



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 27th 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 28th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am

[People of the Parish]

St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am

[First Holy Communion - Sebastian]

Monday 29th Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Nicholas *Rosary 10.00am*

Tuesday 30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF CLIFTON CATHEDRAL

St Thomas More *Adoration 5.30pm*

Mass 6.00pm *[People of the Parish]*

Wednesday 1st July Memorial of St Oliver Plunket

St Joseph's *Adoration 9.30am*

Mass 10.00am *[Thomas Sundarajoo RIP]*

Thursday 2nd Weekday in Ordinary Time

St. Nicholas *Adoration 9.30am*

Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*

Friday 3rd FEAST OF ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

St James Postlip – Mass 11.00am

Fr Stephen Lambert main celebrant

Saturday 4th St Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm

[Michael & David Harwar]

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5th 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 also for all the sick of our parish and those who care for them. June Anniversaries are Gerald McHale, Noreen McHale, Jackie Johnson, John Wignall Snr, John Wignall Jnr, Julie Williams, Basil Jarosz, John Cluer and Grace Judge

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

ST THOMAS MORE CELEBRATION + This weekend Bishop Bosco will be visiting St Thomas More parish. Following the Vigil Mass there is a Bring and Share Meal for parishioners. Those associated with Cyan Young Adults are very much invited to join this event and it is hoped that those in the age group 18-35 across our three parishes will feel welcome to take the opportunity to join in with informal discussion and ask the Bishop questions about faith, vocation, and life in the Church.

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.

ST JAMES POSTLIP +

This coming First Friday – 3rd July - there will be an 11.00am Mass at St James Postlip. Fr Stephen Lambert, Parish Priest at Stow, will be the main celebrant on what is the Feast of St Thomas the Apostle. All are most welcome as ever.

FISH AND CHIP SUPPER WITH QUIZ +

St Thomas More will be holding another fund-raiser for the roof next Friday **3rd 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.

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.**

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 or contact Cathy Hipkiss, Chair of Governors, at chair@st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk.

DIOCESAN DAY AT DOWNSIDE + If anyone is booked in for the Diocesan Day on 4th July, and would like a lift, Martin Davis has two spare places in his car 01242 244182.

WEDNESDAY

Entrance Antiphon	This holy man fought to the death for the law of his god and did not fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock.
Responsorial Psalm	To one whose way is blameless, I will show the salvation of God.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. Of his own will the Father brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Alleluia
Communion Antiphon	Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me, says the Lord