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**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**

**2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** God chose the shepherd boy David and made of him a great king and promised a Descendant who would sit as King for ever. St Joseph is an obscure member of this royal family down on its luck, and yet without him and his free consent the promise to David could not have been fulfilled. God calls him to be part of His Great Plan of Salvation, working with Him as he worked with the wood in his carpentry business. In his lifetime on earth, he remained obscure, but he had a vital role to play in the life of Jesus Christ. Vocations of all sorts in the Universal Church, of which Joseph is patron, are often small and quiet, but always important. To what is God calling you?



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

1. **No baskets are passed around at the Offertory. Use the baskets by the door for your offering and charity donations**
2. **No hymn books, mass cards etc. at present. Use a bulletin and take it home!!!!**

### UPCOMING DATES

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. The Presentation of the Lord, 40 days after Christmas

17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ash Wednesday, start of the 40 days of Lent (plus 6 Sundays). **Mass and Ashes at 10.00am in St Michael's [The Ashing has been altered to avoid touching during the Pandemic**

4<sup>th</sup> April. First Sunday of Easter - The Resurrection of the Lord, start of the Great Fifty Days.

**PLEASE JOIN THE ST MICHAEL'S COFFEE ZOOM MEETING** at 10:30 each Sunday morning, using the following link and access details Thanks to Brian for organizing this. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4317645775?pwd=YTNQanpaMONhZnVaVFhNejM1TDgzdz09>  
Meeting ID: 431 764 5775; Passcode: coffee:

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



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## **SUNDAY III 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (Year B)**

### **WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)

AFTER CONSULTATION, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASSES IN EITHER PARISH UNTIL AFTER THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN [INCLUDING SATURDAY EVENING] – FR PHILIP WILL CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE PRIVATELY

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Jan **CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, Apostle, Feast**  
Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Jan **Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops and Companions of St Paul**  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Jan **St Angela Merici, Virgin & foundress of the Ursulines**  
Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Jan **Feria of Week III**  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Jan **Feria Requiem for those who have died of Covid 19 worldwide**  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Jan **Our Lady on Saturday**

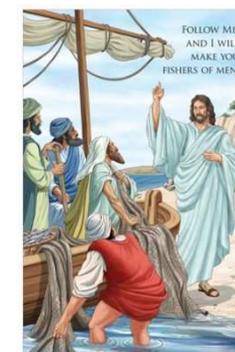
### **SUNDAY IV 'through the year' (YEAR B)**

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's

### **CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT**

**In this Third National Lockdown in England of this Pandemic, please remember: -**

1. **Members of our families and Parishes, together with those throughout the district, who have died in the past year;**
2. **Those who have been or who are sick with Covid 19**
3. **Those have had problems of any sort.**
4. **The elderly, the vulnerable and all, who are shielding or on their own.**
5. **All front line workers and carers, especially in our nursing homes and the NHS**

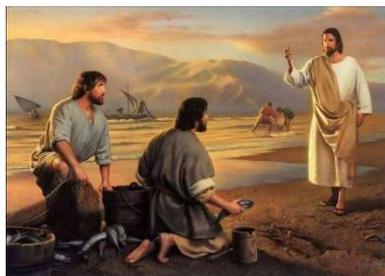


**if you need any help please contact the Parish Office and we will see how we can help. May God Bless you and keep us all safe in His care.' God Bless, Fr Philip**

**THE CRIB:** By ancient English Tradition, the Crib will come down on Candlemas, 40 days after Christmas Day.

### We intercede: -

- For Pope Francis and all the Bishops: that they may inspire many to welcome Christ the Word into their hearts, carrying Him to others in Sacred Scripture.
- For all called to follow Christ: that, strengthened by the Spirit, they may be living signs of the Kingdom.
- For politicians and world leaders: that they may focus on creating a culture of peace, life, respect and security for all people. We remember the new Administration in America
- For Clifton Diocese and our two parishes: that we will work together in harken to God's call.
- For all who are sick: that God will grant them peace and comfort during their illness.
- For all those affected by the Covid-19 epidemic throughout the world: that they may recover quickly and completely. We remember in particular the doctors, nurses, caregivers and all who are working so unceasingly to assist those in most danger: that they may be safe.
- For all whom God has called to eternal life; that they may rejoice in the Kingdom of Heaven.



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** In the Good News According to Mark, Our Lord opens His preaching ministry with the words, "The time has come". St Paul (Galatians 4:4) says that the coming of the Son into our world is the fullness of time. Meeting Jesus now, in the moment of His choosing always requires a response from us, an Amen or a Thanks Be to God, an acceptance of His invitation to follow Him. This is not a Moment in the way that a clock measures

it, in seconds, minutes and hours. The Good News According to John talks about the entire events of the Passion and Resurrection as Jesus' Hour of Glory. Once again, when confronted with what Christ does for us, we must decide to accept or reject Him. Judas Iscariot and Peter both betray Him, but ultimately, one accepts and the other rejects the Lord. The Saviour's time, His Moment, is not just once in a lifetime, for He offers His opportunity and call every time Sacred Scripture is read and every time the Blessed Sacrament is presented to us. Despite their wobbles and weakness (and even mistakes), people in the Gospel stories keep responding positively to the Moment of Decision and Vocation, until they are ready to go out into the world and offer that Good News and Hour of Glory to men and women across the ages and across the world.

**SIGNED MASS FOR THE DEAF LIVE-STREAMED** National Lockdown prevents the Deaf from attending St Nicholas of Tolentino in Bristol for their normal monthly Signed Mass – so, they are live-streaming their 10.00am Parish's Mass with Signing by Sherrie Eugene-Hart every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month ( [www.tolentino.org](http://www.tolentino.org) then click on 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass').

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY** This important annual commemoration falls on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January; please remember in prayer the victims and the survivors of the Holocaust. It is also a good occasion to remember that attempts at mass slaughter are not a thing of the past alone.

### MASS TEXTS

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**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:** Jonah 3:1-5,10

**Responsorial Psalm.** Lord, make me know your ways

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand: Repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 1:14-20

**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:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**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.

**PRAAYER 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.

