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7th

Sunday of Ordinary Time

YEAR C



Dear Friends,

Luke 6:27-38 - Agape is the Word used in the teaching of Jesus on loving enemies. If we regard a person with "agape", it means that no matter what that person does to us, no matter how he treats us, we will regard him with unconquerable benevolence; with goodwill... we will seek nothing but his highest good.

It is this "LOVE" - unconquerable benevolence that will make us "sons of God" - godlike persons and GOD IS LOVE. We are to image Him, His Love, His Benevolence - seeking the highest good of all. God makes his sun rise on the good and on the evil; He sends his rain on the just and the unjust.

Man must image God. The characteristic of God is universal benevolence; unconquerable goodwill; seeking of the highest good of every person - love of saint and sinner alike. No matter what man does to God, God seeks nothing but man's highest good.

Unconquerable, invincible, unwearied, benevolent love will make you godlike persons, perfect sons of the Father.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 22 nd Feb 5.30pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 23 rd Feb 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Mhairi McCready-Birthday Christopher Ian Boyle- RIP	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 24 th Feb	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue 25 th Feb 9.30am	St. Peter's		Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wed 26 th Feb 10.00am	St. Michael's		Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thu 27 th Feb 9.30am	St. Peter's	Hugo Shepherd – Int.	St. Gregory of Narek
Fri 28 th Feb 9.30am	St. Peter's		

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 23rd 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.

OLD PALM CROSSES

The ash we use on Ash Wednesday is produced by burning the previous year's palm branches. If you have any old palm crosses to be burned this year, then please leave them at the back of the church or in the sacristy.

PRESBYTERY CARPET REPLACEMENT – A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

During my absence, the much-needed replacement of the presbytery carpets was completed. The total cost of this project amounted to **£4,376**. I am deeply grateful to **Fr. Mark Moran and the parishioners of Sacred Hearts Church, Cheltenham, for their generous donation of £2,000**, and to **the parishioners of St. Michael's, Tetbury, for their kind contribution of £1,000**. Your generosity and support are truly appreciated.

Thank you all for your kindness and commitment to our parish community.

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.

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 7.00pm.

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

This 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 LUNCHESES**



**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**



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

AND



**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

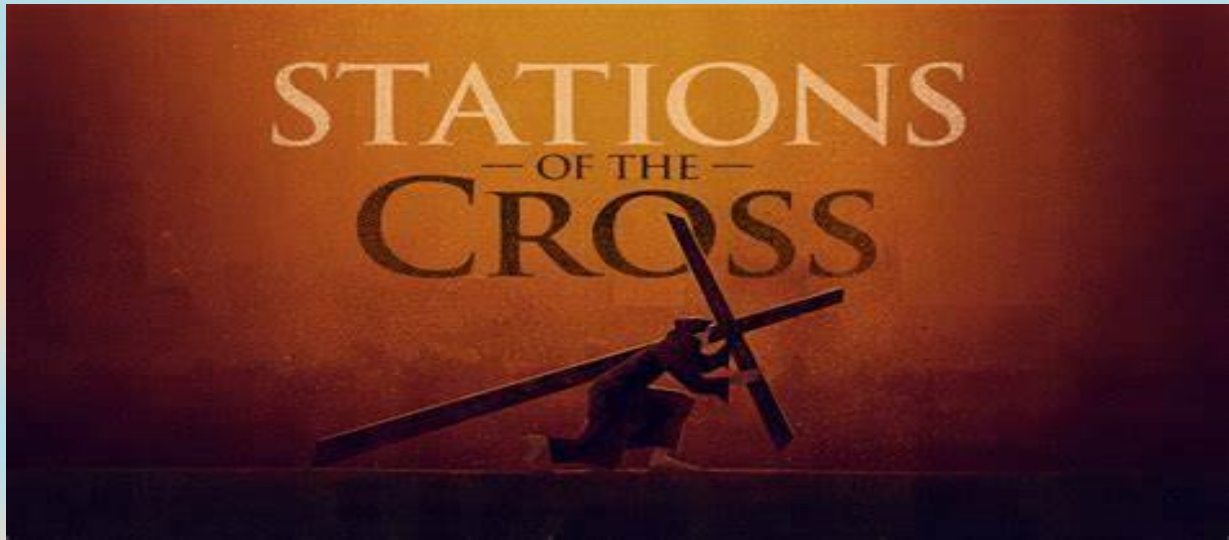


Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Wednesday 5th March 2025

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

Cardinal assures Pope Francis of 'fervent and heartfelt' prayers of the Catholic community

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, has written to Pope Francis to assure him of the prayerful support of Catholics in England and Wales.

The Holy Father remains in Gemelli Hospital in Rome, contending with pneumonia and a respiratory tract infection.

