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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://wwme.org.uk>.

**THE PARISH OFFICE – A REMINDER** The Office of St Peter's is usually open on Tuesday and Friday from 10.00am till around 4.00pm. The Office of St Michael's is usually open on Wednesdays after morning Mass till around 3.00pm. Neither Office has ever been open every day. Please allow for Father and the Administrator to eat their lunch in peace. For small, rural parishes like ours it will not be possible to do more than we are doing at present.

Discussions are taking place about centralising administration in each of the new deaneries proposed by the Bishop. Tetbury and Cirencester, together with Fairford will be moving into Cheltenham Deanery and Stroud Deanery will cease to exist, with remaining parishes moving into Gloucester and the Forest.



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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.    6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan    9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
                         11.00am Mass in St Peter's  
**4.30pm TACT AGM-Christ Church**  
**6.0pm Christian Unity Service; Chrit Church, The Chipping Tetbury**

**WORSHIP THIS WEEK – Week 3 Year 2 of the Lectionary**

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan    Feria of Week 3  
**FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF**  
**BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Jan    St Francis De Sales  
                         9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Mary Gurney RIP)  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan    CONVERSION OF ST PAUL (Feast)  
                         10.00am Mass in St Michael's  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Jan    Sts, Timothy and Titus  
                         9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Bernadette Langton RIP)  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan    St Angela De Merici  
                         9.30am in St Peter's` (Margaret 'Peggy' Collett RIP)  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan    St Thomas, Aquinas  
                         9.30am in St Peter's` (Private Intention)

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.    6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Eliabeth Brown RIP)  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Jan    9.00am Mass in St Michael's (pro populo)  
                         11.00am Mass in St Peter's

**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 ORDINARY SUNDAY II (Year A)**

**Entrance Antiphon** **O Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength, and honour in His holy place.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3** *In Galilee of the nations, great light has shone on a people in darkness*

**Responsorial Psalm** **The Lord is my light and my help.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17** *Make up the differences between you and don't disagree amongst yourselves*

**Gospel Acclamation** **Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!**

**Holy Gospel Matthew 4:12-23** *He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled*

**Communion Antiphon** **Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

**COLLECTION COUNTERS** Both parishes are require, additional collection counters as part of an import ant team in the parish. If you are on Tuesday, mornings in St Peter's parish or Wednesday morning in St Michael's parish please contact Elaine

**CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE 2023** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs, as always from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> (The Confession of St Peter) to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January (the Conversion of St Paul). It was originally invented by Anglican in the USA, who desperately wanted corporate reunion with the Holy See in Rome.

**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 TO "MARY'S MEALS"**: 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.

**ST MARY'S, TETBURY 'SONGS OF PRAISE'** St Michael's neighbours at Our Lady and St Mary Magdalene Anglican church are holding a Songs of Praise at 5.00pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please see poster on noticeboard.

**HOLOCAUST SERVICE** Holocaust Service at the RAU on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp 12.30-1.15pm in the Tithe Barn at the RAU. Millions around the world join together to mark this, and to point ourselves and the world towards a better future. We will gather at the RAU to hear stories, watch video, light candles and to pray inspired by the 2023 theme of 'Ordinary People'. Refreshments afterwards.

**TACT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** Reflect breakfast for Women Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9.30-11.00am – Christchurch – for further information and booking details, please see poster on noticeboard.

**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.

**CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time (could be as little as 2 minutes short talk twice a year) and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support are provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [clifton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:clifton@cafod.org.uk)--

**Rosary: I would like also to draw you attention to CAFOD's Rosary prayer: Pray the rosary | CAFOD that is being prayed every Thursday morning on ZOOM. Maybe the Rosary group or individual Parishioners would be interested in praying together? Or in their own time? The reflections can be downloaded**

**CYMFED FLAME**: On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, the CYMFED Flame Congress for young people is returning to London after a significant break due to the pandemic. An invite all young people to join once again for an inspirational day of worship, top-rated speakers, fantastic music, and the chance to join together in prayer. The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon – takes the WYD Scripture "Mary arose and went with haste" and crystallises it into the theme, "Rise Up!" The parish in Fairford have obtained some tickets and invite youth from our parishes to join them. If you are in year 9 and above up to and including University students. If you are interested in joining them, please phone the parish office.