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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 Our readings this Sunday remind us that Jesus Christ is a Prophet greater than Moses himself. Prophets do not simply predict the future. They have an authority to speak for God to His People. St Joseph had an authority from God, not to preach to everyone, but to speak to His Son, Jesus Christ and to teach Him the ways of Israel. He was as much a Patriarch as a Prophet. Moses was the Father of his people and Joseph was called father by Christ.



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

- 17th 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]**
- 26th Feb. Cafod Family Fast Friday. If you wish to donate you can by online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using the envelopes provided. Or Text LENT to 70460
- 4th 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 IV 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (Year B)

Racial Justice Sunday - Septuagesima

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Sun 31st Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Sarah Flannagan RIP)
NO PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASSES IN EITHER PARISH UNTIL AFTER NATIONAL LOCKDOWN [INCLUDING SATURDAY EVENING] – FR PHILIP CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE PRIVATELY
- Mon 1st Feb Feria of Week IV
Tue 2nd Feb PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE, The Feast of Candlemas
Wed 3rd Feb St Blaise of Sebaste, Bishop, Martyr/St Ansgar [Oscar] of Hamburg, Missionary Bishop in Scandinavia (Jean Davies RIP)
Thu 4th Feb Feria (Bernd Rudolph In Thanksgiving)
Sat 6th Feb St Paul Miki and Companions, The Nagasaki Martyrs/68th Anniversary of H.M. the Queen's Accession

SUNDAY V 'through the year' (YEAR B)

- Sun 7th Feb 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. **Those who have been or who are sick with COVID-19**
2. **Those have had problems of any sort.**
3. **The elderly, the vulnerable and all, who are shielding or on their own.**
4. **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. This Sunday is, therefore, the last time that you can visit the Crib and make a donation towards Mary's Meals. These children are holding M.M. blue mugs. Septuagesima means it is also no 70 days before Easter.

We intercede: -

- For Pope Francis bishops and clergy: that they will be prophetic witnesses to God's love in our world today, leading it towards peace.
- On Racial Justice Sunday we pray for those experiencing discrimination in our society: that they may see the Church as a welcoming community, where their human dignity is respected and their gifts appreciated
- For politicians and world leaders: that their hearts may not be hardened as they hear Christ's voice today
- For Clifton Diocese and our two parishes: that we will work together in harken to God's call.
- For all who are sick: that our healing Father 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, careers 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 free from pain they may be at peace in God's Heavenly Kingdom.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL 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.

CAFOD: This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the **Big Walk for Water** virtual event. Help give the boot to water poverty across the world by walking a 5mile route on Saturday 20th of February. **Mary Dignan's personal Lenten challenge is to Walk for Water. She promises to walk 10,000 steps a day, every day, for the 40 days of Lent [Resting on Sundays!]. If you would like to support her, please go to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water550>**

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA Welcome the Stranger – Celebrating the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, on 8th February 2021. Please support the Caritas Bakhita, event which Bishops Mark O'Toole and Declan Lang are leading that day from 5 .00pm to 6.30pm for Clifton and Plymouth Dioceses. We hope at least two parishioners will take part. Please register here. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKiqby9p4Zaca73jzxgOQNHsGHGCFRchfhUME1HUTNENjRJV1EyQVdGU0ZFWepFNfQVCQIQCN0PWcu>

FROM THE" UNIVERSE" At the moment you are unable to collect your Universe or Catholic Times at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS - £25.00: SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months:- £99.00 DIGITAL COPY - 12 Months: £55.00

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Resp. Psalm. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

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: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK The crowds and the Disciples recognised that Jesus spoke with an authority unlike anything they had ever known. Small wonder! He is God the Word, as well as being the Heavenly Father's Message of Love. Whilst the Church confers this authority in a particular way on Bishops, Priests and Deacons (the stole is the symbol of this)

and Missionaries, when we speak the truth from and about God, we too, God' Lay Faithful, also have the ability to speak the Truth with authority and we don't need a pulpit to do it!