Full letter: [Cardinal assures Pope Francis of 'fervent and heartfelt' prayers of the Catholic community](#)



Bishop Bosco to be installed as an Honorary Ecumenical Canon at Bristol Cathedral

On Sunday, 9th March at 3.30pm the Rt. Rev. Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol will install Bishop Bosco MacDonald as an Honorary Ecumenical Canon in Bristol Cathedral.

You are welcome to attend this celebration.

There are two public car parks within a five-minute walk of the Cathedral; College Street car park BS1 5UU or Millennium Square BS1 5LL.

2025 Lourdes Pilgrimage - Dates confirmed!

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 22nd August to Friday 29th August 2025.

As usual, we shall be part of the Catholic Association Pilgrimage. Tagney tours will be taking bookings for hotels and flights. Details are yet to be finalised, but we shall be travelling from Birmingham airport direct to Tarbes-Lourdes airport.

Please check our website for further details: [Lourdes | Clifton Diocese](#)



Lenten Retreat – Sacrament of Reconciliation / Sacrament of Hope

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a Lenten retreat in six online sessions, to reflect together on the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the Sacrament of Hope, to mark the 2025 Jubilee 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The six Lenten sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening:

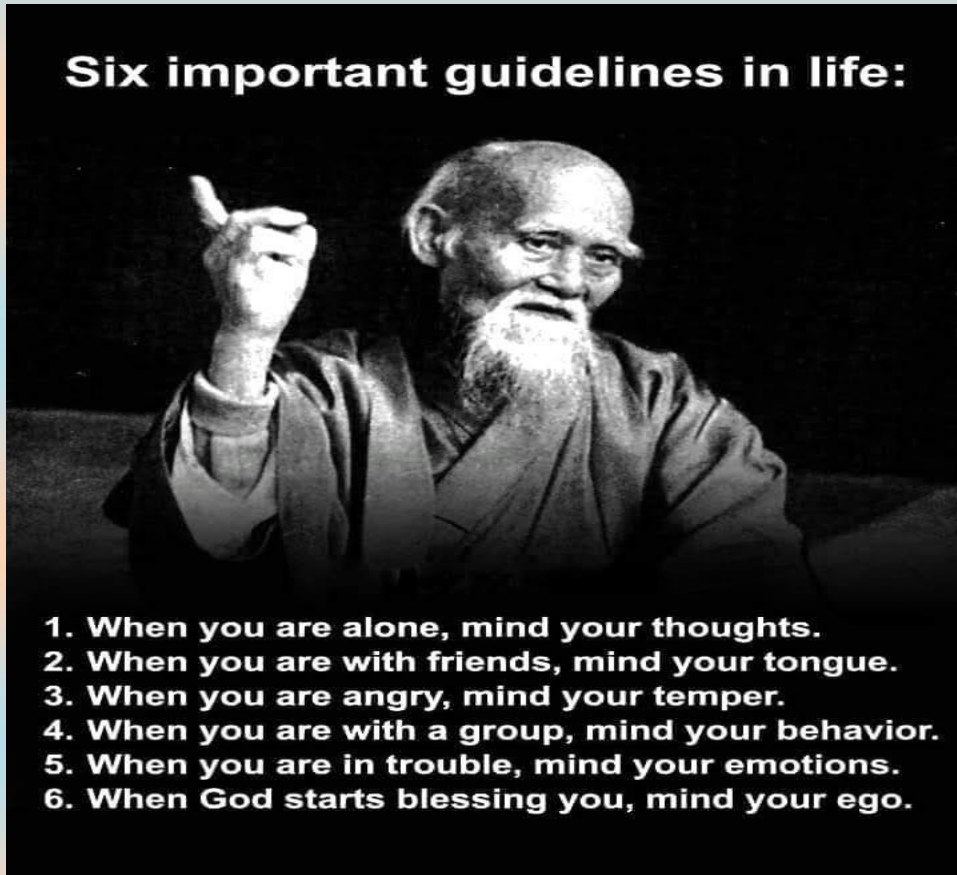
6 March, 13 March, 20 March, 27 March, 3 April & 10 April.

To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link [here](#).

More information on other courses & sessions run by the Sisters can be found on the following link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

FOOD FOR THOUGHTS...

Six important guidelines in life:



1. When you are alone, mind your thoughts.
2. When you are with friends, mind your tongue.
3. When you are angry, mind your temper.
4. When you are with a group, mind your behavior.
5. When you are in trouble, mind your emotions.
6. When God starts blessing you, mind your ego.



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £464.47 (incl. via the Dona Machine)
Magazine Donation: £72.40

St. Michael: £51.80
Magazine Donation: £16.00

THANK YOU