

Parish Finances Nobody likes to talk Finance, but we need to tell you honestly, that our finances are sadly damaged by the Virus Crisis. (income down and usual bills still needing to be paid) We are still unable to hire out the Parish halls and the collections at Sunday Mass haven't taken place since March (no public masses were possible until very recently). We incurred extra costs in order to open and to keep us safe [P.P.E., hand sanitiser, signage, caution tape etc]. Our thanks to all who have continued to pay by standing order at this time. And to those who have sent donations in lieu of their normal offertory. If you would like to take out a Standing Order or make a Gift Aid Declaration, please contact the relevant Parish office.

Mass Obligation Until it is safe for everyone to be out and about together and people can feel comfortable in the presence of unmasked company, it is morally impossible to get to Sunday Mass. The obligation is therefore suspended until that is possible. We can still pray together and look after one another. We can take care of those around us who might be in need. We can build up a sense of community in the area in which we live and maybe we relearn the simple things of faith whilst we hunger for the Bread of Life in the Eucharist.

Parish Office The Parish Offices will remain closed to the public; BUT any queries can be made by email, which will continue to be answered. There will be someone to answer the phone in person on a Friday morning only in St Peter's. Our contact details are below. *If you require a priest in an emergency, please phone St Peter's Church on 01285 652087*

Parking at St Peters: If you regularly park your car on St Peters drive; will you please ensure that there is enough room for someone to park next to your car and get out! There is enough room for at least three cars on each side; thank you.

Requirements for Opening WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO OPEN THE CHURCHES, IF WE HAVE AT LEAST 2 STEWARDS FOR EACH MASS. WE ALL NEED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR CHURCH; THEREFORE, IDEALLY, WE WOULD LIKE DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH OCCASION, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO REQUIRE CLEANERS AFTER EACH MASS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP. THANK YOU.

CAFOD: As an active part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), CAFOD has launched a nationwide Coronavirus Appeal. We are asking the Catholic community to keep those worst affected in their prayers and, where possible, their alms giving. These are troubled times for all of us, but some suffer more than others. No one should feel obliged to give, but please help if you can with your money and your intercession. There is a basket at the back for your donation, if you wish.

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SUNDAY XVI 'through the Year' (YEAR A)

WORSHIP FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 18th Jul 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 19th Jul 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

Weekdays

Mon 20th Jul. Feria of Week XVI [Year 2 readings]
NO PUBLIC MASS

Tues 21st Jul. Feria
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's (Deacon John Fothergill RIP)
Traditional Latin Mass 6.00pm in St Peter's

Wed. 22nd Jul ST MARY MAGDALENE Feast
Mass 10.00am in St Michael's

Thurs. 23rd Jul. ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Feast as co-patron of Europe
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's

Fri. 24th Jul Feria/St Sharbel Makhlu
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's
Traditional Latin Mass Noon in St Peter's

Sat. 25th Jul ST JAMES THE GREAT, Feast
Mass 10.00am in St Michael's



CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

NEXT XVII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A

Sat 25th Jul. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 26th Jul. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

WE WELCOME EVERYONE, WHETHER RETURNING AFTER THE CLOSURE OR VISITING OUR PARISH FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY WORSHIP WITH US

Due to advice from the Diocese the following has been put in place: -

- There will be baskets at the back of the church to put your offering and charity donations on leaving
- the church
- Hymn books, Mass cards etc. are not being used at present and everything you need is on this sheet. Please take your newsletter home with you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(And, striking their breast, they say)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most-High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel [Short Version]

Matthew 13:24-30

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is, seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come and judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you, now and forever. Amen.



Father Philip writes Christ's parable this Sunday as He walks through the corn fields on the Sabbath, shows His concern for His future Church, rather than the crowds and the Disciples listening at the time. He addresses one of the perennial worries of Christians – How come God's world and the people in it are not as good as they should be?? He tells us

that it is not that the Good God wants bad things, but the Evil One has interfered in Creation, "sowing darnel amongst God's wheat". If we combat evil (moral, social, political and economic), we build up God's Kingdom among us and tear up the darnel.

It is not popular these days to talk about a personal force of evil, the Devil, but experience confirms the truth of Christ's parable that someone or something has distorted the Plan and used human beings to mar creation and their own society. The Devil is no comic figure in red, with a cape, a trident, a tail and horns. He is subtler and insidious than that. His crowning work is to convince us that he does not exist at all!

If there is no evil, there is nothing to combat, everything is fine and we just have to put up with the way things are. This is not true and would destroy Christian action in the world. This would, of course, delight the Devil, who wishes to triumph through good people doing nothing. Good order, justice, peace and harmony are what God wants and what human beings truly want in their heart of hearts. We find ourselves moved when people starve and thirst, when disease goes untreated and no one corrects man's inhumanity to man. Pull up the Devil's Darnel and see the Kingdom grow and God's will done on earth as it is in heaven!!!

Please remember in your prayers:

- The Pope, Bishops & clergy: that, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they serve all God's people by leading them with love, care and humility
- Our parish communities: that we may receive a deeper spirit of prayer, help us in our weakness & renewal in the strength.
- The world: that there may be acceptance and mutual respect among all peoples, races, faiths and cultures.
- The parishes of Marlborough with Pewsey and of Wroughton: that they may grow in mission, communion and prayer
- Those who are sick: that they may have courage in the face of suffering and trust in God's healing power.
- Those who have died; that they have found peace with God in his Heavenly Kingdom.

