

St Peter's Cirencester & St Michael's Tetbury

7, St Peter's Road, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1RE

Telephone: 01285652087

cirencester.stpeter@cliftdiocese.com

www.stpeterscirencester.org

Silver Street, Tetbury, Glos. GL8 8DH

Telephone: 01666502367

tetbury.stmichael@cliftdiocese.com

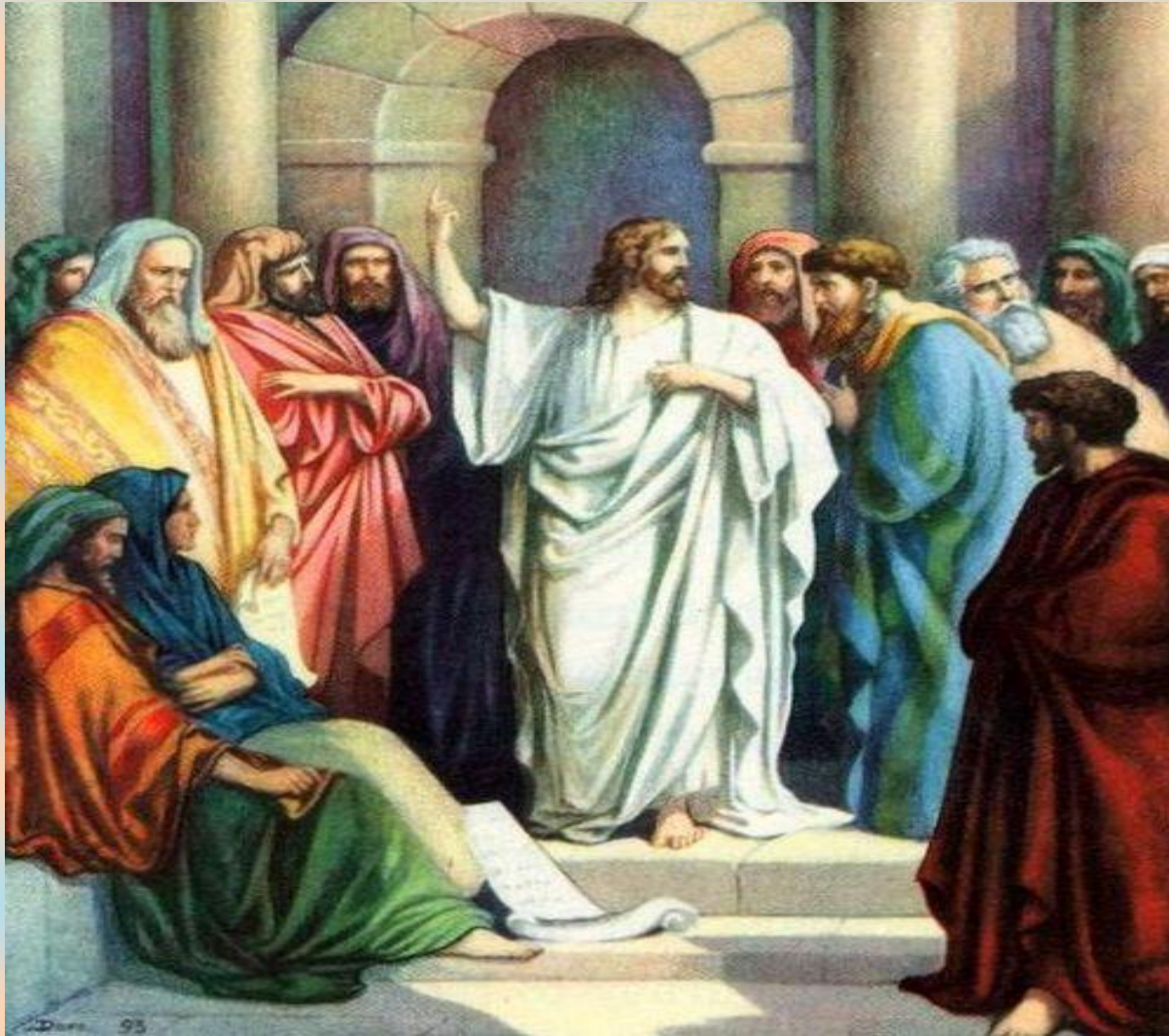
www.stmichaelstetbury.org.uk

Priest: Fr Maria Selvan MSFS

maria.alexander@cliftdiocese.com

Parish Administrator: Elaine Wright

Fourteenth Sunday



Dear Friends,

The presence of Jesus was a problem for his contemporaries. His life, His words, His message, His standards... all of which challenged them and raised doubts and questions about their own way of life... bothered their conscience! Jesus, in a sense, became a “thorn” in their flesh. It was easier and more comfortable to dismiss Jesus as someone they knew well and someone who could not have anything worthwhile to offer them. It was easier to write Him off as a familiar, young carpenter who couldn’t possibly offer any new wisdom. However, some of them were scandalized by Jesus, others offended by Him and still others felt judged by His wisdom. Mark tells us that His own family thought that He was out of His mind and came to take him home (Mk.3:21).

