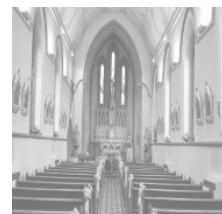


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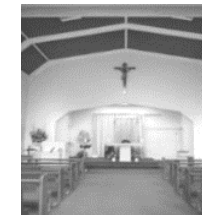
**ADVANCED NOTICE - ADVENT CONCERT IN CIRENCESTER** –  
 LOOKING FOR SINGERS! After the success of last year's event, Cirencester Town //Council will once again be hosting the Advent Concert in St Jon the Baptist church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November between 11.00am and 6.00pm and broadcast simultaneously 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.



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**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep 6 Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Fr Philip in Thanksgiving)  
 Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Fr Philip in Thanksgiving)  
**11.00am Mass & Confirmation in St Peter's** (Fr Philip in Thanksgiving)

**WORSHIP WEEK NO MORNING MASS IN EITHER PARISH THIS WEEK**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sep. St Cuthbert  
**BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**  
 Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Sep Feria of WeekXXII  
 Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sep. Feria  
 Thur. 7<sup>th</sup> Sep Feria  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Sep NATIVITY OF THE B.V.M.  
 Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sep Our Lady on Saturday

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sep **NO VIGIL MASS IN ST PETER'S THIS WEEK**  
 Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
 11.00am Mass in St Peter's

**CONFESSIONS ARE NORMALLY AS SHOWN. THERE WILL BE NO PRIEST AVAILABLE TILL OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST IS IN RESIDENCE**

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.

**FR PHILIP** Sadly, we say goodbye this weekend to Fr. Philip and wish him well with Dursley and Nympsfield. We want to thank him for his Ministry during the past four years; his inspirational and informative homilies; his care and understanding and his welcoming nature to any visitor or parishioner after Mass or at the Presbytery door. We hope that they welcome him warmly and what is our loss is their gain.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FATHER PHILIP.**

## **TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**

**Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

**Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, My God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all day long.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9** *The world of the Lord has meant insult for me.*

**Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**

**Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2** *Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Matthew 16: 21-22** *if anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself*

**Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those, who fear You.**

**FR PHILIP'S LEAVING PARTIES** 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 Parish: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September @ 6.30pm**
- **St Peter's Parish Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.00pm**

**FR. MARIA SELVAN MSFS** Bishop Declan has decided that Fr Maria Selvan 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 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September. We will show him a warm welcome.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, is Education Sunday; there will be a second collection taken in both parishes. As teachers and students return this week we pray that they have a productive and happy school year.

**1<sup>st</sup> H. C.** FHC will take place on Youth Sunday; **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> September: St Patrick church in Brockworth, (10.00am-Noon) [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652917512857](http://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.

**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.**

**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**

**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.