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2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH St Joseph was a craftsman, made furniture and built houses. As a loyal son of Israel, the thought of the Temple's destruction in Jerusalem would have filled him with horror. Twice before in history it had been destroyed, only to rise again. He did not live to see that 3rd & final destruction in 70AD, nor the passion and resurrection of Christ. He did, however, rejoice in heaven that the promised salvation of Israel was fulfilled in the Passover of Jesus Christ. May I too be a builder, a founder and a benefactor, not a destroyer, a bounder and malefactor!

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 & Philip Thomas reach 25yrs of the Priesthood.

Look out for details of celebrations on **Sunday 11th July 2021**. Remember also Frs.

Gerry Walsh, Bernard Shackleton & Michael Lewis, whose silver jubilees also occur this year.

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).

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 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=YTNQanpaMONhZnVaVFhNejM1TDgzdz09>
Meeting ID: 431 764 5775; Passcode: coffee

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>



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LENT III (Year B)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sun 7th March 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 8th Mar Lenten Feria – Comm. St John of God

Tue 9th Mar Lenten Feria – Comm. St Frances of Rome

Wed 10th Mar Lenten Feria

Noon Funeral Requiem for Hildegard Lambley at St Michael's

Thu 11th Mar Lenten Feria

Fri 12th Mar Lenten Feria

Sat 13th Mar Lenten Feria



LENT IV LAETARE OR MOTHERING SUNDAY (YEAR B)

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

CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

Please remember to join in the fun for Mothering Sunday and wear something pink/rose. As we unable this year, because of Lockdown to visit mums, grandmas and other motherly figures, we have special 4.00pm Devotions and Benediction to pray for them all, 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 Universal Church and its leaders: that all may faithfully proclaim Christ Crucified and lead many to believe in His Name.
- For all Christians and people of good-will: that they may listen to the Word of God and obey His commandments in their daily lives
- For ourselves: that we may find time in Lent for God, seeking Him in the silence of our hearts and learning to love Him more and more.
- For our two parishes and deanery: that, journeying through Lent, we may find the courage and strength to keep going, when the road ahead is difficult
- For all those suffering in body, mind or spirit: that the power of the Cross may bring healing, hope and purpose to them all.
- For the Particular Church of Clifton and for the 3 Bristol parishes of St Nicholas of Tolentino, St Joseph and St Patrick: that we will discern what God's purpose and dream for us is and put it into practice.
- 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 they will be freed from their sins and welcomed into the company of the saints.



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. Firstly, reminding us that our virtual pilgrimage is prayerfully walking the Lenten journey to Easter.
2. Secondly, it requests the prayers of the saint or saints, for our daily discipleship.
3. Thirdly, we are 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.

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.



OUR FRONT COVER PICTURE This shows St Frances or Francesca of Rome, talking to her guardian angel, a regular habit of hers. For most of her life, she was a faithful lay Catholic in a parish, married and a mother of 3. Later, on losing all her family to the plague, she founded a religious order of Benedictine Oblates for grannies. It is still there to this day. The RC Parish of Ross on Wye in Herefordshire is dedicated to her. This is her church in Rome, near the Colosseum.

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

NO SUNDAY GLORIA UNTIL EASTER

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17 *Moses is given the Ten Commandments on Sinai*

Resp. Psalm. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 *The Crucified Christ, power and wisdom of God*

Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel John 2:13-25 *Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up*

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: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

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 This Sunday, not only do we hear a prediction of the Passion and Resurrection (destroy this temple and I will raise it up). We also see the Lord cleansing the Temple precincts of the exploiting traders and fraudulent moneychangers. It is good for us to be reminded of where Lent is going, lest its disciplines get us down. More importantly, this gospel reminds us that we need to cleanse the Temple of our souls of the muck, superstition and wrongdoing, which

we accumulate. We must face what we have done and failed to do, admit it honestly and hand it over to God, with sorrow and a firm purpose to do better in the future with His help. It is His very death and resurrection that allows us to cleanse ourselves and rebuild our lives in His image.