



THREE SAINTS PARISHES

St Joseph's Tewkesbury St Nicholas' Winchcombe St Thomas More Cheltenham

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalter 4 Proper of the Season

Saturday 21st Dec VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY
St Thomas More Mass 5.00pm
*[Deceased members of the Delaney Family] & [Ivy Abilla – Birthday]
& [Antony and Saramma Raphael RIP]*

Sunday 22nd St Joseph's Tewkesbury
Mass 9.00am *[Marie Rushe & Family]*

St Nicholas' Winchcombe
Mass 11.00am *[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]*

Monday 23rd Weekday of Advent II
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm

Tues 24th SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Woodmancote Mass - 12 noon
St Thomas More, Cheltenham - Mass 5.00pm
St Joseph's Tewkesbury – Mass 7pm
[Preceded by carols at 6.30pm]
St Nicholas Winchcombe – Mass 9pm
[Preceded by carols at 8.30pm]

Wednesday 25th St Nicholas' – Mass 9.00am

Thursday 26th FEAST OF ST STEPHEN
St Joseph's - Mass 10.00am

Friday 27th FEAST OF ST JOHN, APOSTLE
St Joseph's - Mass 10.00am
St Nicholas' – Mass 10am
[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]

Saturday 28th FEAST OF THE INNOCENTS
Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm
St Thomas More, Cheltenham
[Kevin & Nora Healey]

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday 29th St Joseph's Mass 9am
[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]

St Nicholas Mass 11am
[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]

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Entrance Antiphon Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour

1st Reading [Micah 5: 2-5a]
From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel

Responsorial Psalm Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading [Hebrews 10: 5-10]
Behold, I have come to do your will

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word. **Alleluia**

Gospel [Luke 1: 39-45] *Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*

Communion Antiphon Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel

[DPLink](#) St Stanislaus, Dulverton, Sacred Heart Minehead

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, let us embrace the gifts He brings into our lives: JOY, PEACE and LOVE. May the Joy of Christ's coming fill your hearts and homes, reminding us of the hope we have in Him. May His Peace, which surpasses all understanding, calm every worry and bring unity to our families and community. And may His boundless Love inspire us to share Kindness, Compassion and Generosity with everyone we encounter. This Christmas, let us reflect on God's greatest gift to us, His Son and strive to be living witnesses of His JOY, PEACE and LOVE in our world.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with God's grace.

In Christ's Love, Fr. Joby Lukose Parish Priest

READINGS & RESPONSES + Please use the Parish Mass Books for readings for our Christmas Masses Pages 92-104.

CHRISTMAS CRIBS + Alongside our various Christmas Cribs there will be collecting boxes for CCS Adoption – the Adoption society founded by the Diocese of Clifton 120 years ago. All contributions will help their continuing work to place and support children who cannot be raised by their natural parents.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS + Special printed envelopes are available from this weekend for anyone wishing to use them.

Please remember the sick in our parish and all our deceased parishioners whose anniversaries occur in December:

ST NICHOLAS': Gert de Vries, Marys Fletcher, Mary McAndrew, Billy and Nicholas Grassick, Pat Sanger, Arthur Tierney, Peter Giles, Kevin McNamee, Michael Doran, Michael Robertson, and Tim Hancock.

ST THOMAS MORE: Michael Wehrle, Sarah Bartrel, Kathleen Poulton, Michael, Kathleen and Elizabeth Delaney Jean Pearce and Bridie Ruck.

ST JOSEPH'S: Margaret Lempert, Phyllis Shore, Krystyna Dziemarska, Simon Gegg, Francis Richard, John Carroll, Robert Shiner

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 + Maggie and Graham Wheeler are volunteer helpers with the administrator of the confirmation programme. Please see full details on the St Gregory the Great website and know that you can contact them if you wish to join the programme, via the number held in our parish offices.

PARISH OFFICE + The parish office will close at lunchtime on 23rd December, re-opening on Monday 30th December

LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON at St Nicholas our children (ages 18 months to 8 years) retold the Christmas story and reminded us all what Christmas is really about. Well done to all who took part you were all amazing. A big thank you to the Children's Liturgy group and all our musicians who organised this; to the parents, grandparents, friends and parishioners who raised the roof in their appreciation and song. Please visit <https://threesaintsgloucs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/AUDIO-2024-12-15-18-31-59.m4a>

A DAY AT PRINKNASH + Please see the poster in the porch area celebrating St John Bosco on 25th January Day includes: Talk 1: 11am - 12.30pm - Break for Lunch - Talk 2: 1.30pm - 2.30pm Confessions/Mass: 2:45pm
Booking essential due to limited space. All welcome. moira.govan@gmail.com John O'Donnell: 07598 797252

MORNING MASSES CHRISTMAS WEEK +

Please check overleaf carefully. There are some recent changes to our proposed Mass schedule. There will now be Mass on Christmas Day in Winchcombe. In Tewkesbury, Father Chris Benyon will be with us to supply Mass at St Joseph's on **Thursday** this week to celebrate St Stephen – the first martyr - and again on **Friday** to celebrate St John the Apostle

