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**Please contact Fr Philip through the relevant Parish Office;**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER:** Could you please send any items for the Parish Newsletter to Elaine in St Michael's Parish Office by Wednesday @12.00noon.

**Items for the Newsletter need to be in WORD not PDF. Thank you.**

**'WANT A CHAT?' A NEW SERVICE FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST**

**MICHAEL'S** We have an interesting, new development taking place shortly - A confidential telephone service, 'Want A Chat', will be available to all parishioners in St Michael's in this year. It is available for everyone, including those feeling a bit lonely, isolated, or are unable to get to Mass and just want a chat or a catch-up with someone from the Parish. Others may want contact with people outside the family, or possibly want to discuss in confidence some issue they have. The service, which is time limited, it is open to all parishioners for most of their issues. It will not, however, be an advisory service, purely a kindly listening service. Further details will follow

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES:** There is a Marriage Enrichment Course offering a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them; 3-5 March 2023 at The Campanile Hotel, Great Western Way, Delta Business Park, Swindon, SN5 7XG. Our experience helped us to understand each other more and reminded us that we had made a sacramental marriage in front of our families and God. The Marriage Encounter course also helped us with our relationships with our children. For us our experience was a gift from God. For further information and to book please contact : <https://www.me.org.uk>.

**EPIPHANY THEMES AND THE 2<sup>ND</sup> PART OF CHRISTMAS-TIDE:**

Several liturgical seasons have a second part. Advent has the last week of O Antiphons. Lent has Passiontide. Easter has Ascension-tide. With the Solemnity of Epiphany, Christmas Time moves into its second part. It is often quite short and gets easily overlooked. The Second Part focusses on the showing forth to the world of the truth of Christ's Incarnation. The Visit of the Wise Men is only one Bible scene used to do this. The Baptism of the Lord is another, anciently kept on the 13<sup>th</sup> January. The Miracle at Cana and the Multiplication of the Loaves are also used to make the same points. Which Gospel stories most tell you about who and what Jesus is?



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### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS III**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm Mass in St Peter's

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael's

11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

### **WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan Feria of Week 1

**FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF**

**BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Jan Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Jan Feria

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Jan St Aelred of Rievaulx

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

**8.00pm Taize Service in St Michael's**

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Jan St Hilary of Poitiers

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Our Lady on Saturday

9.30am in St Peter's

### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael's

11.00am Mass in St Peter's

**2.00pm Holy Baptism of Frances McCarthy**

### **CONFESSIONS**

**IN ST PETER'S: SATURDAY 5.15PM TO 5.45PM**

**IN ST MICHAEL'S: WEDNESDAY 10.45AM TO 11.15AM**

**& BY APPOINTMENT; PLEASE RING TO ARRANGE. THANK YOU**

## **MASS PROPERS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A)**

**Entrance Antiphon** After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son! With Him I am well pleased.

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4 & 6-7** *Here is my servant in whom I am well pleased*

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless His people with peace.**

**Second Reading: Act 10:34-38** *God had anointed Him with the Holy Spirit*

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded, "This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!" Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel Matthew 3:13-17** *As soon as Jesus was baptised, He saw the Spirit of God coming down on Him*

**Communion Antiphon** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**THIS SUNDAY:** We will be celebrating the Baptism of the Lord. This brings to the end the Christmas Season. By ancient English Tradition, the Crib will remain in place for 40 days until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; please come and pray before the Infant Baby Who came to save the world.

**ANSWERING GOD'S CALL** - A VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR LENT will be taking place at the Bernardine Convent in Brownhill, near Stroud, this reflective weekend (3 - 5 March 2023), is open to men and women aged 18-35. There's chance to spend some time in prayer in beautiful surroundings listening to the voice of the Lord who calls us to follow him and serve him. £90 full board. More information on the notice board.

**ST MICHAEL'S CRIB DONATIONS:** Tetbury crib donations are being donated to Mary's Meals. Their vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.



Working, together with those who share our vision, we believe there is no good reason why this cannot be realized. Their work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. Mary's Meals consists of, respects, and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none.

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE SOUL OF POPE BENEDICT XVI** There will be a Diocesan Mass for Pope Benedict on Tuesday 10th January 2023 commencing at 11.00am in Clifton Cathedral for those who wish to attend. However, it was disappointing of the low number in St Peter's for the Mass that Fr Philip offered last Sunday for the late Pope.

**ST MICHAEL'S HALL** Parishioners are reminded that we have a hall which can be hired; if you or a group you know are interested in hiring the hall, please contact St Michael's Parish

Office on the details above. A gentle reminder to those who clean the church or arrange flowers; please remember to look at the calendar on the hall notice board on the Sunday before you wish to come in to check that the hall is free; the hall is hired out at various times and days during the week. Thank you for your co-operation.

**TAIZE IN TETBURY** there will be a Taizé Service in St Michael's Church, Tetbury on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 @ 8.00pm. All are most welcome. Sue and Robin

**SYCAMORE - WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?** Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Rose Lanigan, Mission Support Manager for Sycamore is running a series of 'How to Webinars' for Clifton diocese. This helpful and practical series will be hosted on Zoom in January as four evening sessions each starting at 7pm, **and then repeated** in February during the daytime from 11am.

<b>Sessions</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
How to get momentum going	12th starting at 7pm	2nd starting at 11am
How to run a group	17th starting at 7pm	8th starting at 11am
To 'Retreat' or not?	25th starting at 7pm	14th starting at 11am
How to support parents	31st starting at 7pm	28th starting at 11am

- How to get momentum going - This is for anyone who wants to run Sycamore but does not know how to get things off the ground. It will offer very practical suggestions for how to get started.
- How to run a group - This webinar goes through the 'nuts and bolts' of running an individual session - how to prepare for and deliver a session effectively. Rose will also talk about some of the ways you can deal with difficult or awkward situations and how to manage them carefully and respectfully.
- To 'Retreat' or not? - The retreat element can often be regarded as complicated to organise or not practical. This webinar talks about a typical retreat format, including how to lead prayer, and a discussion on alternative approaches for different formats, for example, online groups.
- How to support parents - This webinar will look at ways Sycamore can be used to supplement your current catechetical and sacramental programmes that you are already running to support and encourage parents and help build community.

Everyone is welcome to take part in some or all of the sessions, please sign up by following the links below. For more details please contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**[Click here to join the webinars in January](#) [Click here to join the webinars in February](#)**