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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 Marv, 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

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

PRAYER GROUP St Peter's Prayer Group has restarted. During Lent we are meeting every Friday @ 10.30am at Apartment 1, Woolrich House, The Waterloo, Cirencester. Tel: 01285 671156. When the room at the back of St Peter's Hall is ready we shall meet there. If you are coming, please let Geraldine know. Everyone is welcome. If you would like us to pray for someone or something in particular, please let us know.

ST PETER'S 100 CLUB February Winners £30; 147; £20: 35; £10: 161;



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LENT II (Year A

Sat 4th Mar 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Mary Dickman RIP) Sun 5th Mar 9.00 am Mass in St Michael's (Graham Wright RIP) 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (pro populo)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK – Lent Week 11

	IIIS WEEK - Left Week II
Mon 6 th Mar	Lenten Feria
	11.00am in St Peter's Requiem Mass for Maureen Smithies
	2.30pm in St Michael's Requiem Mass for Maggie Marum
Tues 7 th Mar	Lenten Feria
	FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF - BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
Wed 8th Mar	Lenten Feriia
	10.00am Way of the Cross in St Peter's
	10.00am Mass in St Michael's
Thu 9 th Mar	Lenten Feria – St Frances of Rome
	9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Private Intention)
	8.00pm Taize in St Michael's
Fri 10 th Mar	Lenten Feria
	9.30am Mass in St Peter's
	12.00noon Way of the Cross in St Michael's
	7.00pm 'Passover in Jerusalem' Lecture in St Peter's
Sat 11 th Mar	Lenten Feria
	9.30am in St Peter's`

LENT III (YEAR A) -

- Sat 11th Mar 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
- Sun 12th Mar 9. 00am Mass in St Michael's

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 vou

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR SOMETHING ROSE ON MOTHERING SUNDAY - LENT IV. REMEMBER THE SAVIOUR DIDN'T 'PINK' FROM THE DEAD – HE ROSE!!

MASS PROPERS FOR LENT II (Year A)

<u>Entrance Antiphon:</u> Of You my heart has spoken, 'Seek His face!'. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.

<u>First Reading Genesis 12: 1-4</u> *The call of Abraham, the father the People of God* <u>**Resp. Psalm. May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.**</u>

Second Reading 2 Timothy God calls and enlighten us

<u>Gospel Acclamation</u> Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Holy Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 His face shone like the Sun

<u>Communion Antiphon:</u> This is my Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him

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: <u>Peter.stjohn@icloud.com</u>

<u>HETTIE NIBLETT'S FUNERAL SERVICE</u> It is with sadness that we confirm the death of Hettie Niblett. Her funeral service will take place on Tuesday 7th March 2023 in St Mary's Anglican church, Tetbury at 11.00am

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.

<u>"PASSOVER IN JERUSALEM OR NICE ONE, CYRIL" - TALKS ON THE</u> <u>LITURGY OF LENT</u> 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.

<u>'WANT A CHAT?' A NEW SERVICE FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST</u> <u>MICHAEL'S</u> '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 catchup 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.

<u>"WHY DID JESUS DIE?" - 3 Scripture-Based Sessions for Lent</u> 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 LUNCHES – 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.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH This will take place **11**th **-19**th **March 2023**. Remember the Solemnity is not on Sunday 19^{thmarch,} because it is Mothering Sunday and is moved to **Monday 20**th **March**. The National Novena will take at St Joseph's Church Maidenhead Saturdays 10.00am; Sundays 11.00sm; Monday to Friday 7.30pm. The Masses are also available by zoo, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhilmissionaries.com/novena.

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
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