Mark tells us that the attitudes of the people and their rejection made it impossible for Jesus to perform mighty deeds... and Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith. Jesus continues to challenge us to goodness, inspires us to service, teaches us to be forgiving, and calls us to work for justice, truth, peace and the total well-being of people. We either dismiss Him as “out of his mind”, a “thorn in the flesh”; a “law breaker”, an “idealist” or we can accept Him and respond to His call faithfully, graciously, generously, and courageously.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

		Masses Requested	Saints & Feast
Sat 06 th July 5.30 pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 07 th July 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's		Fourteenth Sunday
Mon 08 th July	No Mass		
Tue 09 th July 9.30am	St. Peter's	Elizabeth Ann Lyons-RIP Nettie Caravana-RIP	
Wed 10 th July 10.00am	St. Michael's		
Thu 11 th July 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. Benedict, Abbot
Fri 12 th July 9.30am	St. Peter's		

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am and by appointment, please ring to arrange.

Thank you.

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 7th July. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our "regulars," asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

St. Peter's Parish BBQ 14th July: After a few barren years, we are delighted to reinstate our parish BBQ, which has been missed by many. Tickets are for sale after Mass, £10 each, with primary school children free. Please buy your tickets in advance to help us with catering arrangements. We ask each family to provide either a salad or dessert. We need volunteers to set up on Sunday morning, and to clear away. Please make yourself known to Fr. Maria, John Quillan, Cathy Nelson or Lina Watts.

Information Please... If anyone knows of any parishioners or families who visited Caldey Island or Abbey between 1960 and 2010 please get in touch with Jan Pickles OBE at jan@picklesbickerton.co.uk or 07961024888

Pastoral Ministry Formation course which begins in the Autumn 2024. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. Please do come to one of our information evenings which will be taking place around the Diocese in June/July. Here you will hear in more detail about what is being offered, time commitment involved, interview process and costs including the role of parishes to support those who are successful in obtaining a place. One of the information evenings is being held in St Peter's Hall, Cirencester on Tuesday 16th July 2024 commencing @ 7.00pm. Please see the poster on for further information.



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £363.33 (incl. via the Dona Machine)
Second Collection: £105.50

St. Michael's: £73.70
Second Collection: £48.00

Cardinal congratulates new Prime Minister Keir Starmer

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, has offered his congratulations to new Prime Minister Keir Starmer after Labour's election victory.

Cardinal Nichols wrote to the PM to assure him of his prayers as the Labour leader forms a new government.

[Read more.](#)

On Sea Sunday let us remember seafarers facing conflict, abandonment and tough times

“Some of the seafarers I meet have travelled through the conflict area of the Red Sea, with its risks of attacks from Houthis, then have sailed on to the Black Sea with its own dangers, given there is no agreement on maritime safety,” says Stella Maris’ Odesa port chaplain Fr. Alex Smerechynskyy in Ukraine.

As a result of the conflict in Gaza, ships sailing through the Red Sea face the threat of Houthi missiles, drone attacks and raiding parties. Since last November, the Houthis have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels.

Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is one of the few maritime charities with chaplains based in Ukraine. They carry out ship visits from the southern port city of Odesa. Here they work with seafarers on the frontline, witnessing the impact it is having on them.

Many ship owners are not allowing crew members to go ashore during their time in Odesa, for security reasons. So, visits on board ships by the Stella Maris team there are proving increasingly important in countering the isolation and loneliness that seafarers often experience.

On Sea Sunday, which falls on 14th July this year, let us pray for seafarers, fishers, and the work of Stella Maris. Let us remember especially those seafarers who are sailing through conflict zones and those who have been abandoned in distant lands.

To find out more about Sea Sunday, please visit: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/>

Full report: [On Sea Sunday let us remember seafarers facing conflict, abandonment and tough times](#)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury – Sunday 14th July

The Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury will take place on Sunday, 14th July 2024. This year’s pilgrimage will be centred around the theme of ‘Mary, Woman of Prayer’.

From 12 noon until 3:00 pm, the Shrine Church will transform into a chapel of Exposition and Silent Adoration, offering a peaceful and contemplative environment just opposite the Abbey grounds. During this time, visiting priests will provide the sacrament of Reconciliation in the Shrine Church.

In addition, from 12 noon until 3:00 pm, Private Healing Prayer will be offered in a single tented chapel located just inside the Abbey gates, opposite the Shrine Church.

At 2:15 pm, the Rosary procession will commence in the Abbey grounds, followed by the Pilgrimage Mass at 3:30 pm, also held in the Abbey grounds.

Fr Dominic has recorded a welcome video for this year’s Pilgrimage which you can watch below:

[Glastonbury Pilgrimage | Clifton Diocese](#)



Glastonbury Pilgrimage 2024

Sunday
14th July



Next Pastoral Ministry Formation course: Autumn 2024

We are now actively seeking to recruit for the next Pastoral Ministry Formation course which begins in the Autumn 2024. The course is ideal for any parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you. If you are a minister in any form – this course is for you. If you are not involved in any way – but would like to be – this course is for you! Interested? – then please do come to one of our information evenings which will be taking place around the Diocese in June/July. Here you will hear in more detail about what is being offered, time commitment involved, interview process and costs including the role of parishes to support those who are successful in obtaining a place.

The remaining dates and venues for information sessions are below.

We have added Glastonbury on Monday 15 July to the original list.

Each session starts at 7pm, no need to book, just turn up on the evening.

If you are unable to attend the evening closest to you, please feel free to attend another one.

Tuesday 9 July: St George, Taunton

Thursday 11 July: Emmaus House, Bristol

Monday 15 July: St Mary, Glastonbury
Tuesday 16 July: St Peter, Cirencester
Thursday 18 July: Our Lady, Weston-Super-Mare

Thank You