



**Cirencester Foodbank** is still operating and is very much in need of donations. At present it is not possible to leave donations at the back of the church, so there are a number of other options available. Send a cheque payable to Cirencester Foodbank, Cirencester Baptist church, Chesterton Lane, Cirencester, GL71YE. Donate online or leave donations of food at Tesco Extra, Tesco Tetbury or Waitrose supermarkets

**Although the Bulletin is being uploaded each week to the parish websites, we are currently unable to update the sites as a whole. Specifically, we need a new Web Master or Mistress for Cirencester to help us with this!!!!**

**Parish Finances** We are hugely grateful for those who have helped us with the short fall in parish finances caused by the Corona Virus Pandemic. Please consider making your weekly offering by standing order at the bank and using a Gift Aid Declaration (if you are a payer of UK Income Tax). Do contact the relevant Parish office.

**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. FROM THIS WEEKEND, YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A MASK AND LEAVE A NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AS PART OF THE "TRACK AND TRACE" REQUIREMENTS



**Parish Census Forms** Thank you to all those who have submitted their 'Parish Census Form' it is much appreciated. Could we please ask those who have yet to submit a form, if we could receive them by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Thank you.

**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 need a priest urgently, please phone St Peter's Church on 01285 65208736*

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEED TO BE WITH US BY NOON ON WEDNESDAYS**

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**SUNDAY XXI 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (YEAR A)**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Private Intention)  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populo)  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Mary Quinlan RIP)

**WEEKDAY WORSHIP [Week XXI Year 2 readings]**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE Feast  
**11.00am Traditional Latin Mass**

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. St Louis of France  
9.30am in St Peter's (Noreen King in Sickness)  
**4.00pm Reception of the Cortege of Noah**

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. St Louis  
**9.30am Funeral and Mass of the Angels for Noah**  
Noon Mass in St Michael's

Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Aug. St Monica of Thegaste  
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. St Augustine of Hippo  
9.30am Mass in St Peter's  
Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. Passion of St John the Baptist  
10.00am Mass in St Michael's

CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

**SUNDAY XXII 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (YEAR A)**

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Mgr. William Mitchell RIP)  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's

*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: -**

- **No baskets are passed around at the Offertory. They are at the back of the church to put your offering and charity donations on leaving the church**
- **No hymn books, Mass cards etc. at present and everything you need is on this sheet. Please take it home with you!!!!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING**

## MASS TEXTS

### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### 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

Isaiah 22:19-23

### Responsorial Psalm

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

### Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 11: 33-36

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 18: 13-20

### 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 earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

### 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 do not receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you, now and forever. Amen.



**The Homily** I put my keys in my pocket, when I remember to bring them with me! Most of my keys are metal, though some are electronic. The keys on the shoulders of Shebna the Master of the Palace in our first reading, would have been far too big for a pocket and made of wood. They were more like levers for moving a heavy bold. Not only were they practical, but they were also symbols of his office. This reading is also used in Advent in connection with the Great O Antiphon 'Key of David'. This master of the palace was not a butler or major domo; he was not a mere servant in the household. He was a grand vizier or prime minister, able to stand in for his master.

This brings us neatly to Christ and Cirencester's own, dear St Peter. He and his fellow apostles are not servants but friends of Jesus Christ. To them all He will give the power of the keys, to bind and loose in earth and heaven. However, before He does that Christ appoints St Peter to a very special role, that of being his deputy on earth, the Vicar of Christ, symbolised by the keys of office.



This unique, Petrine Office, has been transmitted by the Prince of the Apostles to his successors as Bishops of Rome. Over the centuries the Bishops of Rome have borne many titles and some have been more preferred by one office holder or another. Patriarch of the West, Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Servant of the Servants of God. All of these come to the Bishop of Rome because he is Peter's Successor and Vicar of Christ.

Just as political prime ministers are supposed to serve the Queen and the people, so the Popes, our holy fathers, are to serve Christ and His people faithfully. Some have and some haven't but God never deserts his people and He always works through whoever we select as Pope, good or bad. May God bless our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

### Please remember in your prayers:

- For the Pope, the Successor of Peter: that he may use the power of the keys wisely, according to God's plan.
- For those in public office: that their choices and policies may be always directed to the common good and human society.
- For ourselves: that we may always remember that God will always protect and watch over us.
- For the priest [Fr. Issy] and people of Holy Family, Swindon: that they may pursue prayer, communion and mission in equal measure.
- For those in pain of mind, soul or body and for those who care for them: that they may know Christ is with them and knows their distress
- For the dead, especially Noah, Fr Griffin, Peter Kearney and Barbara Gardner: that God will welcome them into heaven where pain and suffering are no more and the innocent rejoice.

