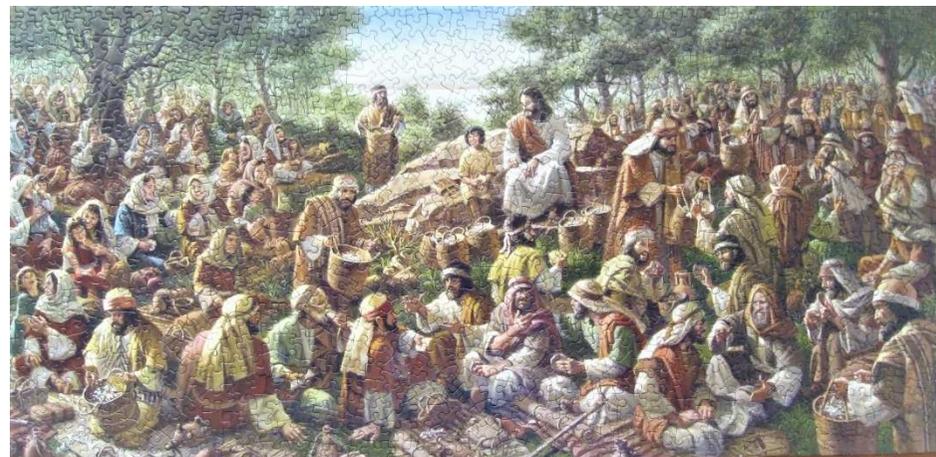


## CONTACT US

**Parish Priest – Fr Philip Thomas**  
**Parish Administrator–Elaine Wright**  
**ST PETER’S RC CHURCH,**  
Telephone 01285 652087  
Website: [www.stpeterscirencester.org](http://www.stpeterscirencester.org)  
Email: [cirencester.stpeter@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:cirencester.stpeter@cliftondiocese.com)  
**ST MICHAEL’S RC CHURCH**  
Telephone: 01666 502367  
Website: [www.stmichaelstetbury.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelstetbury.org.uk)  
Email: [tetbury.stmichael@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:tetbury.stmichael@cliftondiocese.com)  
Contact Fr. Philip via the relevant Parish Office

## ST PETER’S NEEDS YOU

ON A ROTA!! The Pandemic is not going to beat us or close us down. We need to start the counting rota again. Other rotas will follow. Counting the church collections takes place in pairs, on a Tuesday Morning after Mass. If you are a past member of this group or now find yourself with some free time, please come and join us. We really need your help. Leave a message with Fr. Philip,



Lina or Pinky. Thank You,

BACK IN STOCK – “THE DIARY OF GOD” BY JOHN HUNTRISS This blue paperback, published by Clifton Diocese is back in stock at £5 a copy, teaching us about Sacred Scripture by following the readings at Daily Mass. .

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS: We would like to inform you that each parish AGM will take place during March (dates to be announced) after the Parish Financial Returns have been completed and previously discussed at the Parish Finance Committees. If there is something you wish to discuss, please email the appropriate Parish Office, thank you.

## SEPTUAGESIMA SEXAGESIMA QUINQUAGESIMA

SHROVE  
TUESDAY



ASH  
WEDNESDAY



THE -GESIMAS This Sunday marks 70 days to Easter Sunday. The Latin for Seventy is Septuagesima. Lent is on its way. In Latin, Lent is Quadragesima 40. The Liturgy begins to turn towards Lent.. We begin to prepare for it, planning our disciplines, charitable fundraising and so on. Gradually the Alleluia fade and the Gloria begins to

think about this annual Spring time holiday. In the sacristy, we look out our purple vestments, check where we put the Ashes or the Palms for burning and search out the Way of the Cross booklets.

## BULLETIN FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – SEPTUAGESIMA

A WARM WELCOME We welcome visitors and newcomers to join our ‘regulars’. Do join us for coffee and refreshments after 11.00am Mass in St Peter’s

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

**CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT AT THE MOMENT. PLEASE RING TO ARRANGE**



St Peter's church  
7 St Peter's Road  
Cirencester  
Gloucestershire  
GL7 1RE

St Michael's church,  
Silver Street  
Tetbury  
Gloucestershire  
GL8 8DH



**SUNDAY VI 'THROUGH THE YEAR (Year C)**

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's Hall (Pro Populis)

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am Sunday Mass in St Michael's

