



**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 Alice Harris** Please remember in your prayers Alice Harris, who passed away recently, aged 104, especially as Alice has passed away without any living relatives. Alice's funeral will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm at Cheltenham Crematorium.**

**The Good Friday Second Collection for the Holy Places** Obviously, the traditional collection on Good Friday for the maintenance of the Holy Places could not be taken in Lockdown. With this week's feast of the Triumph or Exaltation of the Cross, it is right that we rectify this important omission. The funds raised are administered by the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land

**Requirements for Opening** WE HAVE TO 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 XXIV 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (YEAR A)**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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

**WEEKDAY WORSHIP [Week XXIV Year 2 readings]**

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<u>TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS (Feast)</u> <b>11.00am Modern Latin Mass in St Peter's</b>
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u> 9.30am Mass in St Peter's Traditional Latin Mass 6.00pm in St Peter's
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<u>Saints Cornelius and Cyprian</u> 10.00am Mass in St Michael's <b>1.30pm Alice Harris Funeral in Cheltenham Crematorium</b>
Thu.17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<u>St Edith of Wilton – Diocesan Memorial</u> 9.30am Mass in St Peter's
Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<u>Feria</u> 9.30am Mass in St Peter's Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<u>St Januarius of Benevento</u> 10.00am Mass in St Michael's

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

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.00am Mass & Holy Baptism in St Michael's
	11.00am Mass in St Peter's (The Peoples of the Parishes)

**CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT**

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 AND WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY SUNDAY**

**We intercede: -**

**MASS TEXTS**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Glória

- For the Church; that we may always give thanks for the compassion of God and offer that same healing to all we meet.
- For the world; that the conflicts which divide us, may give way to reconciliation and peace.
- For those who are sick and housebound; that they may find the support and strength of Christ in those who care for them.
- For those who find it hard to forgive and forget; that God will heal and guide them.
- For the priest and people of St Peter, Swindon and Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett: that they may pursue prayer, communion and mission in equal measure.
- For those who have died; that they may enjoy the eternal life of heaven, where there is no more sorrow, pain or weariness and every tear shall be wiped away.



**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** *We used to celebrate the finding of the relics of the Passion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, when Saints Philip and James were still on 1<sup>st</sup> May. The Cross and the other relics of the Passion were not so much lost as hidden by the Christian community of Jerusalem as treasurers to be kept from persecutors. When a Christian empress, St Helena, turned up in search of the relics, the Jerusalem Church knew they would be safe and delivered up the relics. The Triumph of the Cross on 14<sup>th</sup> September celebrates two key events, the dedication of the church of the Holy*

*Sepulchre (which housed the Cross) and the return of the Cross in 629 by the Emperor Heraclius after capture by a Persian king.*

*We remember not the pain and degradation of the Cross, but its heavenly glory and its loving power. We recall its grace and life. This is part of why the Cross is central to our celebration of Mass, [the Sacrifice of the Mass]. Christ's Cross sets us free from sin and death. It bestows life and opens the gate of glory to us. The Cross is a key, life-giving and liberating. St Peter's keys, to bind in heaven and earth, derive their power from the Cross.*

*We wear the cross and trace it upon ourselves as sign of triumph and victory. We prize the relics of the Cross most highly, splinters of it are enthroned and used to give blessings, as at Benediction, but with a red humeral veil.*

