



THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

[Proper of the Feast]

Saturday 11 th Jan	VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY St Thomas More Mass 5.00pm <i>[M Flood Intention - Friends]</i>
Sunday 12 th	St Joseph's Tewkesbury Mass 9.00am <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> <i>[Jerry & Ancil 11th Wedding Anniversary]</i>
	St Nicholas' Winchcombe Mass 11.00am <i>[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]</i>
Monday 13 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm
Tuesday 14 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time NO MASS
Wednesday 15 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time NO MASS
Thursday 16 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time NO MASS
Friday 17 th	Memorial of St Anthony NO MASS
Saturday 18 th	Saturday after Epiphany Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm St Thomas More, Cheltenham <i>[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]</i>

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Psalter 2]

Sunday 19 th	St Joseph's Mass 9.00am <i>[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]</i>
	St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> <i>[PEOPLE OF THE PARISH]</i>

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Entrance Antiphon After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

1st Reading [Isiah 42: 1-4, 6-7]
Behold my servant in whom my soul delights

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord will bless his people with peace

2nd Reading [Acts 10: 34-38]
God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him' **Alleluia**

Gospel [Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22] *When Jesus had been baptised and praying, the heavens were opened*

Communion Antiphon Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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

RECOMMISSIONING + This weekend, in all three churches, our Ministers of the Word will be recommissioned. We are grateful for the strong team of people who carefully rehearse the readings with prayerful contemplation before delivering them and using their gifts for the benefit of all in our three parish churches.

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

ST NICHOLAS': Alan Collett, Michael Rafferty, Olwen Askew, Elizabeth Martin, Patrick Andrew, Michael Sanger, Anne Northover, Janet Woolnough, Alfred Finch, Edna Guest ad Iris and Sean Mayo.

ST THOMAS MORE: Terry Ruck, Don Soul, Eileen Morgan, Tom Morgan, Margaret Crossan, George Kelly, Barbara Smart, Cathy Gobey and Veronica Gifford.

ST JOSEPH'S: Olekska Szyrjy, Thomas Sundarajoo, Robert Shiner, Michael Noon, Rene Joy, Nora Rudd, Gladys Conway, Jo Perrott, Kay Singleton and John Myers

FATHER JOBY TAKES A BREAK + We say goodbye and farewell after our Mass this weekend as Father Joby takes a well-earned break. Father David Ryan will be with us from Saturday 18th January through to Thursday 6th February.

Please note : There will be no mid-week Masses during the first week of Father Joby's absence but they do resume week commencing 19th albeit without exposition.

IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY + Whilst Father Joby is away, please contact St Gregory's Cheltenham if you have an urgent need for a priest. The number is 01242 523737 and Father David Mills is the Priest.

ADMINISTRATOR ON LEAVE +

Chris Davies is also away on leave this week (13th – 17th) and the parish office will not be manned during that time.

Emails/answer phone messages received during the period 13th – 17th January will be attended to on Monday 20th January.

ST JOSEPH'S REDECORATION + Whilst things are quiet in the parish, work begins this week to repaint the sanctuary area and sacristy. Possibly NOT a good week for popping in for a quiet prayer! Work is likely to continue into week commencing 20th January but will not affect services

A DAY AT PRINKNASH + Please see the poster in the porch area celebrating St John Bosco on 25th January Booking will be essential due to limited space. All welcome. moira.govan@gmail.com John O'Donnell: 07598 797252

ST GREGORY'S CHELTENHAM + At 2pm on Saturday 25 January resident organist, Dr August Guan, will give a recital at St Gregory's. The music will feature both organs and will include pieces by Bach, Dretzel, and Müthel. August will talk about the pieces with particular emphasis on J S Bach's attribution as composer. Entry is free, with a retiring collection.

THE PRIEST'S TALE + The true story of Fr Wilhelm Kleinsorge's escape from the devastation of Hiroshima in 1945, will be performed in St Gregory's Church by award-winning actor Michael Mears on 31st January at 6.30pm, followed by Q&A and refreshments. See poster in the porch for booking details

ST THOMAS MORE + There will be an Ecumenical Service **5.00pm on Sunday 19 January**, and there will be a rehearsal for musicians who might wish to be involved with this (from all the various churches) **this Sunday 12 January at 3.00 pm**. If you want to play an instrument, or simply learn some new hymns, please do come along.

FUND- RAISER +

Saint Joseph's starts the 2025 fundraising efforts today off with a table-top sale of 'New Items / Unwanted Gifts' Hopefully (as previously) this will prove to be a good start for our parish 2025 Nepal project. Some lovely items, please be generous.

FOODBANKS + The Foodbank collection takes place today in St Nicholas Winchcombe, 12th January. Thank you for your continued generosity. At St Joseph's the Foodbank donations continue to be collected weekly. Please consider popping the occasional item in for the many families in our area who are struggling financially and must rely on the generosity of others.

ST NICHOLAS 200 CLUB + Please consider joining our 200 Club raise money for our roof that needs repairing and potentially win one of three monthly prizes, or be the winner £150, £100, £50, £20 in the grand draw in November. Subscriptions now due, 1 ball = £12.00 for the year email carolanne.baker@btinternet.com for more information.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK +

This week we are asked to pray for those who worship in the parishes of Saint Catharine in Frome and that of Saint Dominic in Mells – as they will pray *our congregations in Tewkesbury and Winchcombe* in early February.