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May is Mary's month. Her Smile turns Winter into Spring and darkness into day



2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH It is easy to be envious of St Joseph, because, living with the Saviour and Our Lady, God's life and love flowed to him every day. We do not share that home in Nazareth as they did. This is to misunderstand how God loves us and ensures that we do not miss out or become second class citizens. As Christ advises, we must not let our hearts be troubled, but must trust in Him and in His Heavenly Father. By Holy Baptism, we are sacramentally

joined to the Vine and already live in Christ's household on earth, the Church. The Lord promises that we shall have our own room in the Father's house in heaven.

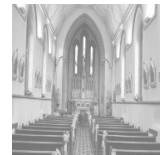
DO JOIN THE ST MICHAEL'S COFFEE ZOOM MEETING AT 10:30 This takes place each Sunday morning, using the following link and access details. ALL ARE WELCOME. Thanks to Brian for organizing this. Meeting ID: 431 764 5775; Passcode: coffee <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4317645775?pwd=YTNQanpaMONhZnVaVFhNejM1TDgudz09>

Áve María, grátia pléna, Dóminus técum. Benedícta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus frúctus véntris túi, Iésus. Sáncta María, Máter Déi, óra pro nóbis peccatóribus, nunc et in hóra mórtis nóstrae. Amen.

UPCOMING DATES

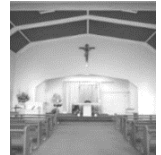
Thu 13th May ASCENSION THURSDAY – the 40th Day of Eastertide – 10.00am Mass in Tetbury, then in Cirencester Noon Traditional Latin Mass and 6.00pm Mass

Mon 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.



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Sun 2nd May

EASTER V (YEAR B)

9.00am Mass in St Michael's

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

6.30pm Overflow Mass in St Peter's

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Mon 3rd May Ss. PHILIP & JAMES THE APOSTLES, Feast

No Public Mass

Tue 4th May THE ENGLISH MARYRS National Feast

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Wed 5th May Easter Feria

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

7.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in St. Gregory, Cheltenham.

Thu 6th May Easter Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 7th May Easter Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Margaret Hooper RIP on the day of her funeral in Chard)

Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat 8th May Our Lady in Eastertide

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Sun 9th May

EASTER VI (YEAR B) – Rogation Sunday

9.00am Mass in St Michael's

11.00am Mass in St Peter's

6.30pm Overflow Mass and May Devotions in St Peter's

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

CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT



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 Francis our Pope: that he may have the Spirit's gifts to lead the Church in God's ways.
- For the Universal Church: that, filled with His life, she may truly be a saving sign, pointing towards Christ the Vine, always rooted and grafted in Him.
- For ourselves, and all our Christian neighbours: that the forgiving love of the Spirit may give us consciences free from fear and guilt.
- For Farmers, Growers and gardeners: that their work may be fruitful and may truly be a blessing from the Lord.
- For the family of our two parishes, that each of us will reflect the love of Christ by the way we live our lives
- For the Particular Church of Clifton and the parish of Chard with Crewkerne and Illminster: that, truly living in the spirit of Christ's death and resurrection, we may acknowledge the new life given to us at Easter.
- For all who are sick or housebound, and for those who are bereaved, that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of Christ's love for them
- 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
- For all who have died; that the Angels may welcome them to the Heavenly Banquet



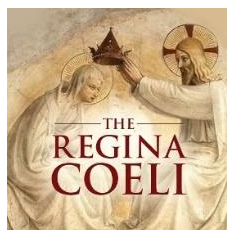
'REGINA COEL' - THE EASTER GREETING TO OUR LADY

Joy to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia
He, Whom thou wast meet to bare, alleluia
As He promised, hath aris'n, alleluia
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia

Let us pray.

O God, Who by the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ has brought joy to the whole world, grant that through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen**



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK I, the branch, am alive in the Vine, because its life-giving sap flows to me and through me. The Lord speaks this image of the True Vine at the Last Supper as something for the Post Easter Church to think about. The Vine is alive because of the Resurrection. How, then, does the life of the Risen Lord flow to me and through me? Part of the answer is the gift of the Holy Spirit, Whom we celebrate as Eastertide closes. The

Spirit brings me the presence of the Risen Lord. Another part of the answer is the Sap of the Vine. This Sap is Grace, the free gift of the love, life and power of the Lord. This Graceful Sap flows in the Sacraments, in the assembly of the Faithful and in prayer. Christ also bestows His graces in unexpected ways and situations. I need the Spirit and the Gracious Sap to be alive in the Risen Lord. I also need the Church, the Assembly of the Faithful with their legitimate pastors. Christ is in our midst, when we meet in His Name. The Spirit calls together the Church and it is in that Assembly that we celebrate the Sacraments, read the Scriptures and grow in prayer - Vine and Branches forever united.

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon.: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations, he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

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: Acts 9:26-31 *Barnabas explains Saul's conversion*

Responsorial Psalm You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24 *The commandment of faith and love*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Make your home in Me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in Me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8 *I am the vine, you are the branches*

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: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Act of Spiritual Communion Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most 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.

