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THE -GESIMAS This Sunday marks "70 days to Easter's primrose tide of praise. Septuagesima, Sexa- Quinqu- means Lent is near, which make you think." This little verse by Sir John Betjeman makes the point about the approach of Lent. The word Septuagesima is the Latin for 70. Quadagesima is Latin for both Lent and for 40. The Season has 40 days, plus 6 Sundays.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This will be held this year on **Friday 3rd March 2023 @ 2.00pm in Christ Church, Tetbury and 10.30am at the Friends Meeting House, Thomas Street, Cirencester.** The theme of the service 'I have heard about your faith' This year, Christian women of Taiwan have prepared the World Day of Prayer service. Services take place all over the world so we are all united in prayer, readings and hymn. We hope that parishioners; men, women, the young and young at heart will support these services. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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 (*Corpus Christi, Weston-Super-Mare*).

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

THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION – An afternoon talk with Fr Aelred Baker OSB on Newman and Stories in the Bible will take place on Tuesday 7th February 2023 @ 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Parish Hall, Moorened Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU. Admission £3 including refreshments. Please see poster for further information



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - SEPTUAGESIMA

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

Sun 5th Feb 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (pro populo)

11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Lucia Palarz Int)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK – Week 5 Year 1 of the Lectionary

Mon 6th Feb Sts. Paul Miki and Companions

FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF

BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Tues 7th Feb Feria of Week 5

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Wed 8th Feb St Jerome Emiliani/St Josephine Bakhita

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thurs 9th Feb Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 10th Feb St Scholastica

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Sat 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of Prayer for the Sick

9.30am in St Peter's`

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - SEXAGESIMA

Sat 11th Feb 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Julia Caravana RIP)

Sun 12th Feb 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (pro populo)

11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Mhaini McCready)

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

- Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday Mass & Ashing in St Michael's @ 10.00am Mass and Ashing in St Peter's @6.00pm

TAIZE – The Taize service in February will take place in Christ Church, The Chipping, Tetbury on Friday 10th February @ 8.00pm. All welcome

MASS PROPERS FOR ORDINARY SUNDAY V (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God, Who made us, for He is the Lord Our God.

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10 *Then will your light shine like the dawn*

Responsorial Psalm The good man is a light in the darkness of the upright

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 *During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Matthew 5: 13-14 *You are the light of the world*

Communion Antiphon Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

“PASSEVER IN JERUSALEM OR NICE ONE, CYRIL” - DEVOTIONAL TALKS ON THE LITURGY OF LENT Friday 7.00pm in St Peter's, 24th February, 3rd March and 10th March, Father Philip will give a historical and faith perspective on what we do in Lent and Holy Week.

REST IN PEACE

- Please remember in your prayers Canon Anthony Harding, retired priest of this diocese who passed away last Sunday.
- Also, Mary Dickman, former parishioner of St Peter's who moved several years ago to be nearer family in Bristol. May they both rest in peace. Amen

‘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

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS People often associate Lent about giving up something that we enjoy; but it can also mean taking up something spiritual we don't usually do. Examples include attending Mass midweek or a weekly Stations of the Cross; Fr Philip invites parishioners of both parishes to join together in St Michael's Church for Stations of the Cross commencing Friday 24th February @ 12.00noon as part of our preparation for Easter.

LENTEN LUNCHESES – After Stations of the Cross, why not join us in the hall for 'homemade soup'. TACT (Tetbury Area Churches Together) have been instrumental in arranging these

lunches in previous but unfortunately this stopped due to COVID. Last year a few of St Michael's parishioners thought it would be a good idea to start again. Please join us and support the two usual causes CAFOD and Christian Aid. If you are able to make us some soup please put your name on the list in the porch, thank you.

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 A team, rather than an individual would share the task around. 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.