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**THE -GESIMAS** Last Sunday marked "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. Quadragesima 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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'**

**CAFOD -LENT CHALLENGE.** Calling all fit parishioners to partake in a Lenten Triathlon. We want to recruit a Team who will be able to swim, cycle and run or walk a certain distance in Lent and then record their achievements on the board in the Hall. Our Team members will need sponsorship....so that involves everyone! Please contact Mary Dignan if you would like to partake.

**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*).

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

**Stroud Deanery Reconciliation Service at Immaculate Conception, Stroud at 7.00pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL** - Bishop Declan has requested the following: "CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike." For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.



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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - SEXAGESIMA**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Julia Caravana RIP)

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Maggie Marum RIP)  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Mhaini McCready Int)

**WORSHIP THIS WEEK – Week 6 Year 1 of the Lectionary**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Feria of Week 6

**FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF - BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Feb ST CYRIL AND ST METHIDIUS (Feast)

9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo

transferred)

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Feria

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

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

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Our Lady on Saturday

9.30am in St Peter's`

**SUNDAY VII IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) - QUINQUAGESIMA**

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 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**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Ash Wednesday Mass & Ashing in St Michael's @ 10.00am  
Mass and Ashing in St Peter's @6.00pm
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March Feast of St David of Wales, 10.00am Mass in St Michael's
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Feast of St Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland, 9.30am Mass in St Peter's
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Transferred Solemnity of St Joseph, 6.00pm Mass in St Peter's
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Annunciation of Christ to Our Lady, 9.30am Mass in St Peter's

## MASS PROPERS FOR ORDINARY SUNDAY VI (Year A)

**Entrance 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: Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21** *We are offered both life and death. Make the right choice*

**Responsorial Psalm** They are happy, who follow God's law!

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10** *God has chosen us for glory*

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37** *You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you*

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

### "PASSEVER IN JERUSALEM OR NICE ONE, CYRIL" - TALKS ON THE

**LITURGY OF LENT** Friday 7.00pm in St Peter's, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> March, Father Philip will give a historical and faith perspective on what we do in Lent and Holy Week.

**REST IN PEACE** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maggie Marum, who passed away during the night of Friday. We remember her family and friends at this sad time

**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.

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

**MICHAEL'S** New development this year- A confidential telephone service, 'Want A Chat', will be available to all parishioners in St Michael's, 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 24<sup>th</sup> February @ 12.00noon as part of our preparation for Easter.

### JOURNEYING THROUGH THE DESERT - ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT:

There will be guest speakers from around the country. Each session will be between 7pm – 8pm and will give us an opportunity to reflect and pray our way through Lent. To access each conversation via Microsoft Teams, please register on the Eventbrite links below.

28 February: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-1-tickets-529116962077](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-1-tickets-529116962077)

7 March: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-2-tickets-529124464517](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-2-tickets-529124464517)

14 March: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-3-tickets-529126530697](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-3-tickets-529126530697)

21 March: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-4-tickets-529135026107](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-4-tickets-529135026107)

29 March: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-5-tickets-529141003987](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-5-tickets-529141003987)

4 April: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-6-tickets-529147383](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-through-the-desert-6-tickets-529147383)

**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](http://www.cirencester.foodbank.org.uk) to see which items of non-perishable food and cleaning materials are most in demand

**"WHY DID JESUS DIE?" – 3 Scripture-Based Sessions for Lent** The Passions are very familiar stories, but John Huntriss will put the pieces together to tell the Passion/Easter story. He will also look at the details we hear read each year, but may have never stopped to consider. A good preparation for Holy Week and Easter. John Huntriss leads three Scripture based Lenten sessions **at St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham**. John has been leading Scripture sessions around the diocese for many years and is a superb scriptural scholar and communicator. The **Wednesday evening sessions on 15, 22 & 29 March. Each session starts at 7pm.**