



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

Funeral of Alice Harris Please remember in your prayers Alice Harris, who passed away recently, aged 104, especially as Alice has passed away without any living relatives. Alice's funeral will be on **Wednesday 16th September at 1.30pm at Cheltenham Crematorium.**

The Good Friday Second Collection for the Holy Places Obviously, the traditional collection on Good Friday for the maintenance of the Holy Places could not be taken in Lockdown. With this week's feast of the Triumph or Exaltation of the Cross, it is right that we rectify this important omission. The funds raised are administered by the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land

Requirements for Opening WE HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST 2 STEWARDS FOR EACH MASS AND CLEANERS AFTERWARDS. WE ALL NEED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR CHURCH. WE NEED DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH OCCASION, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. 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.

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 652087*

NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEED TO BE WITH US BY NOON ON WEDNESDAYS

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SUNDAY XXIV 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (YEAR A)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sat 12th Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 13th Sept. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (In Thanksgiving)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (The Peoples of the Parishes)

WEEKDAY WORSHIP [Week XXIV Year 2 readings]

Mon 14th Sept. **TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS (Feast)**
11.00am Modern Latin Mass in St Peter's

Tues 15th Sept. **Our Lady of Sorrows**
9.30am Mass in St Peter's
Traditional Latin Mass 6.00pm in St Peter's

Wed 16th Sept. **Saints Cornelius and Cyprian**
10.00am Mass in St Michael's
1.30pm Alice Harris Funeral in Cheltenham Crematorium

Thu. 17th Sept **St Edith of Wilton – Diocesan Memorial**
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri. 18th Sept. **Feria**
9.30am Mass in St Peter's
Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat. 19th Sept. **St Januarius of Benevento**
10.00am Mass in St Michael's

NEXT WEEK - SUNDAY XXIV 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (YEAR A)

Sat 19th Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 20th Sept. 9.00am Mass & Holy Baptism in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (The Peoples of the Parishes)

CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

Because of That Virus, the following measures have been put in place: -

- No baskets are passed around at the Offertory, but 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. Use a bulletin and take it home!!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AND WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY SUNDAY

We intercede: -

- For the Church; that we may always give thanks for the compassion of God and offer that same healing to all we meet.
- For the world; that the conflicts which divide us, may give way to reconciliation and peace.
- For those who are sick and housebound; that they may find the support and strength of Christ in those who care for them.
- For those who find it hard to forgive and forget; that God will heal and guide them.
- For the priest and people of St Peter, Swindon and Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett: that they may pursue prayer, communion and mission in equal measure.
- For those who have died; that they may enjoy the eternal life of heaven, where there is no more sorrow, pain or weariness and every tear shall be wiped away.



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 now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to You, now and forever. Amen.



Thought of the Week We used to celebrate the finding of the relics of the Passion on the 3rd May, when Saints Philip and James were still on 1st May. The Cross and the other relics of the Passion were not so much lost as hidden by the Christian community of Jerusalem as treasures to be kept from persecutors. When a Christian empress, St Helena, turned up in search of the relics, the Jerusalem Church knew they would be safe and delivered up the relics. The Triumph of the Cross on 14th September celebrates two key events, the dedication of the church of the Holy

Sepulchre (which housed the Cross) and the return of the Cross in 629 by the Emperor Heraclius after capture by a Persian king.

We remember not the pain and degradation of the Cross, but its heavenly glory and its loving power. We recall its grace and life. This is part of why the Cross is central to our celebration of Mass, [the Sacrifice of the Mass]. Christ's Cross sets us free from sin and death. It bestows life and opens the gate of glory to us. The Cross is a key, life-giving and liberating. St Peter's keys, to bind in heaven and earth, derive their power from the Cross.

We wear the cross and trace it upon ourselves as sign of triumph and victory. We prize the relics of the Cross most highly, splinters of it are enthroned and used to give blessings, as at Benediction, but with a red humeral veil.



MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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

Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love, so to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 14: 7-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Gospel Reflection St Peter, Cirencester's patron, clearly understands that he should be forgiving. Seven times is a great deal better than, "3 strikes and you're out"!! Christ does not tell him off, but encourages even greater generosity of spirit. The key to understanding this is the hard heartedness of the forgiven servant. We forgive not for what it does to others, but for what it does to us. Pardoning sets us free and makes us more generous of heart and soul. The Lord's Prayer reminds us to forgive, even as we are forgiven.

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

How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.