**9.45am for 10.00am Cirencester Synodal Way Listening Session.**

**[Participants must arrange a key with Mrs. Bacquero in advance]**

**10.00am till 10.30am Tetbury Synodal Way Listening Session.**

11.00am Sunday Mass in 11.00am in St Peter's Hall (Lucja Palarz RIP)

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Feb **SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS,**

Feast as Co-Patrons of Europe

**Fr. P's Day Off – Parish Office Closed**

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Feria of Week 6

9.30am Mass in St St Peters's

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Feria

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Founders of the Servite Order

9.30am Mass

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Our Lady on Saturday

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Feb **No Morning Mass, as Fr. P has to be in Cheddar**

**SUNDAY VII 'THROUGH THE YEAR (Year C) - Sexagesima**

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's Hall (Pro Populis)

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am Sunday Mass in St Michael's

**9.45am for 10.00am Cirencester Final Synodal Way Listening Session. [Participants must arrange a key with Mrs. Bacquero in advance]**

**10.00am till 10.30am Tetbury Final Synodal Way Listening Session.**

11.00am Sunday Mass in 11.00am in St Peter's Hall

**Noon to 2.00pm "Getting to Know You Again" Party in St Michael's Hall**



**CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE** There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk). If anyone would like to join me, Mary Dignan, and create a Team to Walk for Hunger during Lent I would be delighted! Please see me after Mass or email: [mary.dignan81@gmail.com](mailto:mary.dignan81@gmail.com) We do not individually need to walk 200k in Lent, we can share it.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- **Ash Wednesday**, First day of Lent - Fasting and Abstinence  
2<sup>nd</sup> March: Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be: St Michael's Church @10.00am; St Peter's Church @ 6.00pm
- **From Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March through Lent** 11.30am Stations/Way of the Cross in St Michael, followed by Soup and Bread Lunch at 12.15pm
- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** 11.00am Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, Clifton Cathedral. Those to be baptised are Elected by the Bishop and he meets those to be received at Easter.

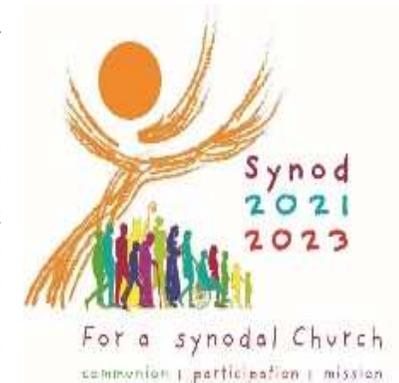


TRIDUUM

**Sundown Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Sundown Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

**PRAYER FOR THE EPISCOPAL SYNOD**

**2023** We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen



## PICKING UP PARISH LIFE AND MOVING FORWARD IN THESE VIRUS-AFFECTED TIMES Fr. Philip now makes two proposals.

1. **A Getting To Know You AGAIN Party in St Michael's Hall on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February Noon to 2.00pm AND A Getting To Know You AGAIN Party in St Peter's Hall on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February Noon to 2.00pm.** Bring a plate of something to share and just chat with other folk. The parishes will provide sticky labels to write names on, so that you don't have to introduce yourself again to any one you haven't seen so far during the Pandemic.
2. **At the Parish AGMs in March to renew the Pastoral Council,** which have been unable to meet under lockdown regulations. These AGMs will take place during March (dates to be announced) after the Parish Financial Returns have been completed and previously discussed at the Parish Finance Committees. If there is something you wish to discuss, please email the appropriate Parish Office, thank you.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022** The theme of the service is Hope; after the past two years this is appropriate as we move forward. **"I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU"** 2022 is a special year for World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This year, Christian women of these countries prepared the World

Day of Prayer service. It has been both challenging and rewarding to write about the three countries that make up our area: our landscape, people and culture all shaped by our history. Services take place all over the world so we are all united in prayer, readings and hymn.

- **Tetbury @ 2.00pm in St Michael's RC church. We hope that due to the service being held in our church we hope that parishioners; men, women, the young and young at heart of all churches but especially our Parishioners will support us. Refreshments will be served afterwards.**
- **Cirencester @ 3.30pm in Ashcroft Methodist church, followed by tea and biscuits**

## SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS, APOSTLES OF THE SLAVONIC PEOPLES

It seems like that these two brothers, originally called Constantine and Methodius, had a Bulgarian mother, from outside the Byzantine Empire. They themselves were thoroughly Greek. They were also still deeply connected to Rome as well as Constantinople. They became missionaries, travelling as far west as Czechia and Slovakia. They used the Old Bulgarian language to speak effectively about Jesus to the Slavs they met. They invented a new kind of script to be able to translate and spread the texts of the Bible and the Liturgy. This script was Glagolitic. Cyril's name is connected to the later Cyrillic Script that some still use.



