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2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH God the Father did not spare His Own Son, but gave Him up as the Sacrifice that takes our sins away and bestows eternal life. As a loyal Son of Abraham, St Joseph was willing to allow the Boy he called Son to leave the carpenter's shop and preach the Good News. He was willing to share Him with the world and with the Father. Such love, willingness and self-sacrifice we ask for ourselves also through St Joseph's powerful intercession for the Universal Church.

UPCOMING DATES

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

12th Jul. Frs. Ian McCarthy, Michael Fountaine and Philip Thomas will reach 25 years of the Priesthood. Look out for details of celebrations on Sunday 11th July 2021. Please also remember Frs. Gerry Walsh, Bernard Shackleton and Michael Lewis, whose silver jubilees also occur this year.

[formerly women's] WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This will take place on Friday 5th March @ 7.00pm, via Zoom online. TACT AND CTIC will be hosting this service. It was decided to hold the service in the evening, so that more parishioners will be able to join those taking part. Details which will be required to enable you to join are in the email accompanying this newsletter. As we unite with fellow Christians around the world, please join us for prayer.

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

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>

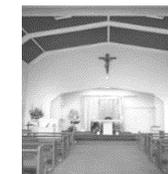
Meeting ID: 431 764 5775; Passcode: coffee:

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



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LENT II (Year B)

We wish Fr Philip and our 'Welsh' Parishioners a 'Happy St David's Day' for Monday

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sun 28th Feb 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)

NO PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASSES IN EITHER PARISH UNTIL AFTER NATIONAL LOCKDOWN [INCLUDING SATURDAY EVENING] – FR PHILIP CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE PRIVATELY

Mon 1st Mar FEAST OF ST DAVID OF WALES
5.00pm Reception of the Cortege for Mary Wilson in St Peter's

Tue 2nd Mar Lenten Feria
10.30am Funeral Mass of Mary Wilson in St Peter's

Wed 3rd Mar Lenten Feria
7.00pm Traditional Latin Mass at St Gregory's, Cheltenham

Thu 4th Mar Lenten Feria – Commem. St Casimir of Poland and Lithuania

Fri 5th Mar Lenten Feria – Women's World Day of Prayer

Sat 6th Mar Lenten Feria



LENT III (YEAR B)

Sun 7th Mar 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)

CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

In this Third National Lockdown in England of this Pandemic, please remember: -

- 1. Those who have been or who are sick with COVID-19**
- 2. Those have had problems of any sort.**
- 3. The elderly, the vulnerable and all, who are shielding or on their own.**
- 4. All front-line workers and carers, especially in our nursing homes and the NHS**



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.

We intercede: -

- For the Pope and for the leaders of our Church: that they may touch the hearts of many throughout the world and lead them to show mercy and compassion to those around them.
- For peace in a world torn apart by violence and bloodshed: that families may live together in security and happiness, confident in the loving support of those around them.
- For ourselves, our parishes and deanery that as we journey through Lent: that we may find the courage and strength to keep on going when the road ahead is difficult
- For the Particular Church of Clifton and for the parish of St Mary on the Quay in Bristol: that we will discern what God's purpose and dream for us is and put it into practice.
- For those who are sick: that the Lord of comfort and healing may restore them to health.
- For the doctors, nurses, carers and researchers and all who are working so unceasingly to assist those in most danger: that they may be safe and their sacrifices appreciated.
- For all who have died: that, transfigured by His mercy, they may be raised to eternal life in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.



VENERATION OF THE MARTYRS IN LENT The Church of Rome, has always visited the tombs of the saints in Lent and sung the Litany of the Saints each day.

1. Firstly, the walk to the shrine is a reminder of the Lenten journey to Easter.
2. Secondly, it is a request for the prayers of the saint or saints, for our daily discipleship as Christians.
3. Thirdly, we are to be 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. Fourthly, the ancient belief that at the point of death, the martyr was granted a vision of the Risen Lord, means that a visit to their relics brings us closer to Easter too.

T.A.C.T. St Michael's Parish requires another person to represent the parish on the Tetbury Area Churches Together committee. If you are interested, please email the parish office.



CAFOD. If you would like to give to the usual special collection on the Sunday after a Friday Fast Day, please donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also

give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

Mary Dignan's personal Lenten challenge is to Walk for Water. She promises to walk 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>

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon: Of You my heart has spoken, Seek His face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

NO SUNDAY GLORIA UNTIL EASTER

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 *The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith*

Resp. Psalm. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34 *God did not spare His own Son*

Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

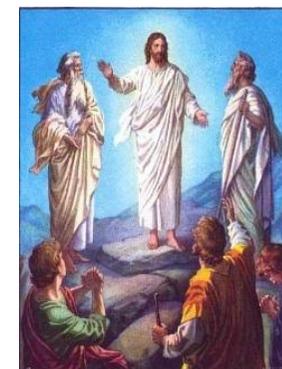
Gospel Mark 9:2-10 *This is my Son, the Beloved*

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.

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him

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 Just as last Sunday showed us Jesus' understanding for our weakness and susceptibility to temptation, this Sunday shows us the Saviour's understanding of just how difficult it is to keep going in the face of adversity. He knows about His

coming Passion, Cross and Resurrection, with the opposition of both Roman and Temple authorities. His plan for His Universal Church cannot fail because the Apostles cannot cope or understand the deeper meaning. Thus, He toils up Mount Thabor with Peter and his companions, so that He can reveal to them the uncreated and glorious light of His Transfiguration. Before the inhuman cruelty, suffering and apparent failure, Christ uncovers His Divinity to them, to keep them going. As we continue through Lockdown and its challenges, the Divine and Human Natures of the One Saviour show us that He is with us and encourage us to keep going.