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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.

Tel: 01452 524792. Web: www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre.

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25th May 2014 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Text

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Preface: Easter 5

Eucharistic Prayer: 3

Next Sunday – The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11. Ephesians 1:17-23. Matthew 28:16-20.

LAST WEEKEND: Mass Count – 682 Offertory-£1414.56

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK: 6.00pm (Sat) (*Bridget Ferson RIP*). Sunday 9.00am (*William McMahon RIP*). 10.30am (*Eddie Sherlock RIP*). 2.15pm - *Polish Mass*. 5.30pm (*People of the Parish*). Monday 9.30am (*Mary Poole RIP*). Tuesday 9.30am (*Kath Lord RIP (1st Anniversary)*). Wednesday 12.00pm (*Funeral Mass for Roy Harvey*). Thursday 9.30am (*John Brain RIP (2nd Anniversary)*). Friday 10.30am (*Funeral Mass for Alice Hagan*). Saturday 10.00am (*Mary Reddingham RIP (Anniversary)*). 6.00pm (*Ints of Pat O'Ryan*). **Please not mass on Friday is at 10.30am**

NEXT SUNDAY: Is World Communications Day - Day of Prayer for Right Use of the Media. There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for Catholic Communications Network.

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, Deacon Tim Meadows, Edmundo Padilla, Daryl Paris, Fr Kevin Knox-Lecky.

CAR PARK: Parishioners are reminded to access the church car park by Black Dog Way only. The opening onto London Road, when available, is for exit left onto London Road only. Do please observe.

HYMN BOOKS: If you have inadvertently taken a hymn book home could we ask you to return it to the church. We seem to be missing quite a few.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the church Reagan Knight baptised this weekend.

PETER'S YOUTH: Next meet on Sunday 22nd June at 6.30pm in the Coffee bar. All secondary school aged young people are welcome.

GLASTONBURY: The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury takes place on Sunday July 13th. See noticeboard.

RETIREMENT CLUB: Coach trip to Worcester on 4th June, cost £8.00. This trip is now open to any church members as we would like to fill the coach. If you are interested please phone Glos 529170 to book a place. We will be leaving from outside the old Courts building @10.30am, Estcourt Rd @ 10.40am and should arrive back in Gloucester @ approx. 5pm.

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

Roy Harvey. His funeral mass takes place on Wednesday 28th May at 12.00pm followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium.

Alice Hagan. Her funeral mass takes place on Friday 30th May at 10.30am followed by committal at Gloucester Crematorium.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S A.G.M.: On Wednesday 4th June at 7.00pm in the Social Centre. Everyone welcome.

GUIDED TOUR OF GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: Monday 9th June at 6:30 pm. The Friends of St Peter's have organised a tour of this historic building. The tour will have the services of fully trained Guides. The tour is limited to 30 people in total. The cost is £6 per person, paid on the night. If you want to go on the tour, write your name on the sheets on the table at back of church. The meeting place to be arranged. All proceeds to the refurbishment of the Lady Chapel.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: The 6.00pm mass on Saturday June 7th will be celebrated in line with the provision provided for in the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal for an extended form of the Vigil Mass for Pentecost. It is provided to be a compliment to the Easter Vigil which opened this season of Easter. Following the penitential rite there will be 4 readings from the Old Testament, each with its own prayer. The Gloria will then follow and mass will continue in the usual way. This Vigil Mass gives us the opportunity to join with Mary and the Apostles as we gather in prayer and vigil, praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

S.V.P.: Do you know of anyone who is in need of material or practical help? Maybe you know of someone who needs help with shopping or someone who is lonely and would like a visit. If so please put their contact details in an envelope marked S.V.P. and hand in to the parish office. S.V.P. members next meet on Tuesday, 27th May at 7.00pm in the Coffee Bar.

200 CLUB: Please can any members who have moved or changed telephone number contact Debbie McQuillan on 537189 so that she can update her records, thank you.

HOLY HOUR: Bishop Declan writes: *At our recent meeting of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Bishops resolved to ask all parishes to hold a Holy Hour on Sunday 25th May between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. This is the time when Pope Francis will be meeting with local families in Bethlehem before visiting the Grotto of the Nativity. Our prayers will be a sign of our solidarity and support with those communities and our desire to pray for peace with justice in the Holy Land.* In response to this request there will be a Holy Hour in Church today from 4.00pm to 5.00pm (later time than requested due to weekly Polish Mass at 2.15pm) with Rosary at 4.30pm. Follow updates on the Pope's visit on the website of the Catholic Church in England and Wales: www.catholicnews.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS: While every effort is made to accommodate a request for a specific day and time for a mass intention to be offered this will not always be possible and a previously arranged weekday mass may need to be changed due a funeral be taking place on the same day.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM: The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis' remarkable exhortation on evangelisation, is quickly gaining its place among the most powerful and inspiring papal documents of all time. To help us understand this document more deeply there will be six discussion and prayerful sessions to help us respond more personally to the Holy Father's vision for the Church. The first session will be held in the coffee bar starting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th June and will look at the introduction to the document. It would be helpful if you had read the introduction paragraphs 1-18 beforehand. You can view the document at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html

MORE HALL CONVENT: One vacant, large ground floor room in catholic care home, run by Benedictine Sisters in Stroud, Gloucestershire. For more information please write to or telephone Sr Elsy, More Hall Convent, Randwick, Stroud, Glos. GL6 6EP. Tel. 01453 764486. Or you can email: moorehallconvent@tiscali.co.uk.

AND FINALLY: Through the gift of Knowledge, we are enabled to see every person, and the world around us, in the light of God's loving plan. In a sense, we see the beauty, harmony and goodness of all creation with the eyes of God its maker. As is clear from the lives of Saint Francis of Assisi and so many other saints, the gift of knowledge gives rise to grateful contemplation of the world of nature and joyful praise of the Creator. The perspective given by this spiritual gift leads us to respect God's gift of creation and to exercise wise stewardship of its resources for the benefit of the whole human family. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us grow in the knowledge which enables us to perceive the love with which God guides the world, to respond with gratitude and to praise him for his infinite goodness and love. *Pope Francis - from General Audience May 21st.*

Vocation Matters- 25th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

"Always have your answer ready"

You're on *University Challenge*. "Here's your starter for ten", says Jeremy Paxman. "Why are you a believer in this day and age?" Will your answer be convincing enough to get to the bonus questions, where this can be unpacked in more detail? Stock answers to certain questions are usually not good. However, a well-prepared brief reflection to the above question is useful. It never looks good to hang one's head and say, "I can't really explain". Hope is often transmitted invisibly to others. The more yours grows as you follow the Lord, the more you'll be asked that question. Be prepared. It's too important not to be! For the bonus questions will then help to win the prize!