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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'

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.

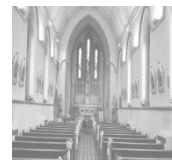
Stroud Deanery Reconciliation Service at Immaculate Conception, Stroud at 7.00pm on

Thursday 16th March

CHRISTIAN ECO-FRIENDS: EVENT MARCH 4TH TO HELP AGAINST

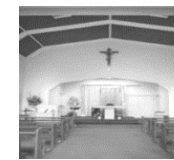
CLIMATE CHANGE A brilliant new Ministry which helps mitigate against the Climate Crisis by working together on outdoor projects to help and heal Nature, for single Christians, is hosting its next event on Saturday March 4th, Eco-Matting Trees in South Wales. To book on this event, including instructions on car-pooling and how to get there, click on the link : <https://christianecofriends.co.uk/events/>

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION There will be a talk on **Tuesday 7 March at 2.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Revd Robert Wright, the Vicar of All Saints, Pittville, grew up and came to Faith in East London, read Theology at Durham and trained for Ministry at St Stephen's House, Oxford, will speak to us on: *Spiritual Inspiration from the Giants of the Anglo-Catholic Movement* All are welcome Admission: £3 (members & students)



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LENT I – Quadragesima (Year A)

Sat 25th Feb 6.00pm Penitential Procession & Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 26th Feb 9.00am Penitential Procession & Mass in St Michael's (pro populo)
11.00am Penitential Procession & Mass in St Peter's (Minnie Boyle RIP)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK – Lent Week 1

Mon 27th Feb Lenten Feria
FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF - BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Tues 28th Feb Lenten Feria
9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Guang Hui Pan Int)

Wed 1st Mar ST DAVID OF WALES, National Feast
10.00am Way of the Cross in St Peter's
10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thu 2nd Mar Lenten Feria
9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Private Intention)

Fri 3rd Mar Lenten Feria
9.30am Mass in St Peter's
11.15am Funeral Pamela Cardozo Kingsdown Crematorium
12.00noon Way of the Cross in St Michael's
7.00pm 'Passover in Jerusalem' Lecture in St Peter's

Sat 4th Mar Lenten Feria
9.30am in St Peter's`

LENT II (YEAR A) -

Sat 4th Mar 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Mary Dickman RIP)
Sun 5th Mar 9. 00 Mass in St Michael's (Graham Wright RIP)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (pro populo)

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

We wish Fr Philip and all our Welsh Parishioners a 'Happy St David's Day' on Wednesday

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - There will be a second collection next Sunday for CAFOD. Gift Aid envelopes are available, please take one.

MASS PROPER FOR LENT I (Year A)

The Penitential Rites and Bidding Prayers are replaced by the Litany of the Saints at the beginning. SEE SEPARATE SHEET

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 *The Creation, and the sin of our first parents*

Responsorial Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 *However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater*

Gospel Acclamation Praise to You, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Holy Gospel Matthew 4:1-11 *The temptation in the wilderness*

Communion Antiphon One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

MAGGIE MARUM'S MEMORIAL MASS It has been confirmed that a Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 6th March in St Michael's Church @ 2.30pm with Fr. Isidore followed by a reception in the hall afterwards. To help with catering please send an RSVP to: Peter.stjohn@icloud.com

SACRED LAUNDRY 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. The job is largely unseen by most parishioners but known to God and the clergy.

"PASSEOVER IN JERUSALEM OR NICE ONE, CYRIL" - 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Bishop Declan invites us all, individuals and praishe, to take part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - **18th- 25th August 2023**. This is the first time we have been able to travel to Lourdes in three years, so we are expecting it to be popular. Please note there is no coach or Jumbulance going this year, so everyone will need to fly. For further information, please see poster.

'WANT A CHAT?' A NEW SERVICE FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST MICHAEL'S '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 - THE WAY OF THE CROSS Don't "give something up" (except sin!) TAKE SOMETHING UP!!!. 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 and on Wednesday mornings in St Peter's @10.00am, as part of our preparation for Easter. Volunteers to lead the Stations always welcome.

"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.**

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Fri 17th March, Feast of St Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland, 9.30am Mass in St Peter's**
- **Mon 20th March, Transferred Solemnity of St Joseph, 6.00pm Mass in St Peter's**
- **Sat 25th Solemnity of the Annunciation of Christ to Our Lady, 9.30am Mass in St Peter's**