



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 EASTER

Good Shepherd Sunday

Day of Prayer for Vocations – Second Collection

Saturday 25 th April	St Thomas More <i>Adoration 4.30pm</i> Vigil Mass 5.00pm <i>[Deceased members of the Sweeney family RIP]</i>
Sunday 26 th	St Joseph's Mass 9.00am <i>[People of the Parish]</i> St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> <i>[Peter Massey Anniversary RIP]</i>
Monday 27 th	Weekday of Easter St Nicholas <i>Rosary 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 28 th	Weekday of Easter St Thomas More <i>Adoration 5.30pm</i> Mass 6.00pm <i>[Sylvia Chambers - Anniversary]</i>
Wednesday 29 th	FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA St Joseph's <i>Adoration 9.30am</i> Mass 10.00am <i>[People of the Parish]</i>
Thursday 30 th	SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE St. Nicholas, <i>Adoration 9.30am</i> Mass 10.00am <i>[People of the Parish]</i>
Friday 1 st May	First Friday - Weekday of Easter St James Postlip 11.00am Mass
Saturday 2 nd May	St Thomas More <i>Adoration 4.30pm</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm <i>[Margaret Martin RIP]</i>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalter 1 - Proper of Season

Sunday 3 rd	St Joseph's Mass 9.00am <i>[Richard & Bridget - Family and Friends]</i> St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am <i>[Derek & Joan Ivory RIP]</i>
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Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading [Acts 2: 14a, 36-41]

'God has made him both Lord and Christ'

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading [1 Peter 2: 20b-25]

'You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls'

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia I am the good shepherd, and the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia

Gospel [John 10: 1-10] *'I am the door of the sheep'*

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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 pray for all the sick of our parish and those who care for them. April Anniversaries in this parish are : Ruth Lewis, Val Shepherd, Sylvia Chambers

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK + This weekend we pray for **St Joseph's Stonehouse & Annunciation Woodchester**

CLERGY TRAINING + Today we have a second collection for the Clergy Training fund which allows the Bishop to support those who offer themselves for training for the priesthood – it covers their training at seminary and offers them a grant during their years of formation. The fund, at times, is also used to support the on-going formation opportunities for clergy in our diocese and formation of permanent Deacons. Using gift aid envelopes with enhance your giving.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS + On Friday this week there will be Mass in the Chapel of St James in Postlip.

JOINT PARISHES FINANCE MEETING + This takes place 4.00pm, Friday 8th May in St Joseph's. Would attendees please let the office have any items for the agenda. Thank you. Minutes from previous meeting will be in email boxes this weekend.

WALKING FOR A GOOD CAUSE + Please consider supporting Richard Sear (a St Joseph's parishioner) in his efforts this May to raise funds for the roof works here at St Thomas More. See www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/richard-sear-2

ROOF FUND UPDATE + Plate donations and individual contributions for our project continue to be received. £1,966.50 to date. Our Fish and Chip Supper raised £939.60 and St Joseph's have pledged a further £2,000. Richard Sear's walk and other events will boost funds further in the coming weeks. Following a detailed survey of the works, the PPC hope to be able to move the project forward quite soon and fix a start date for the work.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION + There will be a talk on **Tuesday 5 May at 2.30pm**, in Sacred Hearts' Hall, Charlton Kings Tony Comer OBE had a variety of operational roles at GCHQ for 37 years. As well as being GCHQ's Departmental Historian for 11 years, he has a wealth of knowledge in the Liturgy and the history of the Catholic Faith. Tony will speak on: ***What happened next? Liturgical Change in the First Half of the Twentieth Century.***All welcome Admission: £3 (members free) Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, Tel 01242 539810.

GOVERNOR NEEDED AT ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL + The role of a governor, within a team of governors, is to ensure our children receive high quality education within the mission and ethos of the Catholic Church. Our Governors come from all three parishes in Cheltenham and have a wide range of backgrounds. Please see website for more information www.st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk/our-governors and email Cathy Hipkiss chair@st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange a conversation.

UPCOMING CEILIDH + Friday 8th May, at St Thomas More Hall, to support the Enabling Adventure pilgrimage later in the year. The cost is £15 per ticket including a Ploughman's Supper and 'own drinks' allowed. See poster in porch area

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD + Thanks to all for the generous support this Lent and Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. For more information of our work see cafod.org.uk/thankyou

SMALL TALK SAVES LIVES + The Samaritans are promoting an initiative where – if we see someone who 'doesn't look OK' we engage them in light conversation – ie "Do you know what time it is?" or "Where can I get a coffee?" or even "Are you alright". In the pressure of the modern world you might find yourself saving a life by pointing someone towards the **Samaritans on 116 123**

CREATION WALK + This Monday - 27th April 2026- 6:15pm - 7:30pm: all welcome The Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle invites you to join in a short walk to look at some of our beautiful trees and gardens reflecting God's glory at Easter. Meet 6:15pm, at Uplands, Malvern Rd, Cheltenham GL50 2JH – See poster displayed in church porch.

ENCOUNTER 2026 – From Eastertide to Pentecost *"Mission – How the Holy Spirit Guides Me in My Vocation"* Join us for a series of inspiring evenings exploring how the Holy Spirit calls, guides and sends each of us on mission. Clifton Cathedral (or livestream or YouTube after the event) Tuesdays, 21 April – 19 May | 7–9pm. For information, contact Encounter@clifondiocese.com or ring Ann on 07815 751 556.

TUESDAY

Entrance Antiphon	Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm	O praise the Lord, all your nations.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia
Communion Antiphon	The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia