

**MASS TIMES:** Bourton (B) Stow (S)

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Saturday evening 3rd Oct: **Vigil Mass 6 pm (B)**. INTENTION: Repose of soul of Ted Smith. **SECOND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE**

Sunday morning 4<sup>th</sup> October. **9 am Mass (S)**. INTENTION: The Parish **SECOND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE**

Monday 5th Oct. Weekday in O.T **9 am Mass (S)** INTENTION:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. St. Bruno. **10 am Mass (B)** INTENTION: The Carthusian Order

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. Our Lady of the Rosary. **9 am Mass (S)** INTENTION: For all who use the Rosary.

Thursday 8th Oct. **10 am Mass (B)** Weekday in O.T. INTENTION:

Friday 9th Oct. **St. John Henry Newman. 9 am Mass (S)** INTENTION: Thanksgiving for all converts.

No Mass, as usual, on Saturday morning.

Confessions after any Mass or by arrangement.

Our Administrator, Andrew Gorzynski, draws my attention to the need to publish at least annually, the following notice about EVACUATION OF OUR CHURCHES IN THE CASE OF FIRE.

- In the event of a fire the Priest will assume responsibility for the incident.
- If an evacuation is necessary, all persons will immediately leave the church. Be aware that some people around you may require assistance due to age or infirmity.
- Escape routes: Through the main door, or through the fire door at the bottom of the stairs to the Webley Room (Stow only).
- The last person leaving the building must remember to close the door.
- All person will re-assemble in the Parish Garden for a head count.
- Do not re-enter the building without the consent of the Fire Service.
- Fire extinguishers will only be used if the fire is small and there is a clear means of escape.



**THE ANNUNCIATION by Sandro Botticelli.** At the back of Our Lady and St Kenelm's Church we possess a copy of this painting, the original of which can be found in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. Andrew Gorzynski has been in touch with Michael Welch of Bonhams as we are required by the Diocese to have an inventory of any articles of value in our Churches. Michael writes: '*Copies of works of the great Masters were frequently acquired by those on the Grand Tour in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and by many wealthy visitors to Italy throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Thus copy is likely to be one dating from the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> C.*' (The Grand Tour was a term introduced by Richard Lassels in his 1670 book *Voyage to Italy*. Guidebooks were developed at this time to meet the needs of the wealthy. The study and collection of art was almost non optional for Grand Tourists. Many returned laden with artefacts.

**Ted Smith RIP.** In due course we will be able to brief parishioners about the arrangements for Ted's Funeral Requiem. Unfortunately, with COVID regulations restricting us to 30 people it will be family only, but we hope that it will be possible for parishioners to be present when his body is brought to the Church of Our Lady, Help of Christians a few hours before his Mass. It should be possible for people to pray and light candles in church during this time. **All the arrangements will be confirmed in this newsletter in due course.**

**The Parish Lottery.** I will get the tickets printed next week. We have a licence from the Cotswold District Council and we have a splendid selection of prizes, thanks to generous parishioners. The plan is to hold the draw on the Twelfth Night of Christmas; i.e. 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 – hopefully we a social event, but who knows if the social element will be allowed.

**What is Peter's Pence?** (Second collection this week-end. This collection enables the Holy See to respond to those in urgent need, especially where there has been a natural disaster or a major tragedy of any kind. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune. The Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In the ninth-century, King Alfred the Great collected money – "pence" or pennies – from landowners as financial support for the Pope.

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