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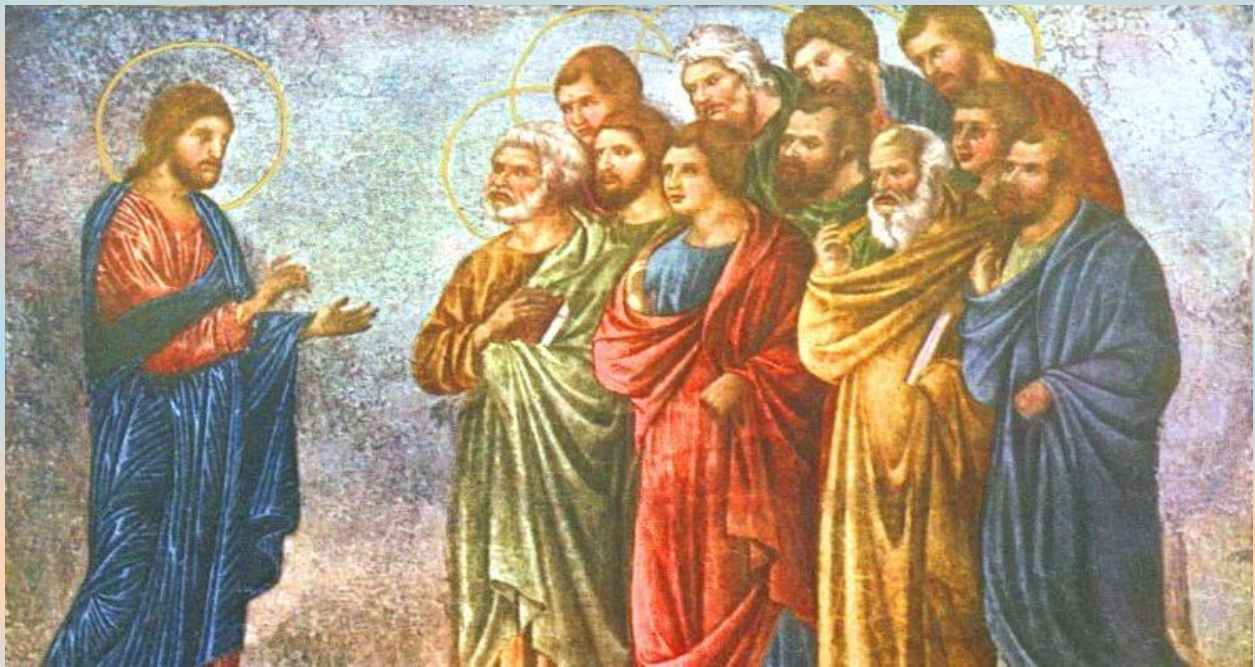
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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

Luke 13:22-30 - Jesus was asked whether only a few would be saved. Behind this question was the belief that only Jews would be saved and not the gentiles. Jesus responded by telling them that entrance into the kingdom was not automatic... membership in the Jewish community or any faith community did not guarantee entrance into the kingdom. He called them to make difficult choices and make the difficult journey... the door is narrow, he said. He himself was making his way to Jerusalem to face rejection and eventual death.

We are all familiar with expressions like “a narrow escape”, “a tight squeeze” and so on which suggest that we have accomplished something difficult, something that required taking risk, being vulnerable, diligence, vigilance, decisiveness and great precision. Even as children, some of us had narrow escapes from the bullies in the school, from major accidents on a bike, from major failures in sports, etc. As adults many of us can recall the narrow escapes we had from serious injuries, conflicts with others, major car accidents and so on.

Much more than that, we know how narrow the path forward can be when faced with life-altering decisions. We are often confronted with situations where all our options must give way to one choice. No one else can make the decision for us and no one else would suffer the consequences of those decisions. All our choices will come to this narrow “gate” that will define who we are, how we live and even define us into the future. We must walk through the narrow gate and enter the kingdom.

Jesus challenges us to make difficult choices, make the difficult journey, walk the path of trials, face testing times, enter through the narrow door...

The way to the kingdom is not easy, but it is just the right way, the way made to fit our needs!

From the beginning of scriptures, we read about great men and women being called to make difficult choices and they in turn called their people to make hard choices. Moses and the prophets and finally Jesus offered people choices between life and death; way of the just and way of the wicked; good and bad; foolishness and wisdom and so on.

Make the right choice, the difficult choice, choose God’s way!

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 23 rd Aug 5.30pm	St. Peter’s	Kiaran Maher - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 24 th Aug 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael’s St. Peter’s	Alex - Int.	21st Sunday Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 25 th Aug	No Mass	Fr. Maria’s Day off	
Tue 26 th Aug 9.30am	St. Peter’s		
Wed 27 th Aug 10.00am	St. Michael’s		St. Monica
Thu 28 th Aug 9.30am	St. Peter’s		St. Augustine
Fri 29 th Aug 9.30am	St. Peter’s		Beheading of St. John the Baptist

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 24th 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.

100 YEARS! CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs. Mary Sheppard, a parishioner of St. Michael’s for many years, reached the wonderful age of 100 on the 21st of August. We wish her blessings of good health and happiness.



A BLOOMING CELEBRATION!

Last Friday, 15th August, was a joyful afternoon for our wonderful team of flower arrangers at St. Peter's. The group gathered for a delightful tea party, generously hosted by Tony and Maureen in their beautiful garden. Laughter, conversation, and plenty of tea flowed, accompanied by delicious cakes and cookies kindly brought along by many.

On behalf of the whole parish, a heartfelt thank you goes to every member of the flower team. Your creativity, dedication, and countless hours of work bring beauty and life to our church week after week. St. Peter's simply wouldn't be the same without your talents!

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.

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!



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £ 339.96 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

St. Michael: £ 110.55

