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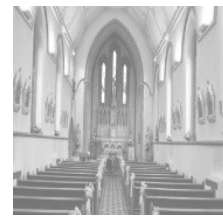
Please contact the parish priest through the relevant Parish Office

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

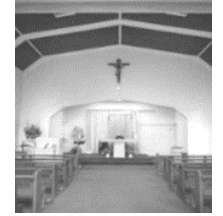
THE LITTLE WAY CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST (CET) The new Little Way CET is due to open on 1 January 2024. It will initially launch with six Gloucestershire Catholic Primary Schools and aims to expand to include more schools soon. Bishop Declan has appointed six Foundation Directors and is seeking to appoint 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.



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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

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

WORSHIP WEEK

Mon 11th Sep. Feria of Week XXIII
BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
Tue 12th Sep Most Holy Name of Mary
Wed 13th Sep. St John Chrysostom, Bishop
Thur. 14th Sep THE EXULTATION of the HOLY CROSS (Feast)
Fri 15th Sep NATIVITY OF THE B.V.M.
Sat 16th Sep Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Sat 16th Sep 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (to be confirmed)
Sun 17th 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 UNTIL 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: A second collection will be taken this weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

WELCOME: We welcome Fr Tom Kelly who is celebrating Mass for both churches today. We would like to thank him for travelling from Weston Super Mare to be with us today.

EMERGENCY CALLS Whilst Fr. Maria is on family business, emergency calls [Last Rites] should be addressed to Fr. Thomas Kulandaisamy MSFS at Malmesbury or the Dean, Fr Gary Brassington ,at Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 *If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.*

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10 *Offer Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18: 15-20 *if he listens to you, you have won back your brother.*

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

FR PHILIP THOMAS: Fr Philip has asked me to thank you for your kind gifts and words; making his last celebrations of Mass and farewell memorable for him. We wish him every blessing in his new parishes.

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 in the next few weeks. We will show him a warm welcome.

FATHER PATRICK EASTMAN RIP: It is with sadness that we announce the death of Father Patrick Eastman. For those who did not know him, Fr Patrick celebrated Mass in St Michael's along with other mainly retired priests after the sudden death of Mgr. William Mitchell in 2008. In June 2009, Fr Patrick came out of retirement when he was appointed Priest Administrator by Bishop Declan, for two years. Now re-united with his wife Maureen, May, he Rest in Peace. Amen. We remember their family at this sad time. As, yet, Funeral arrangements have not been confirmed.

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.

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 September: 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.

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 and confirmation of the time, click on the following link: **Meeting Registration – Zoom**

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 14 October** (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. The bishop sends a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2023 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th or those who will marry during this year. Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to attend and are or have celebrated during 2023, a significant anniversary.