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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

What God has joined together, no human being should separate.

Dear Friends,

This excerpt (Mark 10:2-16) could give us the impression that it is about the legality of divorce or the indissolubility of marriage. Deeper reflection on this Gospel passage, together with the other two readings cited above, reveal to us that it is about the dignity of man and woman and children. It is about man and woman being made in God's image and brought into communion with God and each other. It is about Jesus not being ashamed to call us "brothers" as the second reading says. It is about treating women with deep respect and not throw them out as commodities with a "writ" of separation. It is about the dignity of children who are totally dependent and don't have a voice of their own that others would hear. It is about God's ways as different from man's ways.

The question of the Pharisee was about what the law permitted. The response of Jesus was about God's way, God's plan, God's intent, and the very heart of God. Jesus took the question from social or legal requirement to God's intent and purpose. The Pharisees concerned themselves with what the law required. Jesus concerned himself with God's purpose for his creation.

How wonderful it is to listen to Jesus calling us again to be deeply respectful of all God's people, men, women and children. Reflect on the dignity of all God's people and all God's creatures.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 5 th Oct 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Bayani Caravana - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 6 th Oct 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Frances O'Callaghan - RIP	Twenty Seventh Sunday
Mon 7 th Oct	No Mass		Our Lady of Rosary
Tue 8 th Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's	Alan McDonald - RIP	
Wed 9 th Oct 10.00am	St. Michael's		St Dennis, Martyrs
Thu 10 th Oct 9.30am	St. Peter's	Hugo Shepherd - Int.	
Fri 11 th Oct 11.00am	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass for Geoffery Adams	St John XXIII

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 6th October. 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.

CAFOD

There is a Second collection today for the work of CAFOD. Gift Aid Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ST MICHAEL'S

Today (Sunday 6th October), there will be a meeting for parishioners after Mass to discuss ideas for social events during 2025. Please join us and come along with your ideas.

OCTOBER: A MONTH OF DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

As we are already in the sacred month of October, dedicated to the Rosary, we are reminded of the special bond that keeps us close to our Heavenly Mother. In honour of Our Lady, we invite you to join us every Sunday before Mass at 10:40 AM to pray the Holy Rosary. This beautiful devotion offers us a time of reflection, peace, and the opportunity to receive the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

Come and be a part of this cherished tradition, deepening your connection with Mary and finding strength through prayer. Let us unite our hearts in this powerful act of faith and devotion throughout the month of October.

All are welcome!

**HARVEST LUNCH INVITATION – SUNDAY, 13TH OCTOBER AT
12:00 PM, AT ST PETER'S**

We are excited to invite all parishioners from both St. Peter's and St. Michael's to our special Harvest Lunch! This year, we'll gather on **Sunday, 13th October at 12:00 PM** at St. Peter's hall for a **Bring and Share** lunch. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate the season, and contribute to a great cause.

All proceeds from the event will support **CAFOD** in their vital work, helping those in need around the world. A sign-up list will be available at the back of the Church from next week – all contributions are welcome!

Let's make this a memorable and generous celebration. Your support can make a big difference, and we look forward to sharing this special afternoon with you all.

See you there!

**ST PETER'S AND ST MICHAEL'S PARISH MAGAZINE 2024 – CALL
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS!**

After the hiatus due to the pandemic, we're thrilled to reinstate the annual **St Peter's and St Michael's Parish Magazine** for 2024! This is **YOUR** magazine – a reflection of the vibrant life and community spirit in our parishes – and we need **YOUR input** to make it a success.

We're inviting short articles, photos, and notes on the events and regular activities that have shaped our parishes this year. Whether it's **First Holy Communion, weddings, baptisms, or farewells to parishioners** who have passed on, we'd love to hear about it. We also would like special events like **fundraisers, fetes, interesting trips**, or anything else that has contributed to parish life.

Additionally, we want to highlight the efforts of all the groups and societies that make our parishes special. Whether you're involved with **flower arranging, music organization, after-Mass coffee**, or belong to groups like the **Catenians or Legion of Mary**, we want to hear your stories and celebrate your contributions!

Please email your articles and photos to either:

- cirencester.stpeter@cliftdioocese.com or
- tetbury.stmichael@cliftdioocese.com

Alternatively, feel free to hand in hard copies to **Elaine** or **Fr. Maria** at the parish.

We look forward to seeing what everyone has to share!

FUTURE SECOND COLLECTIONS

13th October PACT (Prisoners Sunday)

20th October World Mission Sunday

COMMUNITY KITCHEN FUNDRAISER

Please join us on Sunday, 6th October from 4:30 to 6.00pm for a Community Kitchen Fundraiser at St Peter's Parish Hall in Cirencester. Together, we have already hosted 10 dinner experiences for the vulnerable & isolated in Cirencester, serving a total of 578 meals! This is a credit to the incredible support many have provided by financially donating in the past and/or volunteering. A BIG heartfelt thank you! Going forward, we have 3 wonderful meals planned (October ~ Curry Night, November ~ Mexican Fiesta and December ~ Christmas Dinner) and your continued financial support is most welcome.

