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2021 The Year of St Joseph It is 150 years since Blessed Pius IX declared St Joseph the patron saint of the Universal Church. To mark this important anniversary, Pope Francis has declared a Year of St Joseph, starting on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of his wife. Special indulgences are granted to the faithful throughout the year under the usual conditions (recent Holy Communion and Confession and prayers for the Pope's intentions). More detail of the Year's special celebrations will be published later.



DURING THIS PANDEMIC, BISHOP DECLAN REMINDS US ALL THAT EACH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS COUNTS AS IF IT WERE CHRISTMAS DAY. DO CONSIDER CHOSING ONE OF THE DAYS IN THE OCTAVE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE, TO LIMIT THE RISK OF SPREADING THE VIRUS THIS WINTER. THANK YOU.

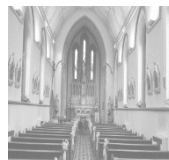
Sun 27 th Dec	9.00am Holy Family Mass in St Michael's 11.00am Holy Family Mass in St Peter's
Mon 28 th Dec	Noon Mass of the Holy Innocents in St Peter's
Tue 29 th Dec	Noon Mass of St Thomas of Canterbury in St Peter's 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass
Wed 30 th Dec	Noon Mass of the Octave in St Michael's
Thu 31 st Dec	Noon Mass of the Octave in St Peter's
Fri 1 st Jan	Noon Mass of Mary, Mother of God in St Peter's

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

1. 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
2. No hymn books (because there's no singing), Mass cards etc. at present. Use a bulletin and take it home!!!!



A last Advent Prayer to prepare for Christmas O LORD, stir up, we pray, Your power, and come among us, and with great might help us; Through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely hindered in running the race that is set before us; But may Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through the perfect merits of Your Son our Lord, to Whom with You and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.



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ADVENT IV (YEAR B)

O CLAVIS DAVID

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sat 19th Dec 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 20th Dec 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Frank & Breda Mitten and Greta Lloyd RIP)
Noon Short Outdoor Carol Service at St Peter's
3.00pm Short Outdoor Carol Service at St Michael's

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

[Readings etc. are found by date, not day of the week]

Mon 21st Dec. Late Advent Feria - O Oriens (Commemorating St Peter Canisius)
No Public Mass
Tue 22nd Dec Late Advent Feria – O Rex Gentium
9.30am Mass in St Peter's (All who have died of or during this pandemic)
6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's
Wed 23rd Dec Late Advent Feria - O Emmanuel (Commemorating St John Cantius)
10.00am Mass in St Michael's (George Royden Towney RIP)
Thu 24th Dec Late Advent Feria – Christmas Eve
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS – BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE FLESH

Thu 24th Dec 5.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass in St Peter's
9.00pm Mass of Christmas Night in St Michael's
Midnight Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's
Fri 25th Dec 9.00am Dawn Mass of Christmas in St Michael's
11.00am Day Mass of Christmas in St Peter's
12.30pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat 26th Dec **ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR, Feast in the Octave**
Noon Mass of St Stephen in St Michael's

NEXT WEEK – CHRISTMAS I – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sat 26th Dec **NO VIGIL MASS**
Sun 27th Dec 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's



CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT **THANK YOU**

**FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION & UNDERSTANDING IN THESE
DIFFICULT TIMES AND WE WISH YOU A BLESSED SUNDAY**

We intercede: -

- For the Pastors and People of the Universal Church, that they may they work to serve God and spread His Word.
- As the Advent season draws to a close, for those who need to remember the real meaning of Christmas in every nation, asking God to bring the peace of His Son everywhere on earth.
- For those in our society, who are troubled, that the coming of Christ may ease their suffering and bring them deep peace.
- For those suffering with Corona Virus or caring for them: that God may see and reward their struggles and sacrifices.
- For ourselves, our parish and deanery: that, like Mary, we may have the grace of perfect trust in God.
- For Clifton Diocese and especially the parish of Our Lady and St Alphege in Bath: that together they may work hard for the salvation of souls.
- For the sick, the bereaved, the housebound and for all who care for them, whether at home and in hospitals and care homes: that their difficulties may draw them closer to God the Word.
- For the faithful departed, waiting for the reign of Christ, which will have not end: that their hope will be fulfilled. We remember Fred Halliday and Priscilliano & Hilaria Zerda whose funerals occur at this time.



Church Preparations for Christmas It is hoped that both parishes will do their flower arranging, tree decoration and crib erection **on Wednesday 23rd December O Emmanuel.**

Thank You: On behalf of Graham and myself [Elaine] I would like to thank you for your prayers and best wishes during our recent hospital admissions. After nearly six weeks, Graham is home which is lovely. We would like to thank especially Fr Philip and Pat. May God Bless you all. Elaine

Parish Office the Parish Offices are working as usual but must remain closed to the public. Any queries by email will still 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***



Tetbury Christmas Tree Festival Tetbury's annual Christmas tree festival will open in St Saviours On the 4th December until the 3rd January. St Michael's have a tree displayed, the theme this year is 'Love'. At the foot of the tree there will be blank labels, for your personal prayer, thought or wish. Just hang it up. Do visit if you have the time. Give a little love

Christmas Quiz Trail In Cirencester until 27th Dec, toddler version with prizes for all, 1 weekly prize draw for older participants. Instructions, quiz, trail maps etc available via Facebook (2020 Cirencester Nativity Trail) and Cirencester Baptist Church website. Paper copies available from the Town Information Centre, Dyer Street, and the Museum Tourist Centre. Pictures and clues will be displayed in the premises windows so there is no need to enter. Good Luck.

MASS TEXTS

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
NO SUNDAY GLORIA UNTIL CHRISTMAS ARRIVES

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

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

Reflection *Our first reading tells King David that God will build up his house or family and produce an heir. This points at St Joseph of David's house and line and then on to Jesus Christ. Gabriel also refers when he tells Our Lady that the Holy Spirit will overshadow her. God is drawing together all the carefully prepared jigsaw pieces. He is forming the long planned picture of the stable cave in Bethlehem where His Only Begotten Son will be born. As we see this care and preparation, we think first of our own plans for Christmas, but we also have to remember that God is planning more for us and for the world and eventually Christ will come again.*

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: Say to the faint hearted: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, Our God will come and He will save us.

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

Prayer to St Michael, recommended by the Holy Father Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

