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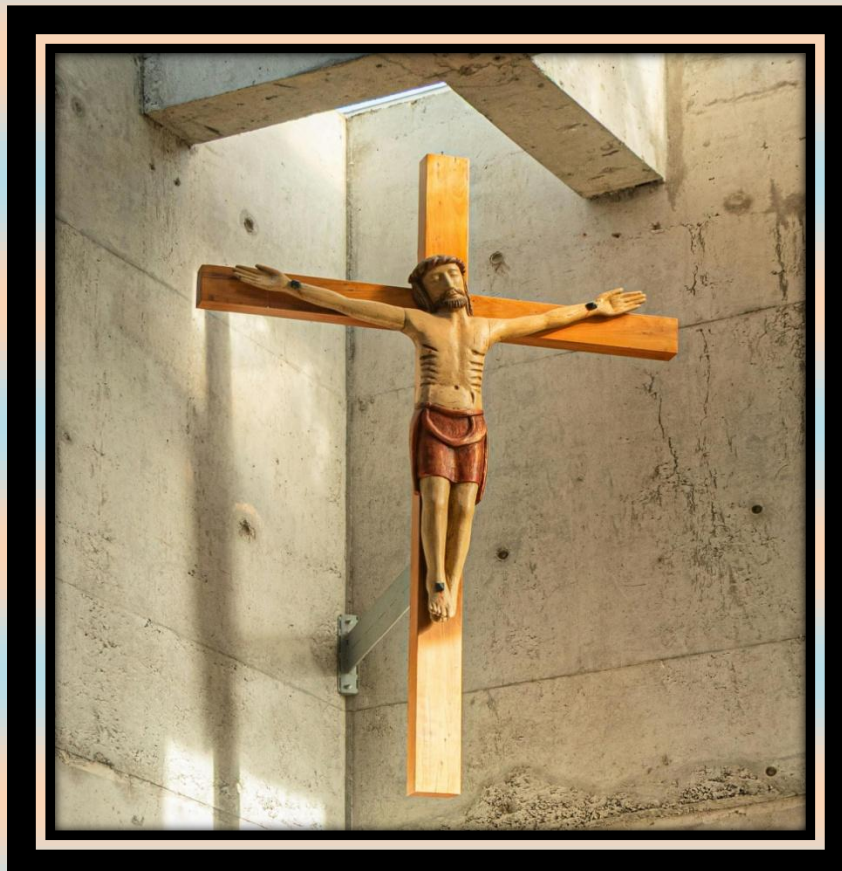
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# **THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**



**Dear Friends,**

**John 3:13-17** - There is an ancient story about an old man saving a scorpion. While meditating under a tree on the bank of the Ganges, an old man saw a scorpion floating helplessly on the river. He stretched himself out and reached out to rescue the drowning scorpion. The scorpion stung him as soon as he touched it. The old man kept trying in spite of being stung over and over again. A passerby, who witnessed it, asked the old man why he was saving a creature that was stinging him. His reply was, "it is the scorpion's nature to sting, but it is my nature to save". Whatever the hurt, the old man was going to remain faithful to his nature to save. He was going to save a creature that was fighting back.

God has reached out again and again even when we continued to strike back. It is God's nature to save. It is God's nature, God's character, the very essence of God's being to redeem, to save, to love and to heal. We fail to respond, we often strike back like the scorpion in the above story, and we remain ungrateful. God does not simply love... God is love. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only son..." (Jn.3:16). "The son of man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Today is the remembrance of the Cross. The cross, the sign of punishment and scandal became the sign of salvation. God uses even the signs of punishment and scandal as agents of healing, redemption, salvation, love and Grace.

**Trust in the transforming power of God. God transforms even forces of evil into agents of healing and wholeness.**

### **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Masses Requested</b>	<b>Saints &amp; Feasts</b>
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Brian Mellor - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Stefan Watts – RIP, Wella - Birthday Int.	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast</b> Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Fr. Maria's Day off</b>	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9.30am	St. Peter's		Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 11.00am	St. Peter's	Funeral service of Patricia Fletcher	St. Kemsing
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 11.00am	St. Peter's	Requiem Mass of Antonio Galan	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 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 14<sup>th</sup> September. 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.

