



# THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

[Psalter 3, Proper of the Season]

- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY  
St Thomas More Mass 5.00pm  
*[Lygfryd Szachta RIP Anniversary]*
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> St Joseph's Tewkesbury  
Mass 9.00am *[People of the Parish]*
- St Nicholas' Winchcombe  
Mass 11.00am *[Olive Las Pinas RIP]*
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Lent  
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION  
St Thomas More Stations of the Cross 5.30pm  
Mass 6.00pm *[People of the Parish]*
- "WE DARE TO HOPE" COURSE 6.45pm-8.30pm**
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Lent  
St Joseph's Stations of the Cross 9.30am  
Mass 10.00am *[Kaidan 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday]*
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Lent  
St Nicholas' Adoration 9.30am  
Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*
- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 7.00PM  
ST GREGORY'S CHELTENHAM WITH BISHOP BOSCO**
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> St Joseph's Holy Hours 9am – 12pm  
with Exposition - Fr Joby available for Confessions
- St Nicholas' Holy Hours 5pm – 8pm  
with Exposition and Confessions followed by Mass 8pm
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> **P.P.C. TRAINING 9.30 – 12.30 STM**  
Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm  
St Thomas More *[People of the Parish]*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> St Joseph's Mass 9.00am  
*[R & B Sear Privation Intention - Family]*
- St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am  
*[Alec Crook RIP 5th Anniversary]*

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**Entrance Antiphon** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me for I am alone and poor.

**1st Reading [Exodus 3: 1-15]** "I Am" has sent me to you

**Responsorial Psalm**  
The Lord is compassionate and gracious

**2nd Reading [1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12]**  
The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.

**Acclamation before the Gospel**  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God  
Repent says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God

**Gospel! [Luke 13: 1-9]** Unless you repent, you will perish.

**Communion Antiphon** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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 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 .  
**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

**CAFOD APPEAL +** All three parishes responded very well to the CAFOD appeal. Treasurers report that: Saint Thomas More parish collected £361.50 Saint Nicholas' collected £276 and St Joseph's collected £267.73. Thanks to all for a great effort. Cheques will be sent off by the end of March.

**FOR MUSIC LOVERS +** Dr August Guan, will give a recital at St Gregorys, Cheltenham On 29<sup>th</sup> March, exploring the vibrant world of C18th French organ music featuring both the Willis and Blank organs and will include pieces by from Claude-Bénigne Balbastre, Josse-François-Joseph Benaut (Mass in A Minor with chant featuring members of St Gregory's choir), Michel Corrette, and Jacques-Marie Beauvarlet-Charpentier. There will be extensive programme notes. Free entry/retiring collection. See Poster

**A LOT HAPPENING +** Please note the continuation of the study course which takes place on Tuesday evening after evening Mass at STM Church, entitled "We Dare to Hope"

Also we have **Training for all PPC members** across all three of our churches on Saturday morning at St Thomas More Church. This is led by Sarah Adams from the Diocesan Office for Adult Education and Evangelisation

On Friday this week there will be **Holy Hours in two of our churches**

**St Joseph's** Tewkesbury from 9am – 12pm (Silent Adoration and time for individual confessions) No Mass.

**St. Nicholas'** Winchcombe from 5pm - 8pm (Silent Adoration and time for individual confessions) followed by Mass at 8.00pm

**THOSE WHO SING PRAY TWICE!** There will be **singing practice** in St Thomas More Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April starting at 4.00pm so that everyone can be prepared for the Easter Vigil which will take place at STM this year. Please try to go along.

Hopefully everyone will remember the invitation to join Bishop Bosco for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation this Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm** at St Gregory's Cheltenham. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

**CYAN SOCIAL EVENT +** Aged 18-35? Come and join CYAN as we meet others and grow in faith. Our March social is a Lenten Soup and Reflection Night on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 6:30pm, St Thomas More's Parish Hall, Cheltenham. Tickets: £5. Funds raised will go to CAFOD. Either email [cyanloucestershire@gmail.com](mailto:cyanloucestershire@gmail.com) or alternatively DM us on our instagram: cyan\_glos to inform us of dietary requirements. We look forward to seeing you there!

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION +** There will be a talk on **Tuesday 1 April at 2.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall Cheltenham. Dr Austen Ivereigh is the author of two biographies of Pope Francis. He will speak to us on: ***The Triumph of Failure: Why did Jesus have to suffer?*** All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free) Enquires to S Jamison 01242 539810.

**PRAYER LINK +** This week we pray for those in the parishes of **Holy Family Swindon** and **St Joseph Wroughton**

**THE BISHOP WELCOMES ALL +** to join him on **19 July** for our Diocesan **Jubilee Celebration of Hope at Downside Abbey**. In addition to keynote speakers the **Rise Theatre Company** will be offering the workshops for our **12-16 age group**. Refreshments from 10am. A free hot lunch will be provided (lunch box for young people). Our Jubilee Celebration of Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3pm. 300 tickets are selling fast, so please register asap if you are interested in attending. To join us for the day, booking through **Eventbrite** is essential. Register via: <https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket. For lunch, a printed/mobile ticket from Eventbrite is required. In difficulty contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**MOTHERING SUNDAY +** Next weekend we celebrate Mothers in each of our churches.

#### Thursday Responses

Entrance Antiphon	I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever
Responsorial Psalm	O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts!'
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God</b> Even now says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. <b>Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God</b>
Communion Antiphon	You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.