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DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING The Safeguarding Team will be delivering safeguarding awareness sessions to volunteers on **Saturday 25th September 9.30am to 11.00am. The training will be delivered via Microsoft Teams.** For details, please contact Beci Monks on rebecca.monks@cliftondiocese.com

CATCHISTS DAY 25th SEPT. @ ST JOHN’S, TROWBRIDGE David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe will lead the day to give catechists the confidence to enable parents to be the first teachers of their children’s faith. **11.00am till 4.00pm.** Refreshments will be provided; Catechists are asked to bring a packed lunch. contact. adult.education@cliftondiocese.com Please see noticeboard for further information.

FAITH IN ACTION DAY 2021 WITH CAFOD – AN ONLINE DAY OF TALK AND PRAYER Join us to learn more about this year’s climate talks, Pope Francis’s call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home. The countdown is on. In a few months, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the ‘COP26’ climate talks. Our government has a vital role to play in leading global efforts to tackle the climate crisis. But as citizens of the host nation and as people of faith, we have an important role to play too. This is the time to come together, build a community and act. Do not miss **our Faith in Action Day 2021 on Saturday 11 September, 11am-4pm** This event is part of the Great Big Green Week, a series of events happening in September, aimed at bringing together communities across the country. Register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-in-Action-Day-2021> Agenda for the day can be found on the CAFOD website.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 2nd October @ 12Noon and is inviting all married couples to join him. However, if you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th; please let the parish office know, you will receive a personal invite.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 12th Sept. Holy Matrimony in St Peter’s for Jack and Gemma
 Sat 2nd Oct. Noon FHC Mass for our Cirencester Candidates, The Guardian Angels.



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ORDINARY SUNDAY XXII (Year B)

Sat 28th Aug. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter’s **Socially Distanced and No Music**
 Sun 29th Aug. 9.00am Mass in St Michael’s (Mgr. William Mitchell RIP)
 11.00am Mass in St Peter’s (Pro Populis)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK - WEEK XXII (Year 1)

Mon 30th Aug Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, (National Memorial)
11.00am Mass in St Peter’s (Private Intention RIP)
 Tue 31st Aug St Aidan & the Saints of Lindasfarne, (National Memorial)
11.0am Diaconal Ordination of Dom John at Downside
6.00pm Mass in St Peter’s
 Wed 1st Sept Feria in Week XXII
 10.00am Mass in St Michael’s
 Thu 2nd Sept Feria
Fr. P’s Day Off this week
 Fri 3rd Sept ST GREGORY THE GREAT, (National Feast)
 9.30am Mass in St Peter’s (Private Intention RIP)
 Sat 4th Sept Our Lady on Saturday
 10.00am Mass in St Michael’s



NEXT WEEK – ORDINARY SUNDAY XXIII (Year B)

Sat 4th Sept. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter’s **Socially Distanced and No Music**
 Sun 5th Sept. 9.00am Mass in St Michael’s (Pro Populis)
11.00am Mass & Holy Baptism for Mabel Love at St Peter’s

***CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT AT THE MOMENT
 PLEASE TELEPHONE TO ARRANGE***

NEW TO THE PARISH? Please fill in a registration form and take an active part in our two welcoming Parishes

A WARM WELCOME As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our ‘regulars’, asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are welcome to join us for coffee and refreshments after 11.00am Mass in St Peter’s. It has been decided to suspend coffee in St Michael’s until at least September.

MASS OF THE DAY PROPERS

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8 *Add nothing to what I command you!*

Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Second Reading

James 1:17-18,21-22,27 *You must do what the word tells you*

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 *You put aside God's commandments*

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

1. The needy of body, mind or soul, wherever they may be, together with all who have asked for our prayers.
2. The dead in Christ – **Mgr. William Mitchell RIP on his anniversary**
3. Our Diocesan Prayer Link - Kemerton, Twekesbury, Winchcombe with Bishop's Cleave.
4. Mabel Love being baptized next weekend. We remember her Parents, God Parents and family.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - REFLECTING ON THE 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. This famous prayer to St Michael was written by Pope Leo XIII in 1886 to be said at the end of Low Mass. The obligation to do this was removed in 1962, but several popes since have encouraged the retention and use of it in private prayer and public worship, including the reigning Roman Pontiff as recently as 2018. Devotion to the angels and archangels goes back to the Bible and has been with us since the beginning. Michael is mentioned in both Testaments! He is always shown as the Captain of the Heavenly Armies, as on the Holy Icon in Tetbury, to the right of the sanctuary. We are not to see him in terms of the

militarism and the dictatorships of the 20th Century. His role and God's armies are involved in spiritual warfare. Although there are those who are troubled by the very idea of warfare, we all undoubtedly experience the struggle between Good/God and Evil/Satan in our lives. Society is less comfortable these days with the notion of personified evil in the Devil and his fallen angels. They think we are all too sophisticated and wise to believe in old wives tales, but this is only a short step from giving up belief in God is good personified! Old Nick cast off the red suit, pitch fork, horns and tail years ago, for evil is less easily spotted. Hollywood told us that, "The Devil Wears Prada"! The Screwtape Lettes and Screwtape Proposes A Toast by C.S. Lewis remain popular and have been joined by Screwtape Email and other sequels. In these a senior tempter advises his nephew on how to seduce us into untruth. The error of universal salvation likes to keep heaven, but to dispose of hell [There isn't one and no one is going there anyway]. Hell is a truth taught by Sacred Scripture and Jesus Christ Himself. We cannot maintain belief in justice if there is only reward for good and not for bad also. There is a hell and it is perfectly possible to get there, but highly undesirable!! It is where all forces seeking the ruin of souls belong. Christ is our King and so Michael is only described as a Prince. We are all working for the same team. It is His victory we seek and join the angels in extending. It is by the power of God Himself that Michael casts down the wicked spirits. It is the same power that raises us up when we fall and which will lead us to the joys of heaven.



THE LOV VERBUM DEI MINISTRY 'Dei Verbum' was Vatican 2's Decree on Revelation. The phrase means Word of God and is a homage to Vatican I, whose decree on revelation was called. Verbum Dei. This ministry [https://linktr.ee/lov_verbumdei] focuses on Sacred Scripture and is very excited to explore the Gospel of John and Matthew with a 4-Part Series, starting on Tuesday 31st August. 1 episode will be released on their YouTube channel on Tuesdays and Fridays over two weeks for all of us to immerse in a unique way into particular passages of the gospel. Please use the below link to watch the episodes and to slowly and attentively sink into the Word of God that lies behind the 'words' of the Scriptures. You can also listen each episode on various audio platforms (Spotify, Anchor, Google Podcast-simply search for "LOV Verbum Dei" where you can access all their audio resources). Link to the episodes https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnBD0Ooz7iN-DuHmh_nDSx7DI2wc5geZK



THE SAINTLY PATRON OF CIRENCESTER TOWN

Whilst St Peter the Apostle is the patron of our church and parish in Cirencester, St John the Baptist has long been the patron saint of the town itself. He enjoys two feastdays a year, his birthday and his beheading. The beheading or passion of St John is kept on the 29th August. In medieval times, it would have trumpeted the Sunday. He doesn't do this anymore, but we shall use his collect etc. after the Sunday collect in St Peter's this weekend.