### **HELP NEEDED PLEASE...**

The downstairs windows in the presbytery are badly needing painting Pat Togher has been kind enough to offer his services from 19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September to prepare and paint. If you have some spare time to help we would be grateful.

Teamwork makes the dream work. Please fill in the sheet at the back of the Church. – Cathy Nelson

## DOUBLE CELEBRATIONS AT ST. PETER'S!



- This Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September Tony celebrates his birthday. We joyfully give thanks for the gift of life of **Tony**, a faithful and dedicated member of our community, whose quiet commitment and joyful spirit continue to enrich the life of our parish.
- **Charles Pace**, one of our longest-standing members, marks the remarkable milestone of his **97<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**. His faith, wisdom, and enduring presence are an inspiration to us all.

As Charles and Tony celebrate their birthdays, we join together in wishing them both **Happy Birthday** and praying for **God's abundant blessings** upon their lives. May the Lord continue to grant them good health, joy, and peace in the years ahead.

Let us also wish and pray for **Wella** who celebrates her birthday...



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## **CHILDREN'S CORNER AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

As you will have noticed, we have made some space at the back of the church for any children that may attend Mass on Sundays. It would be appreciated if the adult seating in this area could be left clear for the parents/carers of the children who choose to use the area.

Thank you.

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## **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**

Since I am going with the Diocese to Rome on Pilgrimage for this Jubilee Year of Hope in just over 2 weeks time, if anyone would like me to take any special

prayer intentions for them, please give them to Father Maria, who will pass them on to me, or directly to myself: [eliz.miller49@gmail.com](mailto:eliz.miller49@gmail.com) I will of course be praying for the Parish as well as our local communities. Please pray for all us pilgrims too! - Eliz Miller



### **MAMMA MIA FILM NIGHT**

Please join us for our next fundraising event featuring the songs from ABBA ~ Mamma Mia Film Night (& Sing-Along) **at St. Peter's Parish Hall on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, doors open at 6:30pm.** Tickets are £15 each and include a delicious selection of Greek food. There will be an exciting raffle and drinks available for purchase on the night. Fancy dress optional. All proceeds will go towards repairs needed at St Peter's Parish Hall. Please purchase tickets online beforehand at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-cirencester/> OR please speak to a member of the fundraising team and we can reserve tickets for you! Thank you for your support.

### **ST. PETER'S PARISH BARBEQUE**

Join us Today (**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September**) 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.

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

**We look forward to seeing you there!**





**REST IN PEACE**



## **REMEMBERING PATRICIA FLETCHER**

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the sudden passing of **Patricia Fletcher**, a cherished member of our community. Her **funeral service** will be held at **St. Peter's on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00 am**, followed by her burial at **Chesterton Cemetery**.

We invite all who knew Patricia to join us in giving thanks for her life, to pray for the repose of her soul, and to stand alongside her family at this time of grief. May she rest in peace, and may her memory continue to inspire love and faith among us all.

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**ANTONIO GALAN**

It is with deep sorrow that we share the news of the passing of **Mr. Antonio Galan**, a member of our St. Peter's community.



A **Requiem Mass** for Antonio will be held at **St. Peter's on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am**. We invite all parishioners to join in prayer and thanksgiving for his life, and to commend his soul to God's eternal mercy and peace.

Let us keep Antonio and his family in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grief. May the Lord grant him eternal rest, and may perpetual light shine upon him.



### **Offertory Collection**

#### **Last Week:**

**St. Peter's:** £ 349.67 (incl. via the Dona Machine)  
Second collection: £ 121.71  
100 Club Winners (August): £30-36, £20-53, £10-200

**St. Michael:** £ 93.85  
Second collection: £ 46.10

