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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Dear Friends,

Luke 4:1-13 describes Jesus being tempted in the wilderness, rising above the temptations to a new power and strength and coming to call people to repentance and new life in the Kingdom of God. We meet Jesus making a deliberate choice of method to fulfil His mission and rejecting

methods contrary to God's Will. Jesus went to the wilderness to be alone. God had spoken to Him. He was given a Mission. He had to plan out before He began the mission. He had to be alone with God.

Certain things must be worked out alone with God. Certain times, a person must stop doing and start thinking and praying. Each person must give himself/herself a chance to be alone with God. Being alone with God, Prayerful discernment, Reflective Living, Solitude, etc. are all values that we must cherish and cultivate.

In the first temptation, Jesus refused to use His power for personal need satisfaction - for personal comfort, benefit or pleasure. In the second temptation, Jesus refused to compromise/negotiate with evil forces - with lesser goals, values and morals. Jesus chose to surrender to the will of His Father. In the third temptation, Jesus refused a "show-off", a display of power. Jesus chose the way of trusting, confident Love.

Have you been giving yourself a chance to be alone with God?

Reflect on testing times (temptations) in your own personal life, even in times of intense search for God and God's ways.

Do you recognize the testing times as opportunities to prove your worth?

First Sunday of Lent (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 8 th Mar 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Joan Wyatt - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 9 th Mar 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Graham Wright - RIP	First Sunday of Lent Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 10 th Mar	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	Weekday of Lent
Tue 11 th Mar 9.30am	St. Peter's		Weekday of Lent
Wed 12 th Mar 10.00am	St. Michael's		Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
Thu 13 th Mar 9.30am	St. Peter's	Hugo Shepherd – Int.	Weekday of Lent
Fri 14 th Mar 11.00am 12.30pm	St. Peter's St. Michael's		Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Soup lunch in the Parish Hall Soup Lunch in the Parish Hall

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 9th March. 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you to those who attended this service on Friday at Cirencester and Tetbury

TO PARISHIONERS AT ST. PETER'S WHO DONATE BY MONTHLY STANDING ORDER

Due to the implementation of a new Parish Accounting and Gift Aid System, it is required that donations are paid directly into the parish bank account, rather than via a diocesan bank account. The Diocese will shortly be writing to all current Standing Order Donors asking them to complete a new Standing Order made payable directly to the parish and cancel their existing Standing Orders to the Diocese. This change will benefit the parish as they will receive your donation directly each month without a processing delay. This only applies to those that were set up prior to October 2024.

If you do not currently donate via standing order and would like to do so, then please speak to Fr. Maria after Mass or contact our Parish Finance Administrator, Michael Burnell on 01242 800242 or via email:
michael.burnell@cliftondiocese.com

Your donations are extremely valuable to our parish, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

JOIN US FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT RAU

We warmly invite you to the Eucharistic Celebration at the RAU on **Tuesday, 11th March, at 7:00 PM**, and again on **Tuesday, 13th May, at 7:00 PM**. With students away in April, these gatherings will be a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and community.

After each Mass, stay for **refreshments, including coffee, tea, and delicious cake** - because every good gathering deserves a sweet treat! Bring a friend, share in the joy, and make it an evening to remember.

All are most welcome!

SPECIAL ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR ALTAR SERVERS & CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!

Mark your calendars! 📅 On **Saturday, March 29th**, from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, all **Altar Boys and Girls** and **Confirmation Candidates** are invited to a **powerful and enriching retreat** at **Browns Hill Monastery**.

This special day will be **animated by the Bernardine Sisters**, who will guide you through **prayer, reflection, and faith-filled activities** to deepen your spiritual journey. Expect a day of **inspiration, fellowship, and renewal** as we take time to grow closer to God.

Let's set this day apart for God!

See you there! **Come ready for a grace-filled experience.**

COME AND SING ALONG
TO THE CLASSIC ...



THE SOUND OF MUSIC SING-ALONG FILM NIGHT

AT ST PETER'S PARISH HALL

RAFFLE, SNACKS
& DRINKS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE

SATURDAY AT 7PM
05 APRIL 2025
£5 PER TICKET
FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL



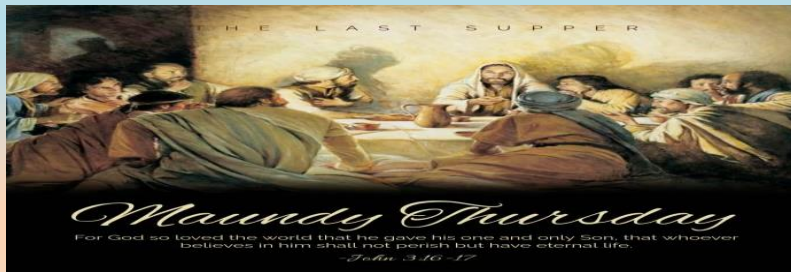
Holy Week



Sunday 13th April
St. Michael's 9.00am
St. Peter's 11.00am



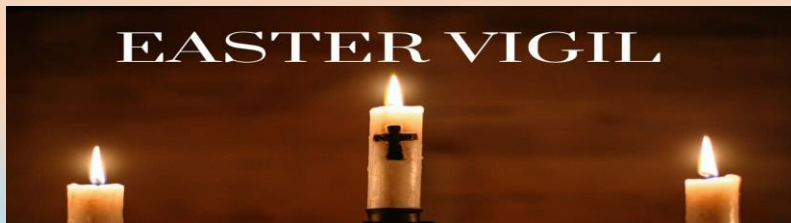
Wednesday 16th April
Chrism Mass
Clifton Cathedral
11.00am



Thursday 17th
April
St. Peter's 8.00pm



Friday 18th April
Stations of the Cross 10.00am
St. Michael's 3.00pm
St. Peter's 3.00pm



Saturday 19th April
St. Peter's 8.00pm



Sunday 20th April
St. Michael's 9.00am
St. Peter's 11.00am

**Wish you all a Blessed Holy Week and a Blessed
Easter**

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.

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



SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection next weekend for the work of CAFOD. Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL - FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

Friday 14th March -Please donate to our Family Fast Day collection and be a Pilgrim of Hope with CAFOD in this jubilee year. You will be supporting our brothers and sisters who are suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Many of you give online and we have new virtual envelope. Next week, I will be here with a card machine and to tell you about a young mother called Lokho who has been helped by your donations.

Donate: cafod.org.uk/envelope or text CAFODLENT to 70085

Cathy Nelson, Rep. for CAFOD at St. Peter's

CAFOD

On the 25th of February the PM announced a further cut in the International Aid budget. This will have a significant effect on the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities.

There are things you can do:

1. Please write to your MP and ask them to take action to ensure that the UK does not turn its back on those in most need.
2. Lent, Family Fast Day is on March 14th
3. I will do the Great Lent run/walk during Lent to help CAFOD to

continue to support those in need around the world.

Thank you as always for your generous support for CAFOD.
Mary Dignan, Rep. for CAFOD at St. Michael's Tetbury.

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](#)





Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £396.88 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

St. Michael: £102.12

THANK YOU

