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2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH St Joseph heard the prophecies of Jeremiah read in the Synagogue Saturday by Saturday. Although he treasured the Covenant with Israel in which he lived and died, he also heard about a new and everlasting Covenant, whose law would be somehow written on the human heart and set inside us. Did his years in that humble home and workshop in Nazareth reveal to Him that this new and unique relationship with God the Father was centred on the boy he called his Son? He heard him speak about an unseen Father that was clearly not him. Did he come to understand that love

was not only something he taught Jesus, but which Jesus Christ taught him? Now in heaven, he lives for ever in the New and Everlasting Covenant in Christ' blood and enjoys the law of love in his heart.

DO 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. Meeting ID: 431 764 5775; Passcode: coffee
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4317645775?pwd=YTNQanpaM0NhZnVaVFhNejM1TDQgzdz09>

VENERATION OF THE MARTYRS IN LENT Try doing this online, looking at pictures of shrines, saints and their churches. We can pray before the screen: -

1. Reminding us that our virtual pilgrimage is prayerfully walking the Lenten journey to Easter.
2. Requesting the prayers of the saint or saints, for our daily discipleship.
3. Being 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. Drawing closer to the Risen Lord, for our ancient belief is that at the point of death, the martyr was granted a vision of the Risen Lord.

Please remember to put your clocks on one-hour next weekend for British Summer Time



PARISH BULLETIN

LENT V (Year B) - Passiontide or Late Lent begins, with the veiling of statues & crosses

Sun 21st Mar. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)

11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Bogdan's intentions)

NO PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASSES IN EITHER PARISH AT THE MOMENT – FR PHILIP CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE PRIVATELY

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

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Mon 22nd Mar Late Lenten Feria
Tue 23rd Mar Late Lenten Feria – National Day of Reflection
11.00am Holy Hour to remember the victims (living and dead) of the Pandemic around the world.
- Wed 24th Mar Late Lenten Feria
Thu 25th Mar THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE B.V.M. – Solemnity
Noon Mass in St Peter's (Revd. Ann Gurney RIP)
- Fri 26th Mar Late Lenten Feria
1.00pm Funeral Requiem for Phyllis Farrell in St Michael's
- Sat 27th Mar Late Lenten Feria
- Sun 28th Mar **LENT VI – SUNDAY OF PALMS & PASSION (YEAR B)**
9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)

The clocks change overnight, moving forward one hour to British Summer Time

CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

We intercede: -

- For the Universal Church: that all her members may profit richly from the graces, which God offers in the Lenten observances, preparing once again to die to self so as to be born into eternal life.
- For the countries of this world: that all may come to Christ, "The Source of Eternal Salvation" to find justice and peace.
- For our local communities here in the Cotswolds: that we may practice compassion to those in need by giving from our resources.
- For the Particular Church of Clifton and for the Bristol parishes of Filton and Southmead: that together we will discern God's purpose for us and put it into practice.
- For ourselves, our parishes and deanery: that we may shine out as living sign of Christ "lifted up from the earth" and drawing all to Himself.
- For the doctors, nurses, carers and researchers and all working unceasingly to assist those in most danger: that they may be safe and their sacrifices appreciated
- For all those who are sick; that Christ, who walked the way of human suffering, may grant them strength, comfort and peace.
- For the Dead in Christ: that, through the prayers of the Apostles Philip and Andrew, they may see Jesus face to face, with all their sins forgiven.



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.

UPCOMING DATES

- Thu. 25th Mar. **The Annunciation. Patronal of our neighbours in Woodchester, but also the promise of Christmas, being the Conception of Christ in His mother's womb, 9 months in advance of His birth**
- Sun. 4th Apr. First Sunday of Easter - The Resurrection of the Lord, start of the Great 50 Days.
- Thu 13th May **ASCENSION THURSDAY – the 40th Day of Eastertide**
12th Jul. Frs. Ian McCarthy, Michael Fountaine & Philip Thomas reach 25yrs of the Priesthood. Look out for details of celebrations on **Sunday 11th July 2021**. Remember also Frs. Gerry Walsh, Bernard Shackleton & Michael Lewis, whose silver jubilees also occur this year.

YOUTH MINISTRY Are you interested in working with youngsters in your parish, but feel you've not the knowledge or skills to do it? If so, then this course may be of interest to you. Equally, you could brush up on your skills or hear how others are doing the work. It's an on-line course so no travel required! Cost £48 for 10 sessions with highly skilled speakers experienced in Youth Ministry. Starts Tuesday 16 March: <https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/engag>:

SAINT ROSE'S SCHOOL IN STROUD seeks to raise £1.5 million to build Quentin House, a specially-adapted residential home-from-home for some of its children. For information about the project and how to donate/fund-raise, please contact the appeals office at the school (01453 763793 ext. 225 or gail.mattocks@stroses.org.uk) or visit <https://stroses.org.uk/quentin-house/>

CAFOD Our Tetbury parishioner Mary Dignan has made it her personal Lenten challenge to Walk for Water. She walks 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>

