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TWENTIETH SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

Luke 12:49-53 - Jesus proclaimed that He came to cast fire upon the earth. To the Jews, fire was a symbol of judgment. The Jews believed themselves to be the favourites, the special people of God and that they would be judged by a different standard from the rest of humanity. The coming of Jesus was a time of judgment of the 'earth', of all people and not just the Jews. The Jews waited for the Messiah, conqueror and King. To them, Jesus spoke of the terrible experience he would go through - a time of tension and conflict that he would have to go through, "I have a baptism to be baptized with" - the cross was before his eyes as he continued his journey to Jerusalem. How

different this is from the idea of a conqueror King! Jesus came not with avenging armies, but giving His life so that we may have life to its fullness.

His coming meant division and it still could mean division for us because loyalty to Christ has to take precedence over the dearest loyalties of this world. To choose Christ could mean denial of other things and other loyalties!

Discipleship involves the readiness to tread the lonely road, to bear people's dislike or even hatred, to accept inconvenience, discomfort, pain, suffering, etc.

Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship with startling honesty. It costs much to be a disciple of Jesus. The disciple must be ready to share in all aspects of the Master's saving mission. Being a disciple could mean division, separation even from loved ones. The disciple must be ready to take up the cross, be regarded as a criminal and die with no glory, no fame, no name, no wealth... and may, even rejection from loved ones.

Be prepared to welcome and accept the pain and the loss that come with being faithful to your call...

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 16 th Aug 5.30pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 17 th Aug 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's		20th Sunday Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 18 th Aug	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	
Tue 19 th Aug 9.30am	St. Peter's	Stefan Watts - RIP	St. John Eudes
Wed 20 th Aug	No Mass		St. Bernard, Abbot
Thu 21 st Aug 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. Pius X
Fri 22 nd Aug 9.30am	St. Peter's		Our Lady, Mother and Queen

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 17th August. 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.

CENTRALIZED PARISH ADMINISTRATION

To streamline the administration of our parishes, all administrative tasks will now be coordinated from St. Peter's, Cirencester. If you need to contact the parish office, please use the St. Peter's email address or telephone number. Any emails going forward that are sent to the St. Michael's email address will be redirected to St. Peter's for handling.



LIGHTING UP ST. PETER'S – THANK YOU, PINKY & CATHY!

We are absolutely glowing with gratitude for **Pinky and Cathy Nelson**, our talented candle makers at St. Peter's! They generously devoted their time, creativity, and skill to handcraft beautiful candles for our parish. Each candle is not just a source of light, but a symbol of their love and dedication to St. Peter's. Thank you, Pinky and Cathy, for helping St. Peter's shine even brighter!

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!

We rejoice with hearts full of gratitude as we celebrate the baptism of **Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Katherine**, who were welcomed into the family of God last Saturday at St. Peter's. Surrounded by family and friends, they began their beautiful journey of faith, washed in the waters of new life and sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Let us continue to lift them up in prayer that they may grow each day in love, joy, and steadfast faith, walking always in the light of Christ.



ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY: SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

This year's pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7th September 2025 and will be centered around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope."

As well as the usual Rosary Procession around Glastonbury town centre in the afternoon, there will be an additional Procession in the morning to celebrate the Jubilee from the Abbey grounds to the top of Glastonbury Tor.

Fr. Dominic Findlay-Wilson introduces this year's Pilgrimage in the video below. Full details: [*Glastonbury Pilgrimage / Clifton Diocese*](#)



St. Peter's Parish Barbeque



ST. PETER'S PARISH BBQ – YOU'RE INVITED!

We're delighted to invite you all to the **St. Peter's Barbeque** on **Sunday, 14th September** - so please mark the date in your calendar!

Join us for a joyful afternoon filled with delicious food, warm fellowship, and lots of fun for all ages. You're most welcome to bring along a **vegetable salad or dessert** to share.

To help us with planning, kindly **make yourself known to Fr. Maria or Patrick Scodeller, or Cathy Nelson** if you're able to attend or contribute something.

