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Parish Office:	Tuesday - Friday 9.30am-1.30pm

Sunday Mass Times

6.00pm (Sat), 9.00am, 10.30am, 2.15pm (Polish), 5.30pm

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturday: 10.30am-11.30am & 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Schools

St Peter's Catholic Primary School.
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23rd March 2014 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass Text

Responsorial Psalm:	O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'
Gospel Acclamation:	Glory and praise to you, O Christ! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Preface: The Samaritan Woman **Eucharistic Prayer:** II

LAST WEEKEND: Mass Count – 724 Offertory - £1368.82

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday at 8.30am and Wednesday 5.00pm-7.00pm.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK: 6.00pm (Sat) (*Paul Montanaro RIP).* Sunday 9.00am *(Deceased Members of the Merriman Family).* 10.30am (*David and Debbie Crowley RIP (Anniversary)*. 2.15pm - *Polish Mass.* 5.30pm (Deacon Tim Meadows (Get Well*)*. Monday 9.30am (*Intentions of David McClurg). Tuesday* 9.30am *(Yvonne Haynes RIP).* Wednesday 12.00pm *(Brendan Markey RIP).* Thursday 9.15am *(James and Miachael Tyreman RIP).* Friday 9.30am *(Peter Fahy RIP).* Saturday 10.00am (*Della Fahy RIP).* 6.00pm *(Kathleen Thornton RIP).*

Please note Mass on Thursday is at 9.15am.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Andrea Brushneen, Alison Blake, Hilda Lawrence, Sarah Anderson, Idaline Daley, Ona Pukas, Marie Cunningham, Colin Rocheberry, Jessie Hall, Cheryl Loy, Norah King, Charlie Slade, Marlene Stafford, Deacon Tim Meadows, Edmundo Padilla, Ross Nash, Daryl Paris, Fr Kevin Knox-Lecky.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION: Thanks for supporting CAFOD Lent Fast Day so far our parish has raised £1858.23 for CAFOD's work. Thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty, and for fasting in solidarity with them. Our prayers and donations are helping to ensure thousands more people worldwide are able to eat healthy, nutritious food today, and face the future with greater hope and security.

JOURNEY IN FAITH - LENTEN SCRUTINIES: Part of the Rite of Christian Initiation is the celebration of the Lenten Scrutinies on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. These are special moments of prayer with those who are preparing to be received as full members of the Church at Easter. Please keep our candidates in your prayers during these important days of preparation for the Easter Vigil: Bobbie Jo Kent, Steven Areington, Tim Ball, Christopher Johnson, John Davies, Patricia Godwin, Iona Pippen, Megan Phelps. The first Scrutiny will be celebrated at a Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday March 26th at 8.00pm in Church (meeting for those on the Journey in Faith at 7.30pm in the sacristy). All welcome. The second scrutiny will be celebrated during the 10.30am mass next Sunday.

PETER'S YOUTH: Next meet Sunday 30th March, at 6.30pm in the Coffee Bar. The film will now be shown at this meeting and not on April 13th. Please note a later than normal finish at 8.30pm. All secondary school aged young people are welcome.

LENTEN LUNCH: In the Coffee Bar after the midday mass on Wednesday 26th March. Money raised will go towards the Parish Project.

JOURNEY TO CALVARY AND BEYOND: - Series of Lenten Reflections based on the Stations of the Cross in St Peter's Church, from 7.00-8.00pm: Tuesday March 25th - Jesus meets his Mother Mary and the Women of Jerusalem. Tuesday April 1st - Simon and Veronica help Jesus. Thursday April 10th - Crucifixion, Death and Burial of Jesus. All welcome

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Each Wednesday of Lent from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. We encourage parishioners to take the opportunity of the time of Exposition on the Wednesdays of Lent to spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently.

Martin Loughlin: His funeral service takes place on Thursday March 27th at 10.15 followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium.

Thomas Purtill: His funeral Service takes place on Friday 28th March at 11.15am followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium.

Daphne Webb (nee Berry): Her funeral mass takes place on Wednesday 26 March at 2.30pm at **St Patrick's Brockworth**, followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium.

CHRISM MASS: On Wednesday 16th April at Clifton Cathedral, 11am. If you wish to travel by coach please add your name to the list at the back of church. The coach leaves from outside the old Courts building at 9.00am and should arrive back at 2.00pm approx. Suggested donation £5 Adults and £1 children, payable on coach.

RETIREMENT CLUB: At our next meeting on 2nd April we will be having an illustrated talk by Jean Holmes, on Gloucester buildings that used to be Theatres. Plus any members who have not yet paid their annual membership of £5.00, please could you do so at this meeting, thank you.

200 CLUB: A big THANK YOU to all members of St. Peters Parish 200 Club, for to your continued support. We were able to make a donation of £2,300 towards the Church. Thank you to Debbie for all her work in organising and running the 200 Club.

ST PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL SOCIETY: Invites you to celebrate the progression from Lent to Easter with a performance of Faure Requiem and Vivaldi Gloria. Featuring ex-student soloists Bernadette Johns and Sacha Fullerton. On Thursday 27 March at 7pm in St Peter's Church. Tickets £3 and £1 (concessions), available from School (01452 520594) or the parish office. Retiring Collection proceeds to The Lawrence Montagu Foundation and St Peter's Church.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: At St Gregory's Church, Cheltenham on Sunday 27th April at 2.30pm. See noticeboard for more details.

LIVING YOUR FAITH SUMMER CAMPS: Weeks of fun, games and faith for young people in our parish at Our Lady's Homestead, Nympsfield. 4th -8th August (Age 7-11) 11th -15th August (Age 12-16). For more info contact Stephen Spurrell 07847 915415 livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH FINANCES: A summary of the Parish Accounts for 2013 is now available at the back of the church. If you have any questions please see Mgr Liam or any member of the parish finance committee (Lyn Murray, Rob Willmott, Patrick Morrissey, Anthony Crew, Charles McGuigan).

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new offertory envelopes will be available for collection from next weekend.

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE: Run by Marian Fathers, is organising a Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford on 26 April 2014. See noticeboard for further details.

AND FINALLY: We think of how Joseph, as the carpenter of Nazareth, taught the young Jesus his trade and the value of work. Joseph also quietly imparted to Jesus that wisdom which consists above all in reverence for the Lord, prayer and fidelity to his word, and obedience to his will. Joseph's paternal example helped Jesus to grow, on a human level, in his understanding and appreciation of his unique relationship to his heavenly Father. With Our Lady, Joseph guided the young Jesus as he responded to the working of the Holy Spirit in his heart and in his life. By his example and prayers, may Saint Joseph be a sure guide to all parents, priests and teachers charged with the education of our young. *Pope Francis at General Audience on the Solemnity of St Joseph*

Vocation Matters- 23rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

"Give us water to drink"

"Let your living water flow over my soul. Let your Holy Spirit come and take control." How many people deep down are crying out for that living water, although they don't really know it? Let's not beat about the bush, someone has to tell them where to find it. How we bring people to that living water might differ according to our vocation. What we must all have in common though, is a deep awareness of that living water within us and the sense that we have a particular way of sharing it. When we recognize that, our gratitude and joy will spill over to others.

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday of Lent

Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13. Ephesians 5:8-14.
John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38.