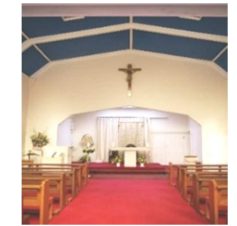


## Times of Mass This Week –December 2017

Saturday 23rd December	St Peter's	6.00pm	<b>Mary Critchley (94<sup>th</sup>)</b>
Sunday 24th December	St Michael's	9.00am	<b>Matt Shephard + Michael Ferrar +  Peter Cryer (Int)</b>
Christmas Vigil Mass	St Peter's	11.00am	
Christmas Vigil Mass	St Michael's	5.00pm	
Midnight Mass	St Peter's	6.30pm	
	St Peter's	11.00pm	
Monday 25th December	St Michael's	9.00am	<b>People of the Parish People of the Parish</b>
Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord	St Peter's	11.00am	
Tuesday 26th December	St Peter's	10.00am	
St Stephen (F)			
Wednesday 27th December	St Peter's	<b>No Mass</b>	
St John Apostle & Evangelist (F)			
Thursday 28th December	St Peter's	6.00pm	
The Holy Innocents (F)			
Friday 29th December	St Peter's	9.00am	
St Thomas Becket (F)			
Saturday 30th December	St Peter's	6.00pm	



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St Michael's Catholic Church  
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### Sunday 24th December 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)

#### 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.

#### 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



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**Parish Administrator - Elaine Wright**



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#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you, heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:5, 8-12, 14, 16**

##### Responsorial Psalm:

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord

**Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27**

##### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia

**Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38**

##### Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

##### Communion Antiphon:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## 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

Clevedon, Nailsea, Portishead and Yatton.

**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.

**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.

**Thanks to Everyone** for your Christmas gifts and donations, especially your continuous prayerful support. I am immensely grateful to all who have been of help in the parishes this 2017. In whatever way you have made your little contribution to the Prayer, Life, Mission and Communion of our parishes, may God reward you abundantly. Thanks to all the priests who have visited us and given us company and fraternal support.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a New Year full of Hope.

"I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11).

**Fr Nnamdi Isidore Obi.**

## **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.**

