



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. J Fothergill

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Sat 17 Dec: First Mass of Sunday 6 pm
(Billy Hester RIP)

Sun 18 Dec: Mass 11 am
(Frank Mitten & Greta Lloyd RIP)
(Tetbury Mass 9 am)

Mon 19 Dec: Mass 10 am

Tues 20 Dec: Mass 10 am
(Peter & Doreen Diduch RIP)

Wed 21 Dec: Eucharistic Service 10 am
(Tetbury Mass 10 am)

Thurs 22 Dec: Eucharistic service 10 am

Fri 23 Dec: Mass 10 am
(Fr Denis Hough RIP)

Sat 24 Dec: CHRISTMAS EVE
No morning Mass
Confessions: 10 – 11am
First Mass of Christmas:
Tetbury 6pm (Carols 5.30 pm)
St Peter's 8pm (Eve Garrett RIP)
(Organ Music 7.15 – 7.45 pm)
No later Mass

Sun 25 Dec: CHRISTMAS DAY
Tetbury Mass 9 am
St Peter's Mass 11 am

Please pray for:

- those who are sick, including Iris Brennan, Ethne McGuinness, Dee Mitten, Jane Manners, Irene Spaul, Neil Adam, Mary Carling, Irene Malone, William Mockridge, Andrew Macdonald, Eric Graham, Paul Mahoney, Maisie Norton, Lucy Telling, Claire Halliday, Harold Adams, Sally Walsh, Alice Walsh, Gwen Murphy, Dorothy Godleman, Raffaele & Cesira Franco, Tom Tooley, Clive Owlett, Mary Kinson, Bethany Mickleburgh

(Please inform Fr Michael of any changes to be made to the above list)

- those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including Ann Wall, Joe Hibionada and Rachel Stavelly

PRAYER

St Peter's Book, for you to write your prayers, can be found at the back of church. If you have an urgent request for prayer, contact the Prayer Line on 01451 860609 or 01666 860387.

FINANCE

Weekend 10/11 Dec £288. Gift Aid £431, tax rebate of £101. Total £820.

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE NATIVITY

During Advent and the Christmas season, we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

100 CLUB

The winning numbers for November were: 96, 16, 50, 166 and 168.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 7.15 – 7.45 PM

Richard Lester and Sam Bristow will play a programme of Christmas organ music by Bach, Daquin and Howells before Mass at 8 pm. The outgoing voluntary will be Widor's Toccata from the Vth Symphony played by Richard Lester. On Christmas morning, the voluntary will be In Dulci Jubilo by Bach, played by Sam Bristow, the assistant organist.

ADVENT CELEBRATION

This Sunday, 18 Dec, there will be a celebration of Advent through music and Biblical readings, at 6 pm in the church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Horcott Rd, Fairford, followed by refreshments in the parish room afterwards and a retiring collection in aid of CAFOD's East African Famine appeal.

LA NATIVITÉ DU SEIGNEUR

Richard Lester will perform this organ work by Olivier Messiaen in St Peter's this Sunday, 18 December, at 7.30 pm. This music, often discordant, creates images in sound using the organ's tonal colours in a revolutionary way. Each of La Nativite's nine meditations is prefaced by scripture; all to honour the motherhood of the Holy Virgin and will be presented as an act of devotion, meditation and reflection in preparation for the feast of Christmas. Admission free. Retiring collection for the organ fund.

ST PETER'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

... will be meeting on Wednesday, 11 January, and the following 5 Wednesdays at 7 pm in the presbytery. They will be studying The Women of the Gospels: Missionaries of God's Love. If you would like to join this group please let Pam Morey know (885814) so that a study guide may be ordered for you.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

With the impending winter weather, the Cold Weather Shelter, which provides emergency overnight accommodation to rough sleepers, is seeking additional volunteers on a rota basis to help staff the premises. In order for the shelter to operate, two volunteers are required per overnight stay (please note this must be either two men working together or a couple). If you would be willing to help out or would like to know more about the shelter, can you please contact Pat at the Baptist Office on 643510 or e-mail office@cirencester-baptist.org

MOBILE PHONES

Please be kind enough to **completely** turn off your mobile phones in church. Leaving them in "silent mode" is very painful for our Electro Sensitive Parishioners. Thanks you.