## **MASS PROPERS FOR THE SIXTH ORDINARY SUNDAY**

**Introit Antiphon:** Be my Protector, O God, a Mighty Stronghold to save me, for You are My Rock, My Stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your Name.

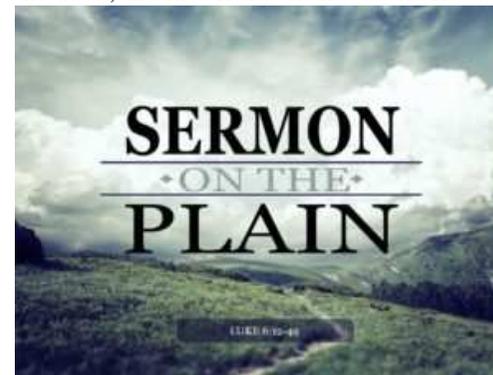
**First Reading** Jeremiah 17:5-8 *Blessed those who trust in God.*

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

**Resp. Psalm:** Happy the man, who has placed his trust in the Lord.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 *Christ has been raised from the dead, so your believing is not in vain.*

Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.



**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to mere children. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 6:17 & 20-26 *Blessed are you when they revile you on account of the Son of Man, for your reward will be great in heaven*

And Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. "Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

**Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

**THE SYNODAL WAY - PREPARING 2021 TO 2023 FOR THE EPISCOPAL SYNOD IN ROME.**

This is a listening process, intended to benefit the Church at every level of its existence and not just to feed into the Bishops attending the meeting in Rome. This is not about discussions or letting off steam. We are supposed to be contributing what we believe God wants for His Church. We are to listen to what others believe that is. We don't just journey with the successors of the Apostles but with one another. We need to submit our reports to Bishop Declan and the diocesan synod tem by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Some matters which come up with be purely local for swift resolution, but the majority may also strike chords in other parishes. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales offers this help to make things a bit easier.



- The Journeying Companions Look at who forms the community which is journeying together? Who are on the peripheries who we need to reach out to? Who do we know who no longer walk with us, who used to and now we don't see? How do we engage with the covid curious? What is our welcome like?
- Listening Do we listen to each other? How do we best do this – people to people, clergy to clergy, bishops to bishops and each to each other? How do we make our listening “a listening of the heart” not just of the issues and subjects at hand? How do we listen to the signs of the times outside the Church and respond to them?
- Speaking Out What is the communication like in our group/parish/diocese? Do we have the freedom, truth and charity to speak with parrhesia and prudence? What defines our speaking – when we speak, what to say, how to say it? How am I living out my prophetic vocation given at baptism?
- Celebrating Does the liturgy of the Church inspire a deeper encounter with the risen Lord? How does my prayer – both individually and in community – affect my discernment of my

participation in the mission of the Church? Is the Eucharist the centre of my, and my community's life? What flows from the Sunday (or daily) Eucharist out of the Church into the world from our communities? What do I give thanks to God for in prayer? What do I seek from him?

- Co-responsibility in the Mission Who do I understand the mission of the Church both in my own life and participation, and in the local church and the universal church? How is what we are doing relate to the Great Commission of Jesus (Matt 28:18- 20)? What formation do I need to be more committed to the mission of the Church? what impact is our local community making in the area – do we make a difference. Dialogue in Church and Society How do we understand dialogue in and outside of the Church? Do we see dialogue as a unique contribution that the Church can make to the world? How do we address the challenges that dialogue brings about? How do we begin to dialogue with others?
- With the other Christian Denominations What is our relationship with the other denominations like? Do we listen to each other as we journey on our pilgrim way? What enriches us from the other traditions? What do we offer them from ours?
- Authority and Participation How is authority exercised in our communities? What are the organs of co-responsibility that allows for the expression of our baptismal consecration as priest, prophet and king? How do the lay faithful collaborate effectively in the life of the local church? What are the fruits of this collaboration, and what are the obstacles and challenges?

