



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

Funeral of Barbara Gardner Please remember in your prayers Barbara Gardner, who passed away recently. We send our prayerful support and condolences to her family. Barbara's funeral will be on **Tuesday 8th September at 11.30am in St Peter's.**

Parish Finances Please consider making your weekly offering by standing order at the bank and using a Gift Aid Declaration (if you are a payer of UK Income Tax). Do contact the relevant Parish office. **One off donations in the plate are covered by present regulations, provided the amount is under £20. Donations of £20 or more are most welcome, but need to go in an Ad Hoc Donation envelope.**

Requirements for Opening WE HAVE AT LEAST 2 STEWARDS FOR EACH MASS AND CLEANERS AFTERWARDS. WE ALL NEED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR CHURCH. WE NEED DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH OCCASION, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A MASK AND LEAVE A NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AS PART OF THE "TRACK AND TRACE" REQUIREMENTS



Parish Census Forms Thank you to all those who have submitted their 'Parish Census Form' it is much appreciated.

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 652087***

NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEED TO BE WITH US BY NOON ON WEDNESDAYS

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SUNDAY XXIII 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (YEAR A)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sat 5th Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
 Sun 6th Sept. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

WEEKDAY WORSHIP [Week XXIII Year 2 readings]

Mon 7th Sept. Feria
 NO PUBLIC MASS
 Reception of the Cortege of Barbara Gardner 5.00pm

Tues 8th Sept. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)
11.30am in St Peter's Barbara Gardner's Funeral Requiem
 Traditional Latin Mass 6.00pm in St Peter's

Wed 9th Sept. St Peter Clever
 10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thu. 10th Sept Feria
 9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Margaret O'Neill in Sickness)

Fri. 11th Sept. Feria
 9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Sr. Angela in Sickness)
 Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat. 12th Sept. Most Holy Name of Mary
 10.00am Mass in St Michael's

CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

NEXT WEEK - SUNDAY XXIV 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (YEAR A)

Sat 12th Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
 Sun 13th Sept. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (In Thanksgiving)
 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (The Peoples of the Parishes)

WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY WORSHIP WITH US

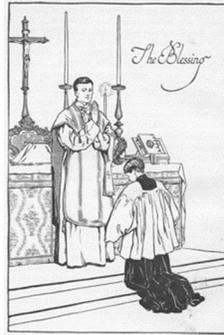
Because of That Virus, the following measures have been put in place: -

- **No baskets are passed around at the Offertory, but are at the back of the church to put your offering and charity donations on leaving the church**
- **No hymn books, Mass cards etc. at present. Use a bulletin and take it home!!!!**

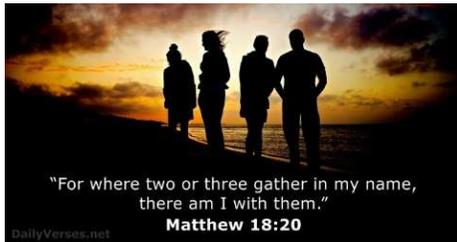
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING

We intercede: -

- For The members of the universal Church may walk together in unity.
- That leaders of nations may respect human rights and avoid repression.
- For a deepening of our prayer lives together: that the truth may be spoken with love and reconciliation may be the heartfelt desire of all.
- For the priest and people of St Mary, Swindon: that they may pursue prayer, communion and mission in equal measure.
- For all who are sick that the shadow of God's wings may fall upon them and fill them with joy.
- For the dead in Christ, especially Barbara Gardner: that they may be prepared for eternal unity with Christ



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 now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to You, now and forever. Amen.



Thought of the Week *Whether you still keep it or not, each of us has a birthday, the anniversary of being born in this world. Somewhere along the line, I crossed the frontier between growing up and growing old! Most of the saints are celebrated on the date of their deaths, poetically described as their heavenly birthday. Very occasionally,*

another date needs to be found, usually the date of their relics being moved to a new and more wonderful shrine. [St Gregory last week was kept on his anniversary of election as pope]. Only three people in our calendar are actually celebrated on their date of earthly birthday – Our Saviour at Christmas, St John the Baptist, patron of the town of Cirencester and Our Blessed Lady. Her birth points strongly towards Christmas, first the mother, then the Son. In the Middle Ages, the Birthday or Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was also celebrated with much solemnity and rejoicing as Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury. We remember Glastonbury parish this week and the small Benedictine Community, which serves it and surrounding parishes.



MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Ezekiel 33:7-

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Gospel Reflection

Our gospel is part of a longer sermon by the Lord and is a bit like a pearl necklace. Three pearls shine for us. The first is the difficult subject of correcting a fellow Christian. I don't like being wrong but I need my fault pointing out. The second is the power of the keys conferred on the Apostles and tells us we are looked after by our pastors. The third pearl is a point about prayer, precisely about unity in prayer. Covid 19 has made praying together more difficult and I have come to appreciate how much I benefit from praying with fellow Christians when I can!

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.