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**2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** To be an unsung hero is not easy and to obey God's call takes courage and persistence. St Joseph pressed on, no matter what the temptations to give up or find an easier way. A temptation is not a sin, only an urging towards committing a sin. However hard his work in the carpenter's shop and however difficult it was to guard God's treasures, Christ and Our Lady, Joseph never heeded the voice of temptation and he prays for us to stand firm too.



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

26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Cafod Family Fast Friday. You wish to donate you can by online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or text LENT to 70460

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

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

**T.A.C.T.** St Michael's Parish requires another person to represent the parish on the Tetbury Area Churches Together committee. If you are interested, please email the parish office.

**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:

**[formerly women's] WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** This will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## LENT I – Quadragesima (Year B)

### WORSHIP THIS WEEK

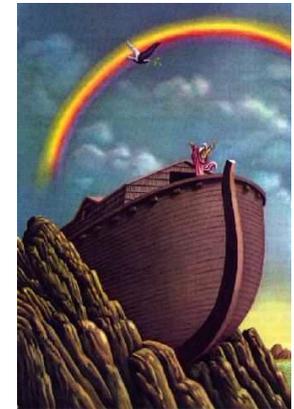
Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 9.00am Litany of the Saints & Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)  
11.00am Litany of the Saints & Mass in St Peter's (Mhairi McCready)

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

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER Feast  
Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Lenten Feria, commem. St Polycarp of Smyrna  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb Lenten Feria  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Feb Lenten Feria  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Lenten Feria – Cafod Family Fast Day  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Lenten Feria

### LENT II (YEAR B)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)



### 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.

### We intercede: -

- For the Pope and for the leaders of our Church: that they may lead us in living the Gospel message of faith and repentance.
- For the world and those in government: that leaders may learn that God is offering them His Covenant of peace and justice.
- For those who rely solely on material things and deny the spiritual: that they may learn that, "no one lives on bread alone".
- For ourselves, our parishes and deanery: that by discipleship and a humble confession of our sins, we may prepare to renew our Baptism at Easter.
- For the Particular Church of Clifton and for the parish of the Holy Cross, Bedminster in Bristol: that we will discern what God's purpose and dream for us is and put it into practice.
- For those who are sick: that their sufferings may not tempt them to give up hope and trust in God.
- For the doctors, nurses, carers and researchers and all who are working so unceasingly to assist those in most danger: that they may be safe and their sacrifices appreciated.
- For the dead, especially the victims of this pandemic and of recent natural disasters: that they may pass beyond the reach of temptation and be forgiven of all their sins.



### VENERATION OF THE MARTYRS IN LENT The Church of Rome, has always



visited the tombs of the saints in Lent and sung the Litany of the Saints each day.

1. Firstly, the walk to the shrine is a reminder of the Lenten journey to Easter.
2. Secondly, it is a request for the prayers of the saint or saints, for our daily discipleship as Christians.
3. Thirdly, we are to be encouraged by their victory over suffering, as we face our own temptations and difficulties. They are the victors and we still have to engage in spiritual warfare.
4. Fourthly, the ancient belief that at the point of death, the martyr was granted a vision of the Risen Lord, means that a visit to their relics brings us closer to Easter too.

CAFOD This Lent, CAFOD invites the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the **Big Walk for Water** online and help give the boot to water poverty across the world by walking a 5 mile route on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 speak to her in person or go to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water550>**



### MASS TEXTS

**Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls to Me, I will be with him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS THIS SUNDAY WILL REPLACE THE PENITENTIAL RITE AND THE BIDDING PRAYERS

**NO SUNDAY GLORIA UNTIL EASTER**

**First Reading:** Genesis 9:8-15 *The Covenant with Noah, written in the Rainbow*

**Resp. Psalm.** Your ways, Lord are faithfulness and love for those, who keep Your covenant.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 3:18-22 *Noah's ark is a sign of our sharing in the victory of the Cross in Baptism*

**Gospel Acclamation** Praise to You O Christ, King of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word, that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

**Gospel** Mark 1:12-15 *The Tempter Satan tries to deflect Christ from following His Father's way.*

**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:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**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 saving of Noah and his family in the wooden ark reminds us of our salvation through the wood of the Holy Cross. The receding waters of the flood make us Christians think immediately of Holy Baptism. The Rainbow Promise is the first of the many covenants God offered before Christ sealed the new and everlasting Covenant in His Precious Blood. On this

first Sunday in the Lenten Season, our readings place before us the goal of our journey towards Easter, the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant with God and the Reception of Easter Communion. Every sin we commit and temptation to which we give is a step away from God and a turning of our backs on the saving relationship He gave us in Christ. Walking with the saints, may we use this season to turn towards God and away from sin, so that we may prepare to enter afresh into the life-giving relationship bestowed through water and the Holy Spirit.