Let's come together as a parish family and make it a day to remember!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Clifton Diocesan Annual Formation Day

The Clifton Diocesan Annual Formation Day will take place on 11 October at St. Brendan's College, Brislington, with Mgr John Armitage (Parish Priest, Former Rector of the National Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom) as our keynote speaker. Anyone who has heard Mgr John speak before knows what an inspiring and gifted priest and speaker he is. He will be reflecting on the theme of 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'. In addition, there will be several workshop options for people to attend. There will be more information shortly but please do put the date in your diary; we look forward to seeing you in October!

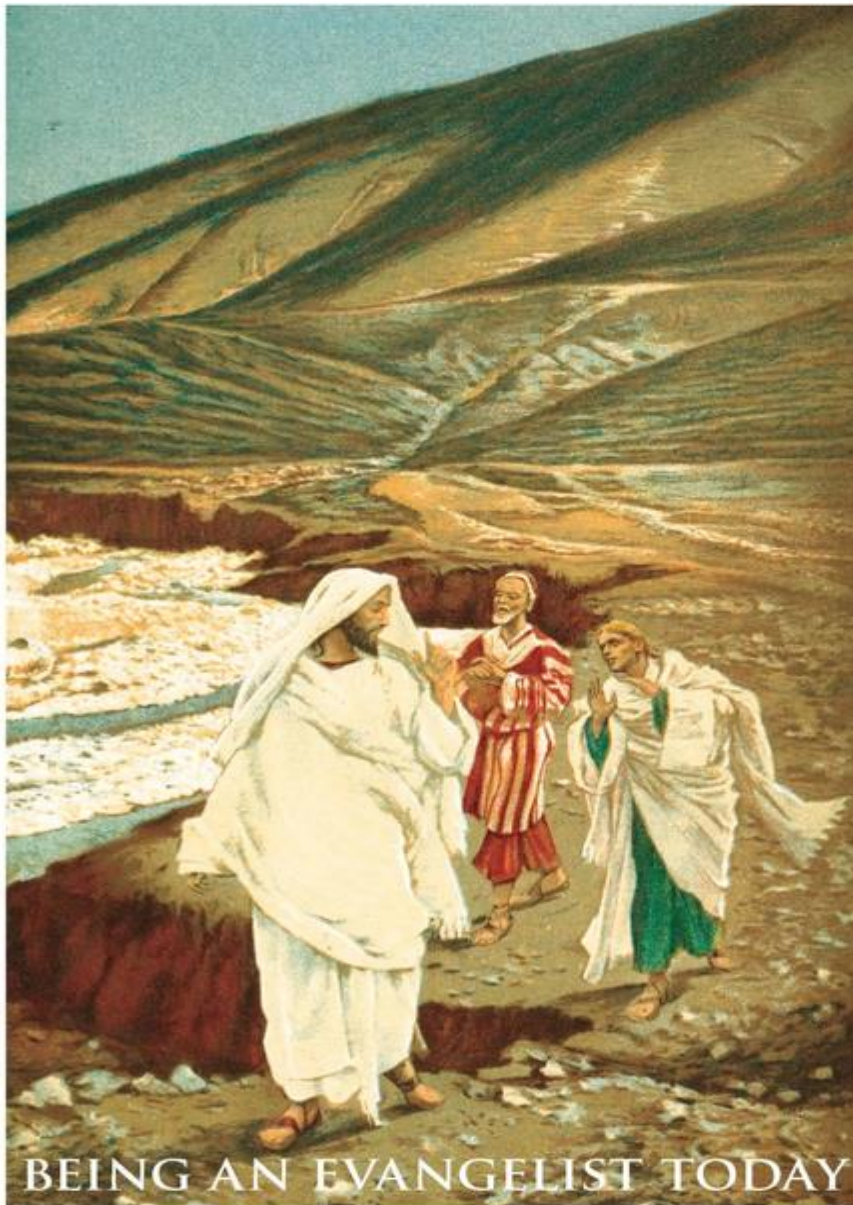
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Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £ 348.29 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

St. Michael: £ 80.51

