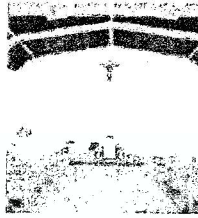


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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sat 19th Aug 6 Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)
Sun 20th Aug 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Stefan Watts RIP)

WORSHIP WEEK TWENTIETH

Mon 21st Aug. St Pius, Pope
No morning Mass

FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Tue 22nd Aug. The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Mass in S Michael's

Wed 23rd Aug. Feria Week XX
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Thur. 24th Aug ST BATHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE (Feast)
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 25th Aug St Louis of France
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Sat 26th Aug Our Lady on Saturday
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Sat 26th Aug 6 Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 27th Aug 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 you.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, Our Shield; and look on the face of Your Anointed One; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 *I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Psalms Response: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 *With Israel, God never takes back His gifts or revokes His choice.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow Me. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 15: 21-28 *Woman, you have great faith.*

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy, in Him is plentiful redemption.

1st H. C. FHC will take place on Youth Sunday; **Sunday 26th November in both Parishes.** If you have a child aged eight or over who has been Baptised, please contact Elaine at your parish office and form will be sent to you. Lessons will start in early September.

FR PHILIP Further to Fr Philip's unexpected and sad announcement that Bishop Declan is moving him to be Parish Priest in Dursley and Nympsfield; Father's last weekend with us will be 2nd/3rd September. It is only right that we give a fond farewell; therefore, there will be "Bring and Share" suppers in both parishes as follows:-

- **St Michael's P 1arish: Sunday 3rd September @ 6.30pm**
- **St Peter's Parish Monday 4th September @ 6.00pm**

Please sign the lists at the back of each church to indicate what food and drink you will be bringing. In the four years that Fr Philip has been with us, we have been through 'COVID'. Father supported us through the lockdown periods and the restrictions, when we were allowed to re-open. It is only right that we express our gratitude.

FR. MARIA SALVAN MSFS Bishop Declan has decided that Fr Maria Salvan MSFS, will be our Priest in Charge/Priest Administrator. For St Michael's, this is coming full circle, so to speak – The MSFS Fathers were at York House and later it was they, who purchased the redundant Zoar Baptist chapel. Fr Maria, originally from India, has been working for the past two years in the Diocese of Northampton. Father will celebrate his first Sunday Masses the weekend 9th/10th September. We will show him a warm welcome.

DAVID LOWSLEY-WILLIAMS RIP We would like to thank David's family who requested that we should receive a portion of the retiring collection taken at the recent Memorial Service. We have received a cheque for just under £1000.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH No parish can survive without volunteers, so to these in both parishes we give our grateful thanks!! However, Diocesan guidelines state that in accordance with Health and Safety restrictions, nobody should be and all within me in the church or hall on their own. We therefore ask that you abide by these rules and come in pairs to complete your tasks. We would also like to remind you that if you have an accident whilst at Mass or working within the parish, please notify Elaine so it can be recorded in the appropriate parish accident book. Thank you for your co-operation and continued support in the parish. **Fr Philip.**

AN INTRODUCTION TO SMALL GROUP FACILITATION - as part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church the department of Adult Education & Evangelization is offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other parish groups. This short session will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. **Dates and venues** (including Eventbrite link to register): The nearest venue: Sat 30th Sept: St Patrick church in Brockworth, (10.00am-Noon) www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652917512857 Please sign up for any of the events on offer through the Eventbrite link. A minimum of five people is required for a session to take place – no upper limit. Please see poster for further information.

LIGHT OF TRUTH Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a six-week course for the formation of catechists. The six sessions cover:

- Introduction to catechesis – 21 September
- Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis – 28 September
- The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism – 5 October
- Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible – 12 October
- Methods and Resources – 19 October
- Preparing a Catechetical Session – 26 October

This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. To sign up for the series, click on the following link: **Meeting Registration – Zoom**

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ADVANCED NOTICE - ADVENT CONCERT IN CIRENCESTER –

LOOKING FOR SINGERS! After the success of last year's event, Cirencester Town //Council will once again be hosting the Advent Concert in St Jon the Baptist church on Saturday 25th November between 11.00am and 6.00pm and broadcast simultaneously to large screens located in the Market Place. We are looking for a variety of acts to appeal to all types of visitors, with each act incorporating a festive theme. Each performance will last half an hour with a further half an hour for set up/pull down. If you are interested in performing, please contact Jeanette Salter along with the number of participants by the end of July. Due to the number of slots available, we may not be able to accommodate all the acts. You, will be notified, that you have been included, in the programme by early September. Jeanette contact details; Email keystone-group.vo.uk; Tel: 01453 872731

THE LITTLE WAY CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST (CET)

The new Little Way CET is due to open on 1 January 2024. It will initially launch with six Gloucestershire Catholic Primary Schools and aims to expand to include more schools soon. Bishop Declan has appointed six Foundation Directors and is seeking to appoint two more Directors to complete the board. Existing Foundation Governors/ Directors, as well as people without any previous school governor experience, may apply. The board has identified a need for a person(s) with skills in Legal matters and/or Human Resources – so applications from those with experience in either/or both areas would be particularly welcome. If you're a practising Catholic, believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, If you are interested, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at the Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges Department via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information or an application pack:.

TETBURY WELFARE CHARITIES The charity has served the local community continually for many years and is able to consider most requests submitted. Times are difficult for many people at the moment and help is needed more than ever. Leaflets and application forms are available from the parish office.