



THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18th **GOLDEN JUBILEE OF CANON DAVID RYAN**
Mass 11.00am St Gregory the Great
Main celebrant Bishop Bosco MacDonald

St Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm
[Stephen Trigg RIP]

Sunday 19th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am
[Joshua, Sam and Grandma - Grateful thanks at birthday times]

St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
[20th Anniversary John McNerney]

Monday 20th Weekday in Ordinary Time
St Nicholas Rosary 10.00am

Tuesday 21st Weekday in Ordinary Time
St Thomas More Adoration 5.30pm
Mass 6.00pm *[Francis Smith RIP]*

Wednesday 22nd FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALEN
St Joseph's Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*

Thursday 23rd FEAST OF ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN
St Nicholas Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*

Friday 24th VIGIL OF FEAST OF ST JAMES, APOSTLE
St James Chapel Postlip Mass 7.00pm
Main Celebrant Canon David Mills

Saturday 25th St James Chapel Postlip Mass 12pm
Deanery Pilgrimage from St Gregory's

Woodmancote Mass 3.00pm

St Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm
[Mary & J J Flood 60th Anniversary]

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 26th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am
[Deceased members of Rhodes & Griffin families]

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

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Entrance Antiphon See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good..

First Reading [Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19]
'You give repentance for sins'

Responsorial Psalm
Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit

Second Reading [Romans 8: 26-27] *'The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words'*

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 [Matt 13: 24-43]
'Let both grow together until the harvest'

Communion Antiphon
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him

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. July Anniversaries in this parish e Sheila Narey, Breda Gamble, Betty (Iris) McCarthy, Robert Shiner, Maria Webley

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK + This week we pray for the religious communities in our Diocese

SEA SUNDAY + Thanks to all for the great result. £192.01 was sent to Stella Maris last week.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS + This weekend sees the happy **Golden Jubilee** celebration for Canon David Ryan which many of us will attend in St Gregory's Cheltenham. Canon David has been a kind and dear friend to all three of our parishes and a great support to our parish priests over the years. Please pray for him this weekend, 18th/19th July.

SECOND COLLECTION + Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Bishop's Charitable Fund** which enables the Bishop to respond to the many charitable causes that appeal to him. This money, in a way, is 'us' reaching out to the little causes we never hear about and for a response to be made immediately at the bishop's discretion to those who seek his help. Please remember to use a Gift Aid envelope to enhance your donation if you are a UK tax-payer. Thank you

EXTRA JULY MASSES + Please note that there are two Masses at the end of this week in St James' Chapel, Postlip at 7.00pm on Friday 24th July with Canon David Mills as chief celebrant 12.00pm and on Saturday 25th July with Father Joby Lukose – a Deanery Pilgrimage – see poster advocating necessity to book.

FATHER TONY IN PRINT + A book published in celebration of Fr Tony's Silver Jubilee celebration and called "The Word Speaks" is a collection of sermons that Fr Tony has shared with his parishes ranging from 2001 to today. The books are offered to us at £10.00 per copy and those supplying them (in the west country) are happy that half of the cost be retained by our individual parish(es) to go towards any maintenance that our churches need. **Please phone or email Chris Davies to reserve a copy**

GOVERNOR VACANCY +

Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School is seeking new Foundation Governors. Working as part of a committed governing body, For further information, please visit: www.st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk/our-governors or Chair of Governors, at chair@st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI + 800 years since the death of St Francis and Pope Leo has declared a special Year to commemorate this. Saturday 3 October 2026 is exactly 800 years since St Francis died, and the day before his feast day. To mark this a walking pilgrimage is planned in the Diocese of Clifton with two legs: The *Bristol leg* will start at Clifton Cathedral at 10.30am (9.4 miles). The *Clevedon leg* will start at the Franciscan church of the Immaculate Conception in Clevedon at 1pm (6.4 miles). The two legs will convene at around 4.30pm at the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea for refreshments and prayer. Those who wish can stay for the 6pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Francis. For more details and to register see: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/a-franciscan-pilgrimage-in-the-diocese-of-clifton>

CAR PARKING PERMITS + Now is the time to renew St Joseph Church parking permits with charges becoming due for the coming year (August 2026 – July 2027). Please would existing holders and any new potential permit holders submit to the office the following details: Name, make and registration plate of car, cash or cheque payment for the year (Daytime only £40 and £120 for parking overnight). These charges are a fraction of that paid by those using council car parks in the town and constitute a great saving for anyone who parks at St Joseph's even once each week. Tickets this year are a scarlet colour and available from Chris Davies in the office Mon/Tues/Wed mornings.

FREE SURVIVOR EVENT + 11th August 2026

The South West Ecumenical Safeguarding Forum (SWESF) is a regional collaboration focused on safeguarding within Christian churches and faith settings. First Light is a specialist UK charity that supports and empowers people affected by abuse. If you have been affected by abuse, you are warmly invited to attend this supportive and informative event. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/church-related-abuse-free-survivor-support-information-event-tickets-

WEDNESDAY – FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

Entrance Antiphon	The Lord said to Mary Magdalene; Go to my brothers and tell them: I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.
Responsorial Psalm	For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. Tell us Mary: say what you did see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! Alleluia
Communion Antiphon	The love of Christ impels us, so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised.