



THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

[Celebrating Altar Servers]

Saturday 20th Dec St Thomas More Cheltenham
Vigil Mass 5.00pm
[Deceased members of the Delany family RIP]

Sunday 21st St Joseph's Tewkesbury Mass 9.00am
[Breda Satchell – Celebrating 93 years]

St Nicholas' Winchcombe Mass 11.00am
With Children's Liturgy [People of the Parish]

Monday 22nd Weekday of Advent
St Nicholas Rosary 9.30am
Mass 10am *[People of the Parish]*

Tuesday 23rd Weekday of Advent
St Joseph's Adoration 9.30am Mass 10.00am
[Elizabeth Wright RIP]

St Thomas More, Adoration 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm
[Antony Raphel & Saramma Raphel RIP].

Wed 24th VIGIL MASSES FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Woodmancote 3.00pm Mass
St Thomas More 5.00pm Mass
St Joseph's Carols 6.45pm 7.00pm Mass
St Nicholas Carols 8.30pm 9.00pm Mass

Thurs 25th NATIVITY OF THE LORD
St Nicholas' Mass 9.00am
[People of the Parish]

Friday 26th FEAST OF ST STEPHEN
St Joseph's Mass 10.00am
[People of the Parish]

Saturday 27th St Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm
[Kevin & Nora Heaney]

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 28th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am
With CLOW [Anthony & William Skerry RIP]

St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
[People of the Parish]

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Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading [Isaiah 7: 10-14]

'Behold, a virgin shall conceive'

Responsorial Psalm

Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel – which means, God with us. Alleluia

Gospel [Matthew 1: 18-24] 'Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David'

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name will be called Emmanuel

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 the sick in our parish, the bereaved and those with December Anniversaries :
ST NICHOLAS Gert de Vries, Maryse Fletcher, Mary McAndrew, Billy Grassick, Pat Sanger, Arthur Tierney, Peter Giles, Kevin McNamee, Michael Doran, Michael Robertson, Nicholas Grassick and Tim Hancock.
ST JOSEPH'S Margaret Lempert, Phyllis Shore, Krystyna Dziemarska, Simon Gegg, Francis Richard, John Carroll, Robert Shiner
ST THOMAS MORE Michael Wehrle, Sarah Bawtrell, Kathleen Poulton, Michael Delaney, Kathleen Delaney, Jean Pearce and Bridie Ruck

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK + This weekend we remember all at **Sacred Hearts** Chew Magna and **St Pius** Withywood.

ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY + This weekend we celebrate all altar servers who faithfully support Masses in our three churches.

4 WEEK MINI SERIES + The final session looking at **'What is Laudato Si'?** takes place at The Old Priory, St Gregory's, Cheltenham, 7pm - 8.30pm this Monday **22nd December**: we ask "How do we put our faith into action?"

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS + As is traditional, envelopes are available for anything you wish to give as a Christmas offering. Whilst most priests are now salaried to avoid hardship in smaller parishes, these offerings help our parish ensure that we can meet the regular stipend paid throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS + Our second collection last weekend realised £ 190.00 Thanks to all for this generous response

CAROL SINGING TO CELEBRATE + On Christmas Eve, from 8.30pm, we will sing together a few well-known carols to lift our spirits and prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord.

EXTRA MASSES + On Tuesday there is an extra 10.00am Mass at Tewkesbury. Additionally, Father Chris Benyon will be visiting the parish of St Joseph's over the Christmas period and will say Mass there on St Stephen's Day, 26th December at 10.00am when Father Joby will be glad of a break from all his travelling around the parish.

ENABLING ADVENTURE + MaryClare Faulkner would like to remind us about the group's pilgrimage / holiday to Lourdes September 2026. If you are a guest who needs assistance, or who would like to travel with a group, or a healthcare worker who would like to volunteer as a helper, please contact her by email at maryclare.23@icloud.com by the end of January.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ + Aimed at families, teenagers and young adults - this can be found at <https://threesaintsgloucs.org.uk/young-peoples-ideas/> or by picking up a paper copy at any of our three parish churches and following the instructions. Good Luck! There is a closing date of the 31st December . Answers and winner details to be published by 18th January.

MONDAY RESPONSES

Entrance Antiphon	O gates, lift high you heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the King of Glory!
Responsorial Psalm	My heart exults in the Lord, my Saviour!
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! O King of the nations and cornerstone of the Church; come and save humanity whom you formed from the clay Alleluia
Communion Antiphon	My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Creating Space for God and One Another

Dear friends, First of all, wishing you a very blessed Christmas. At Christmas, God enters the world not in comfort or grandeur, but in a simple manger-because someone was willing to make room. Today our lives can be as crowded as Bethlehem: busy, distracted, and full of noise. Yet Christmas invites us to pause and open space again-for God and for each other. Mary shows us openness: "Let it be done to me." Joseph teaches quiet obedience and care for the vulnerable. The shepherds remind us to come to God with humble, ready hearts. The Magi teach us to seek God with perseverance and a generous spirit. And the manger itself tells us that God does not ask for perfect spaces-only open ones. This season, let us welcome Christ by giving time to prayer, offering presence to others, forgiving freely, and choosing love over excess. When we make room for God and one another, Christ is born anew in us.

Merry Christmas! Fr. Joby Lukose (Parish Priest)

Parishioners are able to use a link to read messages/homilies from Fr Joby – <https://threesaintsgloucs.org.uk/fr-joby/>