



**Parish Finances** Nobody likes to talk Finance, but we need to tell you honestly, that our finances are sadly damaged by the Virus Crisis. We are still unable to hire out the Parish halls and there were no collections at Sunday Mass between Mid-March and the end of June (no public masses were possible until very recently). We incurred extra costs in order to open and to keep us safe [P.P.E.,]. Our thanks to all who have continued to pay by standing order at this time. And to those who have sent donations in lieu of their normal offertory. If you would like to take out a Standing Order or make a Gift Aid Declaration, please contact the relevant Parish office.

**Requirements for Opening** WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO OPEN THE CHURCHES, IF WE HAVE AT LEAST 2 STEWARDS FOR EACH MASS. WE ALL NEED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR CHURCH: THEREFORE, IDEALLY, WE WOULD LIKE DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH OCCASION, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO REQUIRE CLEANERS AFTER EACH MASS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP. THANK YOU. **FROM THIS WEEKEND, YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A MASK AND LEAVE A NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AS PART OF THE "TRACK AND TRACE" REQUIREMENTS**



**Parish Office** the Parish Offices will remain closed to the public: BUT any queries can be made by email, which will continue to be answered. There will be someone to answer the phone in person on a Friday morning only in St Peter's. Our contact details are below. **If you need a priest urgently, please phone St Peter's Church on 01285 65208736**

**Cirencester Foodbank** is still operating and is very much in need of donations. at present it is not possible to leave donations at the back of the church, so there are a number of other options available. Send a cheque payable to Cirencester Foodbank, Cirencester Baptist church, Chesterton Lane, Cirencester, GL71YE. Donate online or leave donations of food at Tesco Extra, Tesco Tetbury or Waitrose supermarkets

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEED TO BE WITH US BY NOON ON WEDNESDAYS**

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**SUNDAY XIX 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (YEAR A)**

**WORSHIP FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Aug.    6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Aug.    9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Robert Docherty RIP)  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

**Weekdays**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Aug.    ST LAWRENCE OF ROME, Feast (Week XIX Year 2 readings]  
NO PUBLIC MASS

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Aug.    St Clare of Assisi  
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's (In Thanksgiving)  
Traditional Latin Mass 6.00pm in St Peter's

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Aug.    Feria  
Mass 10.00am in St Michael's

Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> Aug Feria  
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's

Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> Aug.    St Maximilian Kolbe [depicted in the windows of St Peter's]  
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's  
Traditional Latin Mass Noon in St Peter's

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.    Our Lady on Saturday  
Mass 10.00am in St Michael's (Int of the Carter Family)

**CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT**

**THE GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M**

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.    Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's  
6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Aug.    9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Ian Richardson RIP)  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

*WE WELCOME EVERYONE, WHETHER RETURNING AFTER THE CLOSURE OR VISITING OUR PARISH FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY WORSHIP WITH US*

**Due to advice from the Diocese the following has been put in place: -**

- **There will be baskets at the back of the church to put your offering and charity donations on leaving**
- **the church**
- **Hymn books, Mass cards etc. are not being used at present and everything you need is on this sheet. Please take your newsletter home with you.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING**

## MASS TEXTS

### Entrance Antiphon

Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(And, striking their breast, they say)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault: therefore, I ask Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer: you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most-High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### First Reading

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

### Responsorial Psalm

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

### Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

### 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

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### 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 cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you, now and forever. Amen.



**Father Philip writes** Cirencester's patron, St Peter, gets a starring role in this Sunday's gospel. Amidst a storm on the Lake of Galilee, Christ walks calmly over the raging waters to join the frightened disciples in the boat (We don't have to think very hard to see storms and upheavals in our world and in our lives). We are invited to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the tranquil centre at the heart of things, the calmer of storms. At first, St Peter trusts the

Lord and steps out of the boat in faith. Lo and behold, he miraculously walks upon the waters himself, but it is not he himself, who holds him up; it is Christ. When the winds and waves frighten him, he stops trusting in the Lord and, knowing that he can't walk on water unaided, he begins to sink. Christ then stretches out his arms to this "man with little faith" and saves him, because he cannot save himself. Many in contemporary society think they can save themselves, that they need no one, let alone God. As a result, storms within and without assail them and they sink into the chilly waters of despair and depression. Trusting in God is the only proper way to go. When Peter trusted, he walked on water. When Elijah trusted, God revealed Himself to him on Mt. Horeb as the "still, small voice of calm" of the gentle breeze. Each and every day, we need to renew our trust and seek in prayer the Horeb experience of knowing God is there.

### Please remember in your prayers:

- The Church amidst the turbulence of our times: that she may step out in faith, trusting in her Lord and ministering to the world with courage and compassion.
- Those who have lost faith: that the Spirit of the living God will renew their hearts, open a new springtime of hope and bring them to a new relationship with Him.
- Peace in our country and our world: that, settling their differences, peace may prevail. We remember Beirut.
- The parishes of Stonehouse and Woodchester: that they may pursue prayer, communion and mission in equal measure.
- The sick: that they will be given Gods healing, along with our prayers to sustain them.
- All parishioners and loved ones who have died: that God will meet them face to face at journeys end.

