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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" The Cribs come down after our Candlmass celebrations, 40 days after Christmas. This is, therefore your last chance to make an offering at the Crib for Mary's Meals. They work, together with those who share their 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 29th January. Please see poster on noticeboard.

MARRIAGE CARE Would you be interested in becoming a 'Relationship Counsellor' with Marriage Care? New applications are being accepted now. Six places are available. For more information and to apply go to www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc/ Closing date for this course is soon so it does interest you please apply soon.

LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION - LENT CONFESSIONS Bishop Declan is to celebrate Penance Services during Lent at four venues across the diocese.

Thursday 9 March (*Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol*),

Thursday 16 March (*St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome*),

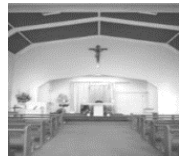
Thursday 23 March (*St Mary, Swindon*),

Thursday 30 March (*Our Lady of Lourdes, Weston-Super-Mare*).

Each Liturgy will start at 7pm; except for *Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym*, which will start at 6pm.



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Sat 28th Jan. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Eliabeth Brown RIP)

Sun 29th Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (pro populo)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's

WORSHIP THIS WEEK – Week 4 Year 2 of the Lectionary

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FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF

BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Tues 31st Jan St John Bosco

9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Bernd Rudolph in sickness)

Wed 1st Feb St Bridget of Ireland

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thurs 2nd Feb PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE, (Feast) -
CANDLEMASS

9.30am Ceremonies & Mass in St Peter's

12.00noon Ceremonies & in St Michael's

Fri 3rd Feb St Blaise of Sebaste

**9.30am Mass & Blessing of Throats in St Peter's (Kenzo
Fairhurst (Int)**

Sat 4th Feb St Gilbert of Sempringham

9.30am in St Peter's`

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Sat 4th Feb 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Davis Mackie RIP)

Sun 5th Feb 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (pro populo)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Lucia Palarz Int)

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Thursday 2nd February Feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple [Candlemass] Ceremonies and Mass in St Peter's @ 9.30am and in St Michael's @ 12.00noon
- Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday Mass & Ashing in St Michael's @ 10.00am Mass and Ashing in St Peter's @6.00pm

MASS PROPERS FOR ORDINARY SUNDAY IV (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You

First Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3:12-13 *In your midst I will leave you a humble and lowly people*

Responsorial Psalm How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 *God chose what is foolish by human reckoning*

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 Matthew 5: 1-12 *Opening of the Sermon on the Mount – The Beatitudes*

Communion Antiphon Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

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

MICHAEL'S We have an interesting, new development - A confidential telephone service, 'Want A Chat', will be available to all parishioners in St Michael's in this year, 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

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 Forrest

CHRISTIAN ECO FRIENDS – A NEW MINISTRY FOR SINGLE

CHRISTIANS There is a brilliant new Ministry for single Christians in our Diocese! Christian Eco-Friends is the place for single Christians to connect through team events which help save our Planet, Our Common Home. To book on the next event - helping to re-green Stoke Park in Bristol on February 4th - see here to book: <https://christianecofriends.co.uk/events/>

CIRENCESTER FOODBANK Helping people in crisis Cirencester Foodbank operates across the South Cotswolds, including Tetbury and surrounding areas, and supports individuals and families. To access Foodbank support, one needs to be given an online voucher. Vouchers are available from organisations such as Citizens Advice, P3, GP surgeries, churches, schools, mental health teams, Cirencester Signpost, Social Services, District Councils, Town Councils etc The Foodbank is incredibly grateful to everyone offering food donations, money and time. Food donation points are available at the checkouts in Tesco in Tetbury and in Tesco Extra and Waitrose in Cirencester. All donations of non-perishable foodstuffs are very welcome there and will be transferred to the Foodbank warehouse for onward distribution. Please check out the Foodbank website www.cirencester.foodbank.org.uk to see which items of non-perishable food and cleaning materials are most in demand

LAWN AND LAUNDRY The old English word Lawn means items made out of linen. The Old French Lin means the same. The French will give us the word Lingerie, because foundation garments were most made out of linen. The English lawn will give us Laundry. The change of spelling is insignificant. It concentrates on the washing of linen. Money laundering is immoral and illegal and not our business!!

Our corporals, purificators and lavabo towels for Mass are referred to as Small Linens. We are hugely grateful to **Olivia Murray** has laundered our Small Linens for over a decade in Cirencester. She retires at the end of February. Instruction on the special care and folding of small linens is readily available for any lady or gentleman willing to take on the task. It is not fair to expect our valiant teams of sacristans in each parish to do this job. Volunteers are sought for both parishes!! The job is largely unseen by most parishioners but known to God and the clergy

TACT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST Reflect breakfast for Women **Saturday 28th January 9.30-11.00am – Christchurch** – 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.