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*The Apostles were suspicious of anyone not of their own group, doing things in Jesus’ name. Things haven’t changed much over the centuries and ecumenical distrust is not something of which to be proud. St Joseph simply tried to be faithful to God and diligent in his work, not bad advice for any of us.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** In a world where people are more material than ever, whether it be their own personal wealth and wellbeing or else the physical wellbeing of the poor and disadvantaged, it is good to be reminded that God’s Creation is not only visible but invisible too, as we proclaim in the Nicene Creed. The human soul cannot be seen, but when it departs from the body, we die and the body is no more than a corpse. It would be arrogant to believe we are the only parts of Creation with an invisible and spiritual component. The Holy Bodiless Powers of Heaven are also real. These we call the 9 Choirs of Angels. I love the way they are called choirs, for it speaks of harmony and of their praises of Almighty God. The Bible speaks of fallen angels and so we have to acknowledge that some Bodiless Powers are not good but bad. This Material World does not like to admit that there is a Devil or Demons, but they are real and St Michael leads the armies of heaven in fighting against their evil intentions and attempts to lead us away from God. St Paul in his epistles teaches us about the cosmic battles of good and evil. This faith goes back to our beginnings.

These Bodiless Powers of heaven and earth, are known to us as guardians, rescuers and announcers of messages from God. To do this, they assume bodily form temporarily. Bodies are not part of their nature, as in our case, but only taken on in order to minister to us. Whilst wings are mentioned in the Bible, be very careful of any supposed relic with claims to be a feather from Michael’s wings!!!



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## **ORDINARY SUNDAY XXVI (Year B)**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter’s **Socially Distanced and No Music**  
Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.00am Mass in St Michael’s  
11.00am Mass in St Peter’s (Pro Populis)

## **WORSHIP THIS WEEK - WEEK XXVI (Year 1)**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sept St Vincent de Paul  
**Fr. P’s Day Off**

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Sept St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, First Filipino Martyrs  
9.30am Mass in St Peter’s (Private Intention RIP)

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Sept **ST MICHAEL AND ALL THE ARCHANGELS, Patronal Solemnity of Tetbury**  
**10.00am Mass in St Peter’s**  
**6.00pm Mass in St Michael’s**

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Sept St Jerome of Bethlehem  
9.30am Mass in St Peter’s

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Oct St Therese of Lisieux  
9.30am Mass in St Peter’s (Private Intention RIP)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct **5.30pm First Confessions for our FHC Candidates**  
Holy Guardian Angels  
**No Morning Mass in St Michael’s**  
**Noon FHC Mass for our Cirencester Candidates**



## **NEXT WEEK – ORDINARY SUNDAY XXVII (Year B)**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter’s **Socially Distanced and No Music**  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 9.00am Mass in St Michael’s  
11.00am Mass in St Peter’s (Pro Populis)

**CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT. PLEASE RING TO ARRANGE**

**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.

## SUNDAY MASS PROPERS

**Entrance Antiphon** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**First Reading** Numbers 11:25-29 *Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets*

**Responsorial Psalm** The precepts of the Lord gladden my heart.

**Second Reading** James 3: 1-6 *Your wealth is rotting*

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48 *Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hands should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

**Communion Antiphon** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



## 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.
3. Our Diocesan Prayer Link – Somerton with Langport, Yeovil with South Petherton



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Please remember in your prayers our 5 candidates, who will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday in St Peter's. Most of remember our First Holy Day and how special it was knowing that we were going to receive the Holy Eucharist for the First Time.

**PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION** Lord Jesus, come to me. Lord, Jesus, give me your love. Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself. Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me. Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Catechists Day 11.00am to 4.00pm @ St John's Trowbridge

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Sept **Solemnity of St Michael and all the Archangels**  
10.00am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. **6.00pm Patronal Festival Mass in St Michael's St Therese of Lisieux**

**5.30pm First Confessions**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. **The Holy Guardian Angels**

**Noon FHC Mass for our Cirencester Candidates, Noon Celebration of Married Life in Clifton Cathedral**

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2.00pm Cheltenham Crematorium Funeral of Katie Leith

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. **Harvest Festival Sunday - CAFOD**

Joint Parishes CAFOD Harvest Lunch in St Peter's Hall, after 11.00am Mass



**ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL** Please join us at our **6.00pm Mass on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September in St Michael's to celebrate the Solemnity of St Michael and all the Archangels!** After the turbulent 20 months or so, it will be appropriate for us to come as a parish for this occasion. We hope to follow the Mass with some refreshments in our courtyard.

Offers of cakes very welcome!!

## HARVEST PLANET FRIENDLY LUNCH:

Both, St Michael's and St Peter's parishioners are invited to the **Harvest Lunch in St Peter's Hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October @ 12.00noon approx.** This will be a bring and share lunch with lists for contributions at the back of church. There will be a cost of £3.00 per person with proceeds going towards CAFOD. As part of the Great Big Green Week and the impending Cop26 event in Glasgow, we thought that we would have a lunch. Further details to follow; please put the date in your diaries. Thank you.



**THE DIARY OF GOD** A Guided tour of the Bible following the route of weekday readings ie written by John Huntley and published by the Clifton Diocese. Pope St John Paul II wrote ' Sacred scripture is a real Diary of God in his relationships with his people. A few minutes each day and over two years and you would off read a substantial sample of readings throughout the Old and New Testaments, letters, Gospels, Revelations, Acts and other texts. The coost has risen since we ordered last. They are now £2.50 and still a bargain!