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Morning Prayer: 9.15 am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat. The Rosary: Sat at 9.15 am

Reconciliation Sat: 11.00 - 11.30am & 5.15 – 5.45pm

Baptism Preparation 1st Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm in the Coffee Bar.

MASS COUNT: 693

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all the sick especially: John Doherty, Eddie Sherlock, Maria Cunningham, Liz Sawaf, Cheryl Loy, Andrea Brushneen, Josephine Giadrina, Mary Strike, Bernadine Hawker, Honorine Brown, William Patrick Carthy and Frank Dudley. Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently including Anne Berry & Michael Cooke..

SISTER SHEILA has recently had a heart operation in Ireland; please pray for her speedy recovery. If anyone wants to send their good wishes to Sister Sheila her address is: St. Aloysius Convent, Main Street, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork.

BAPTISM THIS WEEK – of Phoebe Kate Brown and Robko Slepckik. We welcome these children into our parish community.

ST PETER'S 150th SPRING FESTIVAL – please see the poster with the calendar of events. Tickets are available from the Repository after Mass on Saturday evenings or from the Parish Office from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm Tuesday to Friday.

FOOD BANK – Donations needed please of juice, noodles, milk, mash potato, tinned fruit, cold meat (ham), meat pies, fish (tuna), pasta sauce and biscuits.

PRAYER GROUP - Next meeting will be on Weds 19th May at 7.30 pm in the Church (Enter by back door). (No meetings until that date sorry)

EL SHADDAI – Praise and worship celebration to take place every Saturday from 3 to 5pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome.

PAPAL PREPARATIONS – With Pope Benedict XVI visiting this country later in the year, our award-winning website cliftondiocese.com is looking for your memories and photographs of the last Papal visit back in 1982. As we look forward to welcoming the Holy Father to the UK, tell your story by e-mailing webeditor@cliftondiocese.com and share your thoughts and experiences of the momentous occasion.

CALLING ALL GOOD COOKS - Recipes required for Liz Robinson to produce a “Cookbook” for our Parish. Please write out your favourite recipe

and let Liz have it or post it into the Presbytery marked “Recipe”. Many of us would love to try some Indian/Polish and any other recipes from around the world. Thank you.

PARISH ANNUAL DINNER - Fri 21st May 7pm for 7.30pm – The Guest of Honour and speaker will be Sir Henry Elwes KVC Lord-Lieutenant of the County. Tickets will be on sale at all Masses this weekend and again next weekend 8th/9th May – cost £21 each. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.

RETIREMENT CLUB - There are still spaces available for the trip to Harvington Hall on Weds 2nd June cost £13 each coach will leave Estcourt Road at 10.15am and Courts at 10.30am and return at 4pm. We will have a speaker from GEAR on Weds 5th May. GEAR is a day centre night shelter and health clinic for the homeless. Gifts of toiletries, biscuits, tea bags, socks, coffee or tinned food are very acceptable.

“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”: Jesus’ question to his disciples is also addressed to us. This Day of Prayer on 5th June from 10 am to 4 pm will be held in the peaceful setting of Woodchester Convent, Stroud GL5 5HS. Why not take time out from the ‘busyness’ of day to day life to reflect on what YOUR answer would be?. Please see application forms or telephone Ronnie Mitchinson on 0117 9025595 for further details.

THANK YOU to the Repository for a donation of £1000 towards the Parish Building Fund

THANK YOU to the estate of the late Elaine Fray and her daughter Patricia Fray Smith for a generous donation to the parish.

CHURCH CLEANERS required helping with the cleaning on a Friday morning please contact Breda on 617282 if you can help on a regular or occasional basis.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GLOUCESTER A.G.M. For the past 2 years Canon Bernard has been the chair of this committee. His term of office finishes at the AGM on Wed 26th May at 7.30 in St John’s Northgate. The speaker is Bishop Michael of Gloucester. He will be talking about life in the House of Lords and the issues he faces in putting a Christian view into Government legislation and debate. Please do make an effort to make sure that we have a good Catholic presence at this meeting.

PARISH FINANCES so far this year our income has been £53,866.34 and our expenditure has been £65,297.18. On the face of it this can seem to be living above our means, however it does include £18448.36 for the new steps, handrails and entrance matting . We do expect to be able to balance the books better in the next few months.

CURRY NIGHT our Indian community is putting on a curry night in the parish centre on Friday 18th June to help raise parish funds. Put the date in your diary and tickets will be on sale in a couple of weeks time.