It would be lovely if you can attend, support the Community Kitchen and for past volunteers - hopefully you can reconnect with others you may have served alongside. We will be serving a small salad with a savoury bowl of Chicken and Chorizo Paella. There will also be a vegetarian option available.

Minimum donation of £5 please, if you would be so kind. No booking required, but it would be helpful if you can let me know if you plan to attend please.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to support Community Kitchen, please let me know.

May God bless you all and thank you for helping make the past 10 dinners possible!

Most sincerely

Melissa

PILGRIM CROSS AUTUMN WALK, SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER **2024, 12.30-4.45PM**

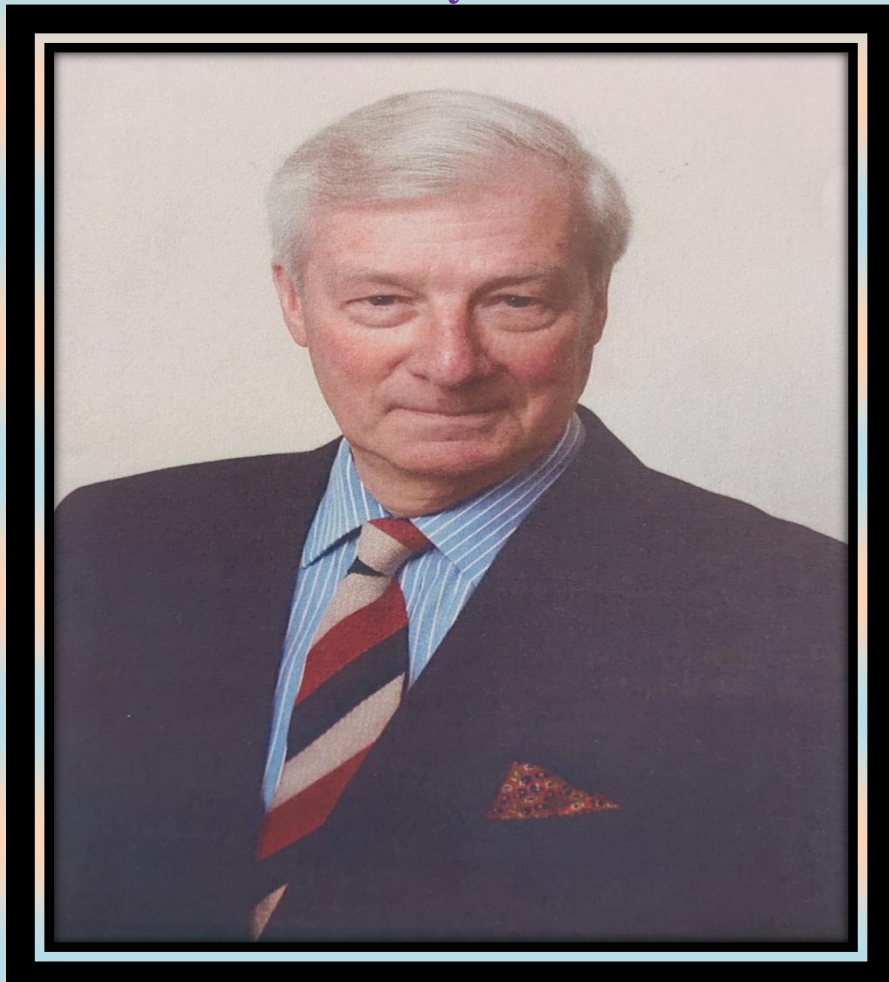
All are warmly invited to join the Oxford Pilgrim Cross group for our all age Autumn Gathering - a 7K circular walk around Port Meadow, Oxford. To join us on the 12th October simply drop us an email to: studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com and turn up on the day at Walton Well Car Park, Oxford, 12.30pm with a packed lunch and suitable footwear!

Pilgrim Cross is a national group who run an annual Easter walking pilgrimage from different parts of the country to the village of Walsingham in Norfolk - with one group setting off from Oxford. To find out more please email the team or follow this link: bit.ly/OxLeg25.

Passing of a Dedicated Parishioner

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of one of our active parishioners, **Geoffery Adams**, who was a member of the St. Peter's Finance Committee. His contributions to our parish have left a lasting impact, and he will be greatly missed by the entire community. A Requiem Mass and the funeral service will be held on **Friday, October 11th, at 11:00 AM** at **St. Peter's Church**. May he rest in peace.

Geoffrey Adam



*Rest
in Peace*



175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH AT WOODCHESTER

On Thursday 10th October at 7:00pm Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass for this important anniversary. Everyone is welcome to the Mass (at the Church of the Annunciation, Saint Mary's Hill, Woodchester GL5 5HP) which will be followed by light refreshments.



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £474.28 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Standing order for September: £1,297.00

St. Michael: £106.15

Standing order for September: £852.00

Thank You