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2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH St Joseph not only guarded Christ as He grew up; he also protected God's other precious jewel, Christ's Immaculate Mother. Together, they provided the Lord Jesus with an earthly formation about what love and family should be, as well as how to practice the faith of Israel. Let us ask St Joseph and his holy spouse to pray for us and our families, living and departed as we seek to grow in love and faith today.

UPCOMING DATES

Thu. 25th Mar. The Solemnity of the Annunciation. Patronal of our neighbours in Woodchester, but also the promise of Christmas, being the Conception of Christ in His mother's womb, 9 months in advance of His birth

Sun. 4th Apr. First Sunday of Easter - The Resurrection of the Lord, start of the Great 50 Days.

SAINT ROSE'S SCHOOL IN STROUD seeks to raise £1.5 million to build Quentin House, a specially-adapted residential home-from-home for some of its children. For information about the project and how to donate/fund-raise, please contact the appeals office at the school (01453 763793 ext. 225 or gail.mattocks@stroses.org.uk) or visit <https://stroses.org.uk/quentin-house/>

VENERATION OF THE MARTYRS IN LENT Try doing this online, looking at pictures of shrines, saints and their churches. We can pray before the screen: -

1. Reminding us that our virtual pilgrimage is prayerfully walking the Lenten journey to Easter.
2. Requesting the prayers of the saint or saints, for our daily discipleship.
3. Being encouraged by their victory over suffering, as we face our own temptations and difficulties. They are the victors and we still have to engage in spiritual warfare.
4. Drawing closer to the Risen Lord, for our ancient belief is that at the point of death, the martyr was granted a vision of the Risen Lord.

CAFOD Our Tetbury parishioner Mary Dignan has made it her personal Lenten challenge to Walk for Water. She walks 10,000 steps a day, every day, for the 40 days of Lent [Resting on Sundays!]. If you would like to support her, please speak to her in person or go to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water550>

ST PATRICK'S DAY On Wednesday, we celebrate St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland and probably Wales' greatest export! We wish all our Irish Parishioners' a 'Happy St Patrick's Day'.



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LENT IV – LAETARE, MOTHERING OR MID-LENT SUNDAY (YEAR B)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sun 14th Mar. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's

11.00am Mass & Holy Baptism in St Peter's (Pro Populis)

4.00pm Mothering Sunday Devotions & Benediction

NO PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASSES IN EITHER PARISH AT THE MOMENT – FR PHILIP CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE PRIVATELY

Mon 15th Mar Lenten Feria

Tue 16th Mar Lenten Feria

Wed 17th Mar ST PATRICK OF IRELAND, Feast

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thu 18th Mar Lenten Feria

Fri 19th Mar ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH, Solemnity

Noon Mass in St Peter's

Sat 20th Mar Lenten Feria

LENT V (YEAR B) – Passiontide or Late Lent begins, with the veiling of statues a& crosses

Sun 21st Mar 9.00am Mass in St Michael's

11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)



CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

Please join, us in the special 4.00pm Devotions and Benediction to pray for all mothers and motherly figures in our lives, living and departed.



Prayer to St Michael: Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION & UNDERSTANDING IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES AND WE WISH YOU A BLESSED SUNDAY

We intercede: -

- For the Holy Father and all the clergy: that in this season of Lent, they may guide us in following Jesus and walking with Him to Calvary.
- For areas of this world, where there is war or unrest and for their people, trying to live their lives in peace: that, looking to Christ Crucified, their violence and angry hearts may be changed.
- For ourselves as we journey through Lent: that we may have the courage to keep going, when the road is difficult.
- For mothers and all who show us motherly care: that God will reward them for their generosity and let them know the love and gratitude of their family.
- For the sick: that God's life-giving presence and healing may wipe away the tears of suffering and restore joy.
- For the Particular Church of Clifton and for the parishes of Downend, Kingswood, Chipping Sodbury and Yate: that together we will discern God's purpose for us and put it into practice.
- For our baptismal candidate this Sunday and for all preparing to receive the Sacraments at Easter: that God's grace may always work in their hearts to bring them to heaven.
- For the doctors, nurses, carers and researchers and all working unceasingly to assist those in most danger: that they may be safe and their sacrifices appreciated.
- May we remember all those who have died especially our mothers who are now at peace in God's heavenly Kingdom where pain and suffering are no more.



YOUTH MINISTRY Are you interested in working with youngsters in your parish, but feel you've not the knowledge or skills to do it? If so, then this course may be of interest to you. Equally, you could brush up on your skills or hear how others are doing the work. It's an on-line course so no travel required! Cost £48 for 10 sessions with highly skilled speakers experienced in Youth Ministry. Starts Tuesday 16 March: <https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/engag>:

PLEASE JOIN THE ST MICHAEL'S COFFEE ZOOM MEETING at 10:30 each Sunday morning, using the following link and access details Thanks to Brian for organizing this. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4317645775?pwd=YTNQanpaM0NhZnVaVFhNejM1TDgzdz09> Meeting ID: 431 764 5775; Passcode: coffee

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: News from St Joseph's Missionary Society with regards to this year's National Novena to St Joseph, 10th - 18th March, leading up to the Solemnity on the 19th. This year, for the first time their Masses from St Joseph's Church will be made available to view on Zoom via the Mill hill website: www.millmissionaries.com/novena.



MOTHERING SUNDAY We wish all Mothers a 'Happy Mother's Day'. We remember too our Mother's who have passed away; Mother's who have lost a child and those who are unable to have children.

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

9.00am Penitential Rite	11.00am Welcome of the Candidate
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NO SUNDAY GLORIA UNTIL EASTER

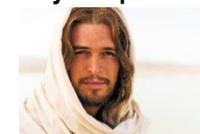
First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 *God's wrath for rejecting the prophets is revealed in the exile and His mercy in their return.*

Resp. Psalm. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10 *You have been saved through grace*

Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel John 3:14-21 *God sent His Son so that through Him the world might be saved*

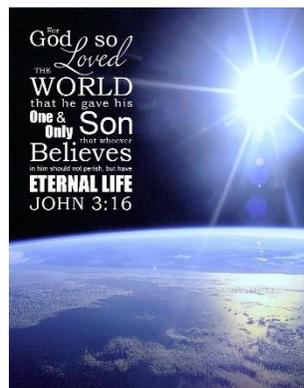


Apostles Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come and judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

11.00am Intercessions, Exorcism, Questioning, Baptism and Explanatory Ceremonies follow

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Act of Spiritual Communion Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I do not now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to You, now and forever. Amen.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Jesus refers to the ancient account of the Exodus and the people being spared from fatal serpent bites. The serpents came as a result of their sins, but God ordered Moses to raise a Bronze Serpent on a pole and asked the people to look up to it. This becomes a foreshadowing of Christ Himself lifted up on the Cross for the deliverance of the world. To look to Christ Crucified is to trust in His Divine Mercy and the loving compassion of the Father, Who wants to see us flourish. Our actions always have consequences, that must be faced up to, but God has more to say that just punishment and sorrow: He loves and saves.