



# THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

## SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

*[Retiring collection for Peter's Pence]*

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June Woodmancote - Mass 3.00pm

St Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm  
*[Michael & David Harwar]*

*BISHOP BOSCO MacDONALD CELEBRATES MASS WITH THE  
PARISH AS WE HONOUR OUR PATRON SAINT THOMAS MORE  
A SHARED MEAL FOLLOWS MASS*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> St Joseph's Mass 9.00am  
*[People of the Parish]*

St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am  
*First Holy Communion - Sebastian]*

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time  
St Nicholas Rosary 10.00am

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION  
OF CLIFTON CATHEDRAL  
St Thomas More Adoration 5.30pm  
Mass 6.00pm *[People of the Parish]*

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July Memorial of St Oliver Plunket  
St Joseph's Adoration 9.30am  
Mass 10.00am *[Thomas Sundarajoo RIP]*

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time  
St. Nicholas Adoration 9.30am  
Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> FEAST OF ST THOMAS, APOSTLE  
St James Postlip – Mass 11.00am  
*Fr Stephen Lambert principal celebrant*

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> St Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm  
*[Michael & David Harwar]*

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> St Joseph's Mass 9.00am  
*[People of the Parish]*

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

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### 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. June Anniversaries in this parish are Ken Davies, Derrick Soul, Bernard Holtham

**DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK +** This week we pray for those in the parish of **St George** Warminster.

**PARISH PATRON DAY CELEBRATION +** This weekend we gather as a parish to celebrate St Thomas More with our Bishop. We gladly welcome visit – a return to his ‘old’ parish - and look forward to spending some time with him afterwards for a personal chat. Following the Mass, we will have a Bring and Share Meal as a joyful celebration of our parish family. Every celebration and gathering strengthens the bonds of our catholic community. May Saint Thomas More inspire us to live our faith with courage, integrity and joy.

**CYAN YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING +** **this evening will also provide our young adults to take part in** informal discussion and the opportunity to ask the Bishop questions about faith, vocation, and life in the Church. Regular members and new members between 18 and 35 are most welcome.

**CELEBRATING PETER AND PAUL +** Saints Peter and Paul, celebrated this weekend, are two of Christianity’s most influential apostles. Their teachings helped shape the early Church and spread faith across the ancient world. Today, millions of people honour their legacy through a shared celebration including some Protestant traditions. It serves as a time to remember their unique contributions, deep faith, and ultimate sacrifices. Understanding this feast helps connect modern believers to the roots of their religion. People around the globe will gather for special church services, festivals, and periods of reflection.

**PETER’S PENCE +** Our retiring special collection for Peter’s Pence takes place this weekend.

**BUILDING WORKS +** The parish is very grateful for yet another most generous donation towards the roof fund. It is gratifying to see how well all have responded to this specific call for financial help for the parish. Some may be aware that a serious gas leak in the grounds of the presbytery during spring required a spend from our reserves of almost £6,000. However, this does not affect the ring-fenced roof fund.

**ST JAMES POSTLIP +** This coming First Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> July - there will be an 11.00am Mass at St James Postlip. Fr Stephen Lambert, Parish Priest at Stow, will be the principal celebrant on what is the Feast of St Thomas the Apostle. All are most welcome as ever.

**INTRODUCTION TO POPE LEO XIV’S ENCYCLICAL +** Following Mass on the weekend of **4th/5th July**, **Ann Fowler (STM)** will offer a brief introduction to *Magnifica Humanitas*, the new encyclical issued by **Pope Leo XIV**, across our three parishes. An encyclical is one of the most significant forms of papal teaching, offering guidance and reflection on issues that affect both the life of the Church and the wider world. In *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV reflects on the rapid development of artificial intelligence and its implications for human dignity, relationships, and society. The document highlights the unique value of every human person and calls us to ensure that technological progress always serves the common good and respects the God-given dignity of humanity. Ann's presentation will introduce the main themes of the encyclical, explain its importance for the Church today, and explore its relevance to our faith and daily lives. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to stay after Mass to learn more about this important teaching and to reflect together on its message. **All are welcome.**

**FISH AND CHIP SUPPER WITH QUIZ +** Here at St Thomas More we will be holding another fund-raiser for the roof next Friday **3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Tickets are £13 each. Always a lot of fun and a time to meet together with parishioners from our neighbouring churches. Please confirm to Helen Fincham 01242 582394 if you wish to join in with this event so that the order for supper can be placed correctly and in good time. As always there will be a raffle, if you have anything you might like to donate as a prize. Thank you

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY +** St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is seeking new Foundation Governors. Working as part of a committed governing body, Foundation Governors help ensure that pupils receive a high-quality education rooted in the mission and values of the Catholic Church. Our governors are drawn from all three Cheltenham parishes and bring a wide range of experience and perspectives. For further information, please visit: [www.st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk/our-governors](http://www.st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk/our-governors) or Chair of Governors, at [chair@st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk).

TUESDAY - Dedication of the Cathedral

Entrance Antiphon	I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God prepared like a bride adorned for her husband..
Responsorial Psalm	We praise your splendid name, O Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever
Communion Antiphon	Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.