



THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudete Sunday

Saturday 14th Dec VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY
St Thomas More Mass 5.00pm
[Thanksgiving birthdays of Izabella and Lilliana Pypłowska]

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

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

Carols at 4.00pm at St Nicholas
followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Monday 16th Weekday of Advent
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm

Tuesday 17th Weekday of Advent II

St Thomas More School Mass 2.00pm

St Thomas More Adoration 5.30pm
Mass 6.00pm *[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]*

Wednesday 18th Weekday of Advent II
St Joseph's No Adoration
10.00am Requiem Mass for Paul Regan

Thursday 19th Weekday of Advent II
St Nicholas' Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]*

Friday 20th Weekday of Advent II

Saturday 21st Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm
St Thomas More, Cheltenham
[Deceased members of the Delaney Family]

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

Sunday 22nd St Joseph's Mass 9am *[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]*

St Nicholas Mass 11am *[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]*

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Entrance Antiphon Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading [Zephaniah 3: 14-18a]
The Lord will exult over you with loud singing

Psalm Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading [Philippians 4: 4-7]
The Lord is at hand

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. **Alleluia**

Gospel [Luke 3: 10-18] *And we, what shall we do?*

Communion Antiphon
Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

[Diocesan Prayer Link](#)

St Joseph, Stonehouse, Annunciation Woodchester

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 Jean Pearce and Bridie Ruck.

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

LET'S SHOW OUR JOY! Come and sing Carols together this afternoon (Sunday 15th) 4pm at **St Nicholas Winchcombe**. Join us for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards on this Gaudete Sunday.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS + Thank you for the generous collection for flowers, £178.00 was raised at Saint Nicholas, £188.00 at Saint Thomas More and £104.90 at Saint Joseph's.

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

CATENIANS + The Catenians originated as a lay association of Catholic men who met to share friendship and mutual support. Scan the QR code on the poster in our porch area for more information about their activities in our local community.

WORLD GIFTS + Please pick up a World Gifts catalogue from the porch area if you have someone difficult to buy for (see instructions on Pg 18) Purchasing items for those in need around the world is a truly Christian way to celebrate Christmas.

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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION + There is a proposal to change admission arrangements in the Little Way Trust from September 2026 onwards, prioritising in order after children from Catholic families: children of staff, children from other Christian denominations, and pupils from families of other faiths. Details can be found at: <https://lwcet.co.uk/key-information/admissions/> and any comments should be sent by 20 December.

TUESDAY Mass responses

Entrance Antiphon	Rejoice, O heavens and exult, O earth, for our Lord will come to show mercy to his poor.
Responsorial Psalm	In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! O Wisdom of the Most High, ordering all things with strength and gentleness; come and teach us the way of true knowledge Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Behold, the Desired of all the nations will come, and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.

THURSDAY Mass responses

Entrance Antiphon	He who is to come will come and will not delay, and now there will be no fear within our land, for he is our Saviour
Responsorial Psalm	My mouth is filled with praise; I will sing of your glory.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! O Root of Jesse, set up as a sign to the peoples; come to set us free, and delay no more. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	The dawn from on high will visit us, guiding our feet in the way of peace.

ST JOSEPH'S MID WEEK + On Wednesday there will be no adoration prior to the Requiem Mass at 10am as we join with the family of the late **Paul Regan** to remember and pray for him.

RED BOXES + Please all STM parishioners please return their Red Mission (APF) Boxes for emptying as soon as possible. Thanks

FOODBANK + Please remember to pop something into our collecting tub 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES + All Masses across our Three Saints parish are on the 24th December: **Woodmancote – 12.00pm**
St Thomas More – 5.00pm St Joseph's Carols 6.30pm – Mass 7.00pm St Nicholas – Carols 8.30pm – Mass at 9.00pm

In Tewkesbury Father Chris Benyon will celebrate Mass in St Joseph's on Thursday 26th and Wednesday 27th December at 10am