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2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH One of the themes in this Sunday's readings is death. Because he was surrounded by Jesus and Mary at his death, St Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Dying. Perhaps we should stress that he lived in this world close to Jesus and that this continues in the next world too. Because he watched over the body of the Infant Christ, we hail him as the Patron of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Universal Church.

ST MICHAEL'S 100 CLUB: We are looking for new members; why not support the Parish in a fun way? Why not join and as well as winning a few pounds, you will also be supporting the Parish. Please ask Elaine for a form after Mass or you can request one by email. Thank you.

UPCOMING DATES

15th Aug. Assumption Sunday. We hope to have a united BBQ for both parishes. Details to be announced

Sat 2nd Oct. Noon, feast of the Guardian Angels. This will be First Holy Communion Day for our candidates in Cirencester

DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING The Safeguarding Team will be delivering safeguarding awareness sessions to volunteers on the following dates and times. The training will be delivered via Microsoft Teams therefore, if you would like to attend, please contact Beci Monks on rebecca.monks@cliftondiocese.com Beci will send you a link to the training a little nearer the time. Thursday 15th July 2021 – 6.30pm – 8.00pm Saturday 25th September 9.30am – 11.00am

COFFEE AFTER MASS AT LAST! You will be delighted to know that we have received confirmation from the Diocese that current government guided advice is in place that we can open both Parish halls from **Sunday 4th July**. We look forward to seeing you after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses.

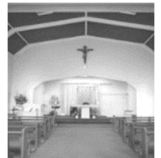


SECOND COLLECTION There will be a second collection today for Peter's Pence. which unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters, providing emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression.



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ORDINARY SUNDAY XIII (Year B) – Peter Pence Collection

Sun 27th June 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)
6.30pm Overflow Mass in St Peter's

WORSHIP THIS WEEK - WEEK XIII Year 1)

Mon 28th Jun. St Irenaeus of Lyons
5.30pm FHC Preparation in St Peter

Ss. PETER & PAUL, Cirencester's Patronal Festival, Solemnity

Mon 28th Jun 6.00pm Proper Vigil Mass in St Michael's

Tue 29nd Jun 10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Noon Mass in St Peter's (Walter Warriner RIP)

6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populus)



Wed 30th Jun. DEDICATION OF CLIFTON CATHEDRAL, Diocesan Feast

10.00am Requiem for Bill Brewer in St Michael's

2.00pm Funeral for Bill Brewer in St Michael's

Thu 1st Jul St Oliver Plunket, Diocesan Memorial

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 2nd Jul. Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Noon Traditional Latin Mass of the Visitation in St Peter's

Sat 3rd Jul. ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, Feast, Patron of India

10.00am Mass in St Michael's



ORDINARY SUNDAY XIV (Year B)

Sun 4th Jul 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)

11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Ruby Shakespeare RIP)

6.30pm Overflow Mass in St Peter's

CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, AT THE MOMENT

ALBERT 'BILL' BREWER RIP: Please pray for the repose soul of Bill Brewer, previously of St Michael's Parish. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family Andrew and Sarah Jane. Bill's funeral will take place in **St Michael's Church on Wednesday 30th June 2021. The 10.00am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for Bill. The actual Funeral Rite will be held @ 2.00pm**

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Ant. All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Kyrie or Lord, have mercy

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: Wisdom 1:13-

15,2:23-24 *God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living*

Psalms Response. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading. 2

Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15 *The Lord Jesus became poor for your sake, to make you rich*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 Little girl, I tell you to get up

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.

The Bidding Prayers

Communion Ant. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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.

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



REQUIESCAT IN PACE Please remember in your prayers the Rt. Revd. Mgr., Canon Provost Richard Twomey [formally of Holy Rood, Swindon] and the Revd. Deacon David Wakefield of Devizes [formally Director of our Lourdes Pilgrimage]. They both departed this life on Monday 21st June. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



FR. PHILIP'S SILVER JUBILEE The extension of the current public health restrictions until Monday 19th July means that we will not be able to celebrate a single team Mass and Picnic as we had hoped on Sunday 11th July. We will, therefore, try to make each Parish Mass be as special as we can. It is important that we give thanks to God for the 'Twenty-five Years' of his Ministry to the Priesthood and to toast the next 'twenty-five'. Please also remember in prayer Fathers Ian McCarthy and Michael Fountaine, who were also ordained priest alongside Fr. Philip and Fathers Gerry Walsh, Bernard Shackleton & Michael Lewis, whose silver jubilees also occur this year.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Like their Saviour Himself, Peter and Paul were both executed as criminals on the orders of the Roman Empire. Peter was crucified, upside down. Paul, as a Roman Citizen was beheaded with a sword. As criminals their bodies should have been thrown into the river Tiber. The guards were open to bribery as a means of supplementing their meagre pay. This is precisely what happened. Loyal Christians took the bodies, but they could not wander through the city with dead bodies and the easiest place to conceal a corpse is a cemetery. Peter was buried hurriedly in the Vatican Necropolis, near the Circus of Nero where he died. Paul was buried in the Cemetery along the main road to Ostia, just outside the walls of the city. The location of their graves was a closely guarded secret for a long time. Eventually, the Empress Helena, born in Colchester and Christian mother of the Emperor Constantine, had basilicas erected over the graves.



Thousands of slaves carried away much of the Vatican Hill by hand in baskets to level the ground. What we see today are the products of ever grander rebuilding. St Paul's is the most recent, the product of a disastrous fire on the rood in 1824. That said, it probably resembles the ancient basilicas much more than St Peter's. Both basilicas have open crypts before the altar to allow pilgrims to access the shrines of the saints.

Fr. Philip was ordained deacon in St Paul's Outside the Walls on 18th June 1996, shortly before returning home for priestly ordination in Downside Abbey and giving first blessings beneath the shrine of St Oliver Plunket, whom we also celebrate this week.