



# THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Day of Prayer for the unemployed]

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Thomas More Cheltenham Vigil Mass 5.00pm <i>[Thanksgiving for Mary Flood's Friends]</i>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Tewkesbury Mass 9.00am <i>[Thomas Sundarajoo RIP]</i>
	St Nicholas' Winchcombe Mass 11.00am <i>[Birthday Mass Intentions]</i>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Ordinary Time St Nicholas Rosary 10.00am
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Ordinary Time St Thomas More Adoration 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY – <i>Fasting &amp; Abstinence</i> St Joseph's Mass 10.00am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm <i>[Marianna Thomas RIP]</i> St Nicholas Mass 7.00pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday after Ash Wednesday St Nicholas' 9.30am Stations of the Cross Mass 10.00am <i>[Anna Jinky Malasan RIP]</i>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday after Ash Wednesday St Nicholas' 9.30am Adoration Mass 10.00am <i>[People of the Parish]</i>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Thomas More Cheltenham Vigil Mass 5.00pm <i>[Marianna Thomas RIP]</i> <u>Second Collection for Roof Fund</u>

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	St Joseph's Mass 9.00am <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> <i>[People of the Parish]</i>
	St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am <i>[People of the Parish]</i>

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Antiphon Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead, me, guide me for the sake of your name..

First Reading [Sirach 15: 15-20]  
*'He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly'*

Responsorial Psalm  
**Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!**

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 2: 6-10]  
*'A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory'*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia

Gospel [Matthew 5:17-37] 'It was said to those of old; but I say to you'

Communion Antiphon They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### PARISH PRAYER

**Lord Jesus Christ, bless our parish family. May we experience your Divine Providence in all our needs - both spiritual and material. Protect us from all harm. Shower your abundant grace on all in our parish family. Strengthen among the members the bond of fraternal love and sharing. May we grow in generosity and concern for the needy. Keep our priest faithful in obedient service to you so that, by his life and ministry, he may bring you glory in Christ. Strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of sacrifice, so that, with thy grace, we may provide for the needs of our parish. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen**

**IN YOUR PRAYERS +** Please remember Marianna Thomas (recently deceased) and all the sick in our parish, together with those who have been bereaved. February **Anniversaries in Winchcombe** are : Phil Adamson, Lee Wilkinson, John Wilkinson, Sean Mayo, Donal O'Connor, Gilbert Jones, Raymond Murphy, Brigid Boardman, Maureen Burnett, Anna Trelfa, Mary Birt, Bernard Roney, Joan Harsant, Louis Hollan, Albert Backhouse and Gerald Pisani.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK +**

This weekend we remember all in **St Stanislaw Benedict** Dulverton and **Sacred Heart**, Minehead with Watchet

**ASH WEDNESDAY +** Please make a note of the times for Mass and the Distribution of ashes on Wednesday - St Joseph's 10am, St Thomas More 12.30pm and St Nicholas 7.00pm. **Readings can be found on page 147 in the Parish Mass Book.**

**PREPARING FOR EASTER +** On the Feast of St Patrick, Bishop Bosco invites all to join him during the season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St Joseph's Tewkesbury has been chosen as one of the five venues across our diocese for this. A number of priests will be available to hear private confessions. Please mark your diaries for Tuesday 17 March – 7.00pm

**RELICS OF CARLOS ACUTIS +** Between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026, St Gregory's, will host the relics of St Carlo Acutis Over the two days St Gregory's will welcome schools, parishioners and people from our Diocese for veneration. A programme will be circulated soon.

Born in 1991, Carlo is the first millennial saint, and he is celebrated for his profound faith and use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. At just 7 years old, he wished to receive his First Holy Communion and told his parents, "this is my programme of life." Alongside his digital Evangelism, Carlo is revered for his charitable work and great desire to help others. He gave his time towards helping those experiencing homelessness and hunger in Milan, even purchasing sleeping bags and food for them using his own money. Carlo was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15. For any further information about the relics, please contact the parish office..

**LENTEN LUNCH +**

The first Lent Lunch organised by our parish for Mary's Meals takes place at the Guide Hall 12 midday on Friday 20th February, please support us. Many thanks

**FISH AND CHIP SUPPER AND QUIZ +** This fund-raiser (for their roof repair fund) takes place at **St Thomas More** Church Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Please see poster in the porch area. Tickets £12 each available from Helen Fincham 01242 582394 Always a fun event and they would be glad of the usual cross-parish support

**THURSDAY** Mass responses

Entrance Antiphon	When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice; he rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord, and he will support you
Responsorial Psalm	Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Glory and Praise to you, O Christ. Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.</b>
Communion Ant	Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**FRIDAY** Mass responses

Entrance Antiphon	The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper.
Responsorial Psalm	A broken and humbled heart you will not spurn, O God.
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Glory and Praise to you, O Christ. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord will be with you Glory and praise to you, O Christ.</b>
Communion Ant	O Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths.

LENTEN FRIDAY CHALLENGE

Dear Friends,

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we are invited into a sacred time of reflection, renewal, and a deeper walk with God through prayer, sacrifice, and charity. This year, I warmly invite you to join our £1–£5 Friday Challenge. On each of the seven Fridays of Lent, consider making a small personal sacrifice-perhaps giving up a coffee, snack, or simple treat and setting aside at least £1. Offered with love, these small sacrifices become meaningful acts of devotion and solidarity. Like the widow's humble gift in the Gospel, no offering is too small when given with a generous heart. Envelopes will be provided and your Lenten offerings may be returned on Divine Mercy Sunday. This is entirely voluntary-simply an invitation to grow together in prayer, sacrifice, and generosity as one parish family. May this Lenten journey renew our hearts and strengthen our faith .

With Prayers and Blessings Joby Lukose