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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 The healing of a leper, reminds us of the virtues of compassion and kindness. The Saviour shows us these qualities in abundance, but God's graces produce similar effects in His saints. St Joseph's paternal care for the toddling and teenage Christ shows how wisely God chose this son of David's line to be the father and husband in the Holy Family.



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

UPCOMING DATES

26th Feb. Cafod Family Fast Friday. You wish to donate you can by online at cafod.org.uk/give or text LENT to 70460

4th Apr. **First Sunday of Easter - The Resurrection of the Lord, start of the Great 50 Days.**

12th Jul. Frs. Ian McCarthy, Michael Fontaine and Philip Thomas will reach 25 years of the Priesthood. Look out for details of celebrations on Sunday 11th July 2021. Please also remember Frs. Gerry Walsh, Bernard Shackleton and Michael Lewis, whose silver jubilees also occur this year.

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

Repent and believe in the Gospel.



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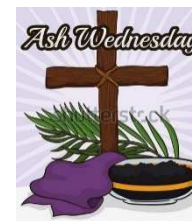
SUNDAY VI 'THROUGH THE YEAR' – Quinquagesima (Year B)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sun 14th Feb 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)

NO PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASSES IN EITHER PARISH UNTIL AFTER NATIONAL LOCKDOWN [INCLUDING SATURDAY EVENING] – FR PHILIP CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE PRIVATELY

Mon 15th Feb Feria of Week VI
Tue 16th Feb Feria – Shrove Tuesday (Local Politician)
Wed 17th Feb **Ash Wednesday, the First Day of Lent - Fasting & Abstinence**



10.00am Mass & Ashing in St Michael's
Thurs 18th Feb Lenten Feria (Memet and Nedime Randa RIP)
(And their family, those living and those who have died)
Fri 19th Feb Lenten Feria
Sat 20th Feb Lenten Feria (Thanks for Blessings received)

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR B)

Sun 21st Feb 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Mhairi McCready)

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**



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.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return

We intercede: -

- For the Pope and for the leaders of our Church: that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit as they work to bring God's healing and compassion to our troubled world.
- For those who have not been to the Sacraments for a long time: that they may be given the grace to pray to the Lord for forgiveness.
- For those who work in the healing professions: that their skills and commitment may always be exercised in care and guided by the need to promote human dignity from conception to life's natural end.
- For Clifton Diocese and our two parishes: that we will work together in harken to God's call.
- For those who are sick: that the divine gifts of healing and peace may encourage us in our prayers for comfort.
- 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 the dead, especially those who were suffering from leprosy and other diseases of the skin: that, their suffering being no more, they may be at peace with our Heavenly Father.



ASH WEDNESDAY This is one of the two days of Fasting and Abstinence left in our calendar (the other is Good Friday). A Mass with distribution of Ash will be celebrated at 10.00am in St Michaels Church. Most of us grew up saying what we were giving up for Lent. Discipline is part of our discipleship and still should be part of our spiritual preparation for Easter. This discipline need not only include food, but may also include helping someone or praying the Stations of the Cross or the Rosary instead.



[formerly women's] WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This will take place on Friday 5th March @ 7.00pm, via Zoom online. TACT AND CTIC will be hosting this service. It was decided to hold the service in the evening, so that more parishioners will be able to join those taking part. Details which will be required to enable you to join will be advised before the end of February.

CAFOD This Lent, CAFOD invites 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>**



T.A.C.T. St Michaels Parish requires another person to represent the parish on the Tetbury Area Churches Together committee. If you are interested, please email the parish office.

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Resp. Psalm. You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

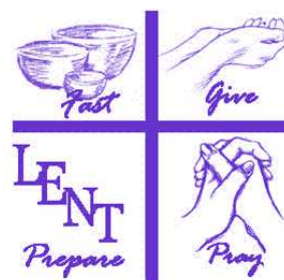
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope His call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

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: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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 One of the most important things that those who met Him remembered about Jesus in His earthly lifetime was His attitude towards the sick of soul, mind and body. He was a Compassionate Healer and Friend of Sinners. They gossiped about His healing miracles on the Sabbath in the Synagogue and about those with whom He ate, tax collectors and prostitutes. This deep concern and care did not disappear with the Passion and Resurrection. As we face the start of Lent – Quadragesima, we too know that Christ is the Merciful Healer and Friend of Sinners.