you to those who helped and supported our Parish Christmas Meal. Thank you too to those who donated raffle prizes. St Michael's Social Committee .

**HOT OFF THE PRESS!** The 2017 full colour annual parish magazine is available at the back of the church - please take one. It's free, but if you feel like making a donation towards production costs please do so. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this, wrote articles, sent photos, composed poems, drew pictures etc. to make this bigger and better than ever before!

A big thank you to Jane for compiling the magazine for us.

**Flower Arrangers:** Do you enjoy flower arranging? Would you like to join the St Michael's Parish flower rota? Please speak to Elaine if you would like to help.

**Church Cleaners:** Would you like to help with the cleaning of St Michael's Church? If you would like to join the rota, please speak to Elaine. Thank you.

**Carols and Mince Pies:** On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 3.00pm there will be carols and mince pies in St Peter's Hall; also includes children's craft activities. Martin.

**Christmas Masses:** Our Christmas Masses will be as follows:

Christmas Eve:

St Michael's Christmas Vigil Mass: Carols: 4.30pm, Mass 5.00pm.

St Peter's Christmas Vigil Mass 6.30pm; Carols: 10.30pm, Midnight Mass 11.00pm.

Christmas Day: St Michael's 9.00am; St Peter's 11.00am.

**Year of Mission:** John the Baptist says '*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me*'. Those words of the Baptist ring true even after 2000 years. It is obvious that Jesus is among us and at this time of year his name is everywhere, in carols, on cards and in the very name of Christmas. But it is also true that although his name is everywhere he continues to be unknown. The Gospel of salvation is little known and even less understood. We are called to be like John the Baptist and point to the Lord. This Year of Mission calls us to speak about our Lord so that he and his Gospel may be known in our world today.

## Parish Prayer

God of mercy and love, receive our prayer of thanksgiving for all you do for us. Purify our minds and hearts that we may do nothing but your will. May Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist comfort us with his Spirit when we are helpless and in distress. Come, O Saviour of the world. Encourage and empower us to love and serve you, especially in others. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Lady Mother of the Church, Pray for us.**

**St Michael, Pray for us.**

**St Peter and St Paul, Pray for us.**

