



THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

[Psalter 1, Proper of the Season]

- Saturday 8th March VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY
St Thomas More Mass 5.00pm
[Special Int. Family at Risk]
- Sunday 9th St Joseph's Tewkesbury
Mass 9.00am
[People of the Parish]
- St Nicholas' Winchcombe
Mass 11.00am
[People of the Parish]
- Monday 10th Weekday of Lent
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm
- Tuesday 11th Weekday of Lent
St Thomas More Stations of the Cross 5.30pm
Mass 6.00pm *[Special Int – Cancer victim]*
- Wednesday 12th Weekday of Lent
St Joseph's Stations of the Cross 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[Bernard Mulhall RIP]*
- Thursday 13th Weekday of Lent
St Nicholas' Stations of the Cross 9.30am
Mass 10.00am
- Friday 14th Weekday of Lent
St Nicholas' Stations of the Cross 9.30am
Mass 10.00am
- C.A.F.O.D. FAMILY FAST DAY**
- Saturday 15th Weekday of Lent
Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm
St Thomas More
[Mary Newman Birthday RIP]

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- Sunday 16th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am
With Children's Liturgy [People of the Parish]
- St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
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Entrance Antiphon When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading [Deuteronomy 26: 4-10]
The confession of faith of the chosen people.

Responsorial Psalm
Be with me, O Lord, in my distress

Second Reading [Romans 10: 8-13]
The confession of faith of believers in Christ

Acclamation before the Gospel
Glory and Praise to you, O Christ One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God **Glory and praise to you, O Christ**

Gospel [Luke 4: 1-13] *Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil.*

Communion Antiphon One does not live by bread alone; but by every word that comes forth from the mouth 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

IN YOUR PRAYERS + Please remember all the sick in our parish. Deceased parishioners with anniversaries in March are: **ST THOMAS MORE:** Richard Johnson, Sarah McKittrick, Mary Counsell.

ST JOSEPH'S: Sid Jones, Kathleen Bevan, Herbert Dadge, Margaret Cussick, William Mellor, Beatrice Clegg, Aziza Long and Mary O'Dee

ST NICHOLAS': Nora Stockton, Monica Donovan, Pat Wilkinson, Jill Labrum, David Mottram, Deacon Peter Doran, Keith Dines, Margaret Smy, Mary Murphy, Lucy Pisani, Janice Roscoe, Fred Davidson, Philip and Mary Smyth, Patricia Howat & Martin Nolan .

CAROLE STAGG + Parishioners will possibly remember Carole Stagg, who taught at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School during the 1980's and 1990's. Sadly Carole passed away on the 25th February 2025. She loved her time teaching there and was a special teacher fondly remembered. Her funeral will be held at St Michael and All Angels Bishop's Cleeve on Thursday 20th March at 12 noon. <https://funeral-notice.co.uk/notice/stagg/5237674>

A LENT STUDY COURSE + 'We dare to hope' will begin this Tuesday in St Thomas More Church from 18.45 - 20.30. Future dates: 25th March, 1st April, 8th April and 15th April. Course booklets are available - please email pastoral.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@Cliftondiocese.com to reserve your copy.

CELEBRATING THE FATHER'S MERCY + All are invited to join Bishop Bosco for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** as he travels around the diocese during Lent. The Bishop visits **St Gregory the Great Cheltenham Thursday 27th March at 7.00pm**. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions and all are encouraged to take up this opportunity.

CAFOD APPEAL + Please note that on Friday we are asked to remember the poor in our world. Family Fast Days allow us to be Pilgrims of Hope during this Jubilee Year. In our giving we support communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change. CAFOD envelopes are available or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

A DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION + Bishop Bosco warmly all join in a **Celebration of Hope** at Downside School & Abbey on 19 July. In addition to speakers, prayer, and reflections we will be offering an exciting and joyful programme for our children & young people. Arrivals/refreshments from 10am. A free hot lunch will be provided (lunch box provided for children under 11). Our Jubilee Celebration of Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3pm. There are limited tickets. If you would like to be present, booking through **Eventbrite** is essential. Please register via <https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk> For the catering, a printed/mobile ticket from Eventbrite is required. If you have difficulty accessing Eventbrite, please contact us at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com and we will help you with this. The closing date for tickets is 7 July.

CHANGES TO OUR SCHEDULE + As shown overleaf, we have Stations of the Cross before our weekday Masses and there will be an extra 10am morning Mass in Winchcombe on Friday 14th

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CLIFTON + Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for the diocesan social media accounts ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)) to hear directly about events, opportunities for formation etc. A link to where the newsletter can be found is <https://cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/> For greater interactivity all are invited to respond to invitations via these channels.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK + This week we pray for **St Joseph**, Stonehouse and **Annunciation** Woodchester

FUND RAISING + £117 was collected for Clifton Children's Society from the box in front of our Christmas crib and that a cheque for that amount has now been sent to help with their valuable work. Thank you to all for your generosity.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT + Looking ahead, tickets for the St Thomas More **Fish & Chip Supper + Quiz Friday 21st March at 7pm** are still available at £11 each and can be obtained from Helen 01242 582394. These evening are always a great success - a lot of fun and good to be with friends from each of our three parishes. Proceeds are for the Nepal project.

SMARTIE CHALLENGE + Hopefully all Smarties have now been eaten and the empty tubes can be refilled with money saved by *not treating* ourselves during Lent. This fun way of giving alms will boost our funds for the forest-children in Nepal. Tubes can be returned to the parish office the week after Easter for counting. Thanks for taking part.

Tuesday Responses

Entrance Antiphon	O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation; from age to age, you are
Responsorial Psalm	God rescues the just one in all his distress
Gospel Acclamation	Glorify and praise to you O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Glorify and praise to you, O Christ.
Communion Antiphon	When I called, the God justice gave me answer; from anguish you released me; have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer