

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER, DEVIZES

WEEK 23 OF THE YEAR

- 5 September +**TRINITY 14**
8.00am Low Mass (BCP)
9.15am Morning Prayer
10.00am Sung Mass, Sunday School & Sermon
September's Benediction will take place on Sunday 12th September at 5.00pm
- 6 September Monday
Feria
- 7 September Tuesday
Feria
- 8 September Wednesday
Nativity of the BVM
- 9 September Thursday
St. Peter Claver, Pr
7.00pm Low Mass & Homily
- 10 September Friday
Feria
- 11 September Saturday
Our Lady on Saturday
6.00pm Evening Prayer & Preparation for Communion
- 12 September +**TRINITY 15**
8.00am Low Mass (BCP)
9.15am Morning Prayer
10.00am Sung Mass, Sunday School & Sermon
5.00pm Devotions & Benediction

Readings Exod. 32:7-14;1 Tim. 1:12-17; Lk. 15:1-10

*Morning Prayer will be said daily at 8.00am & Evening Prayer at 6.00pm most days this week.
Confessions after Evening Prayer on Saturday, or by appointment.
To make arrangements for Baptisms or Marriages, please contact the Parish Priest on (01380)
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Father Peter's Notices This Week

Dates for your Diary

Baptism Sunday: Sunday 19th September & Sunday 12th December will be Sundays at which Holy Baptism will be administered during the main Mass, which will begin an hour later than usual – at 11.00am. There will be Baptism Sundays at three-monthly intervals through 2011 on dates to be announced. All baptisms will now take place at these services.

Harvest Supper- Saturday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the Crown Centre. The closing date for signing up – and indicating menu choices – is Sunday 19th September. The sheet is on the table at the back of church.

Saints & Feasts this week include:

St. Peter Claver: St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, an old hall porter at the Jesuit college Peter Claver attended, directed the younger man's attention to the spiritual needs of the New World. In 1610 Peter landed in Cartagena in Colombia, where in 1616 he began his life's work. This he described as 'being the slave of the Negroes for ever'. He was appalled by the atrocious physical sufferings (as well as by the religious & spiritual neglect and squalor) inflicted on the innocent victims of the slave trade.. He met the slave ships as they came in and ministered to the needs of their human cargo as best he could – working in conditions almost as terrible as their own. He did all he could to follow them up at the mines & plantations to which they were sent. He also visited the prisons, interesting himself in those who had aroused the suspicions of the Inquisition and in foreign captives. He worked in the hospitals, caring for the sick, white & black.

Peter met determined opposition from within the Church and from slave owners. In the last four years of his life he was stricken with paralysis. The rich & powerful, from whom he had defended the destitute & oppressed, revenged themselves on him by ensuring that he was unkindly treated. He did not complain, saying, 'My sins deserve more punishment than this!' He died in 1674, aged 74.