COVID 19 HOLY HOUR At the urging of our bishops' conference and in response to the Prime Minister's request, there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour from 11.00am on Tuesday 23rd March**. This is to pray for those affected by the Virus around the world, the living and the dead. It does not only mean those who have or have had the Virus but governments, researchers, carers and families of every kind and more besides





THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK St Mark's Gospel, from which we read throughout Year B of the Lectionary, was probably the first to be written. No one knew what a Gospel was as a piece of literature, before he put pen to papyrus. They knew what the Church preached as its Faith and how it taught people to live, but no one had ever tried to encapsulate any of that in an account of the Lord's earthly life. By comparison with the other

three, Mark has been described as a Passion Narrative with an introduction. (We shall hear that Passion next Sunday at Mass) You don't have to be a Bible scholar or academic to see that this is because the Early Church saw the events of Holy Week and Easter as central to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Whilst it is possible that the Fourth Gospel began its life around the same time as St Mark's, the version that has come down to us is the product of St John's long life and deep, prayerful reflection upon what he had experienced in Jesus' earthly ministry. From his years of prayer, his account of the Passion and Resurrection have two emphases, not found in the other three Gospels. Both of these ideas show that John had learnt from Christ Himself that things were not quite what they seemed, that agony was glory and a shameful death is actually attracting us to Christ the King

We heard one of them last week, the link between Moses' lifting up the Bronze Serpent in the desert and the lifting up of the Lord. John never makes it clear whether the this "Lifting Up" is the Cross, the Resurrection or both taken together.

This week, our Sunday Gospel from John brings us to the other unique idea his account has and it is one that has embedded itself deep in the Christian Psyche and worship. He speaks of Christ's "Hour of Glory". It is clear that Jesus had spoken to the Twelve about it throughout His ministry, but also that they never really got what He was talking about, until after the Resurrection. It is also very clear that this Hour of Glory is not just 60 minutes. Once again, as with the Lifting Up, it is not at all simple to say what it is. It makes most sense to me, if we understand the Glorification of Christ as being His suffering and death, His descent to the dead and His life-giving resurrection taken together as a single Passover.

Most of us would not describe suffering and death as being in any way glorious, especially our own. But then again, most of us would not have spoken of the death the Romans and the Temple clergy were plotting as wheat being sown in the ground to produce a rich harvest. It could be that this Hour of Glory is about Jesus imparting glory to us, or at least allowing us to enter the glory of heaven. It could be that He calls the Hour glorious because, by it, He returns to the glory He had with the Father before the Incarnation began in the first place.

Worship for Holy Week and The Sacred Paschal Triduum



Sun 28th Mar **LENT VI – SUNDAY OF PALMS & PASSION (Year B)**
9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's

Because of Covid 19 Restrictions, there can be no Palm Procession, but the Lord's Triumphal Entry will be commemorated at both masses and palms given out as you leave church. Equally, reading the Passion in parts is not allowed this year.

Mon 29th Mar **IN HOLY WEEK – Fig Monday**
10.00am Mass in St Michael's
Noon Mass in St Peter's

Tue 30th Mar **IN HOLY WEEK – Temple Tuesday**
10.00am Mass in St Michael's
Noon Mass in St Peter's

Wed 31st Mar **IN HOLY WEEK - Spy Wednesday**
10.00am Mass in St Michael's
Noon Mass in St Peter's

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THE FIRST DAY – the Table and the Cross

Thu 1st Apr MAUNDY THURSDAY

6.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord Supper in St Michael's

8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in St Peter's

Because of Covid 19 Restrictions, there can be no Foot Washing [Fr. Philip is unable to do this physically anyway!] and no Procession and Altar of Repose.

Fri 2nd Apr GOOD FRIDAY

2.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion in St Michael's

4.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion in St Peter's

Because of the Pandemic, it is not safe to venerate the cross individually, but we shall, as always, adore the Crucified and receive Holy Communion.

THE SECOND DAY – The Waiting and the Praying

Sat 3rd Apr GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

The Church around the world watches and waits in prayer, whilst the Saviour descends to the Realm of the Dead to rescue the souls of those gone before

THE THIRD DAY – The Empty Tomb and the Rising Again

Sat 3rd Apr THE RESURRECTION OF O.L.J.C. IN THE FLESH

9.00pm The Great Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter in St Peter's Church

Because of the Pandemic, this celebration will be a little simplified, but will retain its dignity and beauty, as always. The fire outside and the hand candles are dispensed with and, though blessed, there will be no sprinkling with Easter Water.

Sun 4th Apr **9.00am Mass in St Michael's**

11.00am Mass, Reception and Confirmation in St Peter's

12.30pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's



MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength

NO GLORIA UNTIL EASTER

First Reading Jeremiah 31: 33-34 *I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.*

Resp. Psalm. A pure heart create for me, O God

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9 *He learnt to obey through suffering and become for all the source of eternal salvation*

Gospel Acclamation **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

Gospel John 12: 20-30 *If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest*

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: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit

Act of Spiritual Communion Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most 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.

