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SIXTH SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

Luke (6:17, 20-26) offers us four statements of blessing paired with four statements of woe. These are attitudes or dispositions to be cultivated in those who follow the way of Jesus.

Poverty is seen as an opportunity for learning to rely totally on God, hunger could serve as a way of nurturing the desire for God and God's ways, grief could be understood as ushering in lasting joy in the reign of God and persecution, insult and other such slings and arrows could serve as opportunities to leap into the joy of eternal life.

Jesus reminds us that we will find "blessedness" in a way of life that others would find "cursed", and that we will regard as "woeful" those things that most people spend their lives trying to acquire, such as wealth, fulfilment, joy, name, fame, popularity, etc. He tells us that we must be willing to move our hearts from reliance on transitory things to surrender to God and His ways.

The beatitudes offer us a lifestyle to live, dispositions to be created, attitudes to be developed while correcting the distortions of attitudes, behaviours and values of our culture and invite us to share in the life of the kingdom of God, a life of blessedness.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 15 th Feb 5.30pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 16 th Feb 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Margaret Murray - RIP	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 17 th Feb	Fr. Maria's Day off		Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue 18 th Feb 9.30am	St. Peter's		Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wed 19 th Feb 10.00am	St. Michael's		Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thu 20 th Feb 9.30am	St. Peter's		Weekday in Ordinary Time
Fri 21 st Feb 9.30am	St. Peter's Parish Green Room		St. Peter Damian Legion of Mary

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm
In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 16th February. 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.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Annual Parish Magazine is now available at the back of the church. Please pick up a copy as you leave. They are free, but a voluntary contribution of about £4 each copy will help go towards the printing cost if you feel you can afford it. Many thanks to everyone involved in getting this organized and published, especially Jane.

HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Cathy, John, Pat Togher, Vivek, Val, and Shaun from St. Peter's for their kindness and hard work in painting two of my rooms in the presbytery in my absence. Their generosity, time, and dedication have truly made a difference, and I am deeply appreciative of their efforts. Thank you for your support and for sharing your talents so generously!

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Year of Hope Further to Pope Francis's announcement that 2025 will be the year of hope, please pick up a leaflet, if you did not collect one last weekend which has been produced by the Diocese. It contains Pope Francis's Jubilee Prayer, Bishop Bosco's message and other 'Jubilee information'. We hope to have details of how we can commemorate this year of Jubilee as a parish shortly.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Celebrating the Father's Mercy, Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during the Season of Lent to celebrate the Liturgies of Reconciliation at five venues across the diocese. These venues are:

Thursday 13th March: Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

Thursday 20th March: St Peter, Swindon.

Thursday 27th March: St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham.

Thursday 3rd April: St George, Taunton.

Thursday 10th April: St. Francis, Nailsea.

With each Liturgy starting at 7pm.

There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation. You will be most welcome at any of the venues.

FOR SALE / AUCTION

A large ceramic pot and tray for the garden is no longer in use at St. Michael's. If anyone is interested in making an offer for it, please contact Elaine at the parish office 01666 502367 or 01285 652087. The pot and tray are in St. Michael's church hall for viewing. At one time it may have been a water feature, but we have not tested the electrics. Please feel free to inspect it.

HELP NEEDED

Help Needed Please for a lady to receive a lift to St. Peters church either Saturday or Sunday Mass from Gloucester Street. If you can help, please contact Julia on 07885189098

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

JOIN WITH CHURCHES TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

STARTING AT 2.00PM IN THE COXWELL ROOM AT CIRENCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH WITH REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS.

AN OFFERING FOR THE WORK OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE SERVICE

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for Lepra. St. Joseph's Leprosy Centre run by the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh. The sisters as well as caring for those with Leprosy they provide counselling, ulcer care, screening

camps advocacy, new skills and protective footwear. These are important healthcare needs, help people to support their families, particularly if they are unable to return to their old employment.

TETBURY AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER **LENTEN LUNCHES**



**COME OUT OF THE COLD, INTO THE WARM
AND ENJOY SOME HOMEMADE SOUP**

**IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL,
SILVER STREET, TETBURY
COMMENCING FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025
AT 12.30PM**

**SUGGESTED DONATION £5.00
IN AID OF**

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

AND

**christian
aid**



PLEASE COME AND JOIN US
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025
COOK ISLANDS



FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025 @ 2.00PM
ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
TETBURY



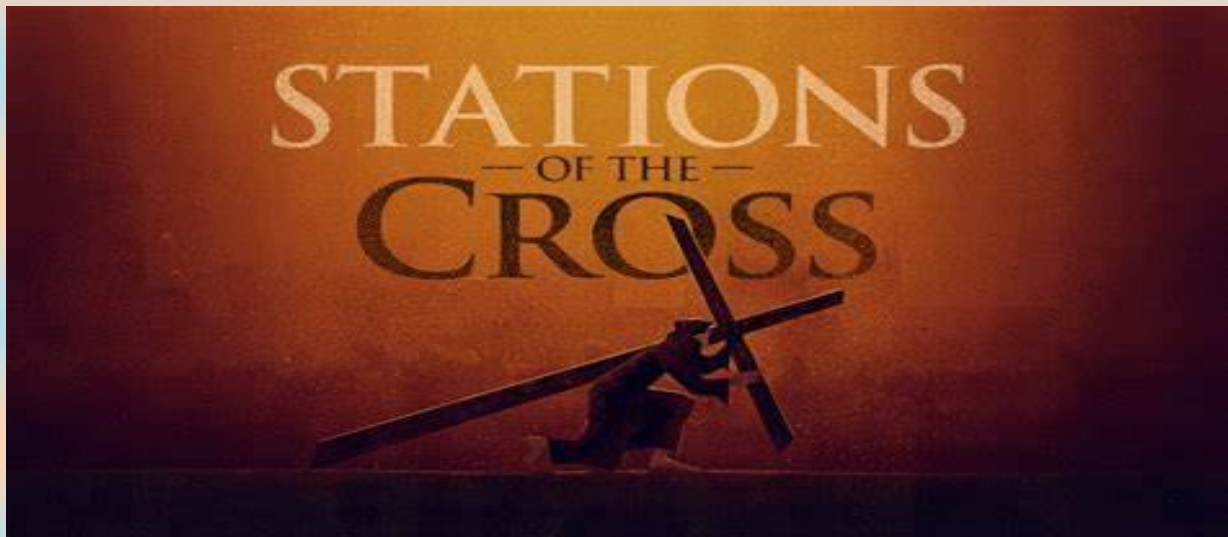
ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Wednesday 5th March 2025

St. Michael's Tetbury @ 10.00am
St. Peter's Cirencester @ 6.30pm

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel”

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”



LENT 2025

Please join us in St. Michael's Church,
Tetbury for

Stations of the Cross
After Wednesday morning Mass @ 10.30am
commencing after Mass on
Ash Wednesday
5th March 2025
Parishioners of St. Michael's and St Peter's are
welcome as part of
our Lenten preparation



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £294.19 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Magazine Donation: £83.70

St. Michael: £77.95

Magazine Donation: £56.00

THANK YOU