



THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 7th Dec VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY
St Thomas More Mass 5.00pm
[ANNE MARIE O'TOOL RIP]

Sunday 8th St Joseph's Tewkesbury
Mass 9.00am with Children's Liturgy
[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]

St Nicholas' Winchcombe
Mass 11.00am with Children's Liturgy
[JOHN JOE CAWLEY 2ND ANNIVERSARY]

Monday 9th Weekday of Advent
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm

Tuesday 10th Weekday of Advent
St Thomas More Adoration 5.30pm
Mass 6.00pm *[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]*

Wednesday 11th Weekday of Advent
St Joseph's Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[ELIZABETH WRIGHT RIP]*

Thursday 12th Weekday of Advent
St Nicholas' Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]*

JOINT PARISHES PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING
7.00PM ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

Friday 13th Memorial of St Lucy Martyr – No Mass

Saturday 14th St Nicholas – Mass 11.00am
With Baptism of Dylan Evans

Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm
St Thomas More, Cheltenham
[IN THANKSGIVING FOR IZABELLA AND LILLIANA PYPLOWSKA – BIRTHDAYS]

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 15th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am
[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]

St Nicholas Mass 11.00am
+Children's Liturgy *[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]*

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Entrance Antiphon O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading [Baruch 5: 1-9]
God will show your splendour

Psalm What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

2nd Reading [Philippians 1: 3 – 6, 8-11]
Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia**

Gospel [Luke 3: 1-6] *All flesh shall see the salvation of God*

Communion Antiphon Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God

[Diocesan Prayer Link](#)
Immaculate Conception, Devizes with Lavington

PARISH PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, bless our parish family. May we experience your Divine Providence in all our needs - both spiritual and material. Protect us from all harm. Shower your abundant grace on all in our parish family. Strengthen among the members the bond of fraternal love and sharing. May we grow in generosity and concern for the needy. Keep our priest faithful in obedient service to you so that, by his life and ministry, he may bring you glory in Christ. Strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of sacrifice, so that, with thy grace, we may provide for the needs of our parish. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

Please remember 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 and Jean Pearce.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES + Please note in your diaries that all of our **Christmas Masses will be on the 24th December**

Woodmancote – 12.00pm

St Thomas More – 5.00pm – Possibly Christmas Carols after Mass

St Joseph's Carols from 6.30pm – Mass at 7.00pm

St Nicholas – Carols from 8.30pm – Mass at 9.00pm

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH H.Q. + Parishioners may sign up for social media account managed by the diocese – such as Facebook and Twitter - where they will hear about future events, opportunities for formation and other items of interest. Certainly, Clifton would like engagement with parishes to be as interactive as possible. More information at <https://cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/>

TUESDAY Mass responses

Entrance Antiphon	Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.
Responsorial Psalm	Behold our God comes in strength
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The day of the Lord is near; behold, he comes to save us Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who eagerly await his coming.

THURSDAY Mass responses

Entrance Antiphon	You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! 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 Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.

JOINT PARISHES CHRISTMAS CAROLS + A reminder that all are invited to sing Christmas Carols in St Nicholas' Church Winchcombe at **4.00pm on Sunday 15th December.** A lovely way to get ready together for welcoming our saviour once more.

ST JAMES CHAPEL AT POSTLIP +

Thank You Dear Friends, We have now raised our target of £15000 and a company has been asked to carry out the repairs to the roof and rainwater goods to ensure the chapel is sound for the next 11 centuries. They will start work early in the new year. When the work has been completed, we will work with the residents of Postlip Hall to commission tree surgeons to cut back the trees around the chapel. Regular services will start in May and are held on the first Friday of the month and on the feast day St James. We very much hope you will be able to come and join us in this wonderful old chapel that is probably unique in that it has been in the catholic church for 9 centuries. Once again, many thanks to you for your great generosity. The St James Group

ST NICHOLAS NOVEMBER GRAND DRAW + Our winners are: 1st [£150] I Elliott, 2nd [£100] M Drake, 3rd [£50.00] D. Walker, 4th [£20] L. Philips, 5th [£10] M. Phillips. Many congratulations to all prize winners and thanks to all who take part.

RED BOXES STM + Please could everyone return their Red Mission (APF) Boxes for emptying as soon as possible – Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB +

The winners for November are : 1st prize [51] Diane Hill, 2nd Prize [22] Ann Wignall, 3rd Prize [73] J Sundarajoo. Congratulations to all. Please collect prizes from the office. Additionally, to comply with recently expanded laws, we need to formally advise all contributors that our 200 Club operates as a **Private Society Lottery** for the specific purpose of maintaining our church. Money collected in 2024 will help with the repainting on the sanctuary area in January 2025.

FOODBANK DONATIONS +

Please remember to pop something in for those in need, if you can. Christmas can be a very difficult time for families on low incomes. The box at St Joseph's is emptied each Tuesday – so just two weeks left to donate something special.

PRINKNASH EVENT + There will be a Rosary Walk Advent Retreat Day Celebration in the Meeting Room at the Abbey on Saturday 14th December 11 - 4pm The day includes an Advent Raffle, mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas Crackers and music. All warmly welcome! See poster in porch area for contact details.

This weekend we will take up a second collection in each of our parish churches for Christmas flowers.