



# 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 EASTER [DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY]

- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE  
OF EASTER - CHAPLET OF MERCY 4.30pm  
St Thomas More Mass 5.00pm  
*[Jack & Delia Kirwan]*
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> St Joseph's Tewkesbury  
CHAPLET OF MERCY 8.30am Mass 9.00am  
*[Audrey & John 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary]*  
PLANT SALE AFTER MASS FOR NEPAL PROJECT
- St Nicholas' Winchcombe  
CHAPLET OF MERCY 10.30am Mass 11am  
*with Children's Liturgy*  
*[Peter Massey 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary RIP]*
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE  
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA  
St Thomas More Adoration 5.30pm  
Mass 6.00pm *[People of the Parish]*
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Easter  
St Joseph's Adoration 9.30am  
Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May Weekday of Easter  
Saint Nicholas' Adoration 9.30am  
Mass 10.00am
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> MEMORIAL OF ST ATHANASIUS  
Saint James' Postlip Mass 11.00am
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> FEASTS OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES  
Saint Thomas More Mass 5.00pm  
*[Margaret Martin 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RIP]*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas' Mass 9.00am  
*[People of the Parish]*
- St Joseph's Mass 11.00am  
*[People of the Parish]*
- BRING AND SHARE LUNCH AFTER MASS  
TO CELEBRATE ST JOSEPH

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**Entrance Antiphon** Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**First Reading [Acts 5: 12-6]** More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women

**Psalm** Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever

**Second Reading [Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19]** 'I died and behold, I am alive for evermore'.

### Acclamation before the Gospel

**Alleluia, alleluia.** You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. **Alleluia**

**Gospel [John 20: 19-31]** Eight days later, Jesus came

### Communion Antiphon

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia**

### 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 April are:

**ST NICHOLAS':** Brian Turner, Rose Ballentine, Marion Power, Michael Woollnough, Leonard Warwick, Peter Hackett, Howard Bellingham, Lynda Doran, Janet Weaden, William Philp, Derek Cunningham and Joseph Nolan

**ST THOMAS MORE:** Ruth Lewis, Val Shepherd.

**ST JOSEPH'S:** Angela Kelly, Michael Davis, Victor Maritz, Rosemary Davis, Dagmar Hill

**PRAYER LINK +** This week we pray for all those who worship in the parish of **Sacred Heart** Tisbury with Wardour

**MASS TIMES TO LOOK OUT FOR !** Now that the weather is warmer, we have the opportunity to attend Mass on each first Friday at St James' Postlip. If you are able to be there, please take this newsletter with you for the responses etc.

Also, please remember **next Sunday our two morning masses swap times**. The Mass in Saint Nicholas will be at 9am and Saint Joseph's parish celebrate their patron with a Bring and Share lunch after their 11am Mass

**BRINGING THE GOSPELS TO LIFE +** Join in for a special evening Wednesday May 14th, 7pm - 9pm at St. Joseph's Church, Tewkesbury. John Huntriss introduces us to the Gospel of Mark. This enriching session will offer a deeper understanding of one of the most powerful books in the New Testament. John Will guide us through the key themes, messages and background of the Gospel of Mark, helping us to see it with fresh eyes and deeper insight. All are warmly welcome, and refreshments will be served. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge. Let's come together to bring the Gospels to life.

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION +** There will be a talk on Tuesday 6 May at 2.30pm, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moored Road, Charlton Kings. Fr Patrick Kilgariff, our Newman Chaplain and former Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, will speak to us on: Who is Jesus? How Heresy helped to define Catholic Teaching. All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, Tel: 01242 539810.

**SMARTIE BOXES +** Please return your filled boxes containing Lenten Alms for Nepal as soon as possible. Thank you.

**RETREAT DAY +** Featuring a powerful testimony of faith by Mel and Joe Owens of St Peter's RC Church, Gloucester, this takes place at Prinknash on Saturday 10 May: A Day of God's Healing and Grace: Testimony, Adoration, Mass, Confessions with Fr Tim Greenway, Mill Hill Missionary Priest in India for 59 years, Healing Prayer Ministry. See the poster on our notice board

**ENCOUNTER 2025 +** A series of evenings on the Holy Spirit from Clifton prepares us for Pentecost. There is a launch at the Cathedral Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9.30am - 4.00pm. Thereafter a talk each Wednesday culminating in Mass at the Cathedral on the Vigil of Pentecost. Sessions can be live-streamed at home or joining at two local venues. Wednesday evenings 7.00pm in the Lampley Room, Sacred Hearts, Cheltenham or at a catch-up session on the following Tuesday at St Thomas More's after the 7.00pm Mass. For any queries contact Dominic and Mary Meigh on Cheltenham 578991."

#### THURSDAY RESPONSES

Entrance Antiphon	O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm	The lowly one called and the Lord heard him
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia.</b> You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed <b>Alleluia.</b>
Communion Antiphon	Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

#### FRIDAY RESPONSES – MEMORIAL OF ST ATHANASIUS

Entrance Antiphon	In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm	The mouth of the upright utters wisdom.
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia.</b> Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven <b>Alleluia.</b>
Communion Antiphon	No one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ, alleluia.

#### OFFICE NOT MANNED +

Our Administrator Chris Davies will be on leave for a fortnight from next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, returning to work on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please submit any items for inclusion in the newsletters in good time this week.