



THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Saturday 29th St Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm
[Mary Flood – Forthcoming operation]
Missionary Appeal from Society of St Paul
- Sunday 30th St Joseph's Mass 9am *[People of the Parish]*
Missionary Appeal from Society of St Paul
- St Nicholas' Mass 11am *[People of the Parish]*
Missionary Appeal from Society of St Paul
- Monday 31st Weekday in Ordinary Time
St Nicholas Rosary 10.00am
- Tuesday 1st Sept Weekday in Ordinary Time
St Thomas More Adoration 5.30pm
Mass 6.00pm *[Paul Cooper RIP]*
- Wednesday 2nd Weekday in Ordinary Time
St Joseph's Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*
- Thursday 3rd FEAST OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT
St Nicholas Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*

ST JOSEPH'S PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING IN THE NARTHEX 6.00pm

Friday 4th FIRST FRIDAY MASS
11.00am ST JAMES POSTLIP

JOINT PARISHES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ST JOSEPH'S NARTHEX 4.00pm

Saturday 5th Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm
[Lucy Taylor RIP]

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

- Sunday 6th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am
[Elizabeth Wright RIP]
- St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
[People of the Parish]

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Entrance Antiphon Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry
to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and
forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you

First Reading [Jeremiah 20: 7-9]
'The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach'

Responsorial Psalm
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading [Romans 12: 1-2]
'Present your bodies as a living sacrifice'

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our
hears, so that we may know the hoe to which he has
called us Alleluia

Gospel [Matthew 16: 21-27]
'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself'

Communion Antiphon
How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for
those who fear you.

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. August Anniversaries in this parish are: Mary Williamson, Richard Driscoll, Edward McDonagh, Basil Caroline, Jimmy Boyce, Douglas Rice, Deirdre Turner and Patrick McHale

PRAYER LINK + This week we pray for those **Our Lady and St Alphege**, Bath & **St Joseph**, Peasedown St John

MISSION APPEAL + Today we welcome Fr Samuel Alabi who makes an appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul.

POSTLIP MASS + This (first) Friday Father Maria Alexander (Charlton Kings) will celebrate Mass at St James' Chapel.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE Sunday 6th September All are invited to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Glastonbury – the theme being **'Mary, Mother of the Faithful'** *Information sheets covering the timings of each part of the day and much other useful information are available in the church porch today.* Mass will take place in the Abbey Grounds at 3.15pm, celebrated by the Bishop of Clifton. Further details are available from the parish office or see the poster on the noticeboard

FUND-RAISING + Starting on 3rd October, every 1st Saturday of the month we will have a Raffle at church after Mass - it is open to the whole Parish and starting on 5th September we will start selling tickets. They will cost £2 per ticket and there will be amazing surprise prizes worth between £10-100. All proceeds are for the STM Building Fund.

GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER + West Cheltenham House of Prayer proposes to mark this locally. After their normal prayer meeting on Saturday 5 September, at St Mark's Anglican church they will lay out some prayer stations and open up the church between 10am till 12 pm for anyone from the local churches to drop in for prayer.

PARISH PICNIC + Saturday 12th September at Woodmancote Village Hall (12 till 3) All are invited to bring a picnic basket and usefully, those opting to sit outside could bring fold-up chairs. If the weather is against us, we will use the inside of the hall and entertain ourselves with games etc. Becki Harvey would appreciate those attending to confirm thesixharveys@googlemail.com

VOTE AGAINST THE BILL + Please find pre-printed cards available today enabling all to show local MPs your stance against assisted suicide. **Please complete in full TODAY** so that we can send them together in one large envelope to the House of Commons to show our support against this dangerous bill at its second reading on 11th September

MEDJUGORE – UPDATED INFORMATION +

A pilgrimage journey of faith & peace where Marian apparitions began in 1981 and continue to this day in Medjugorje, a small village in Bosnia and Herzegovina. A Tangney tours organised pilgrimage for all our Cheltenham parishes to join Sunday May 16th – Thursday 20th 2027. Flying from Bristol with 15kg hold luggage staying in a 4 star hotel half board. Spiritual highlights with mass at St. James Church, The risen Christ statue, Apparition Hill (podbrdo), The Blue Cross, Cross Mountain (krizevac) and more! All transfers/transport, comprehensive insurance, Tour guide and two places for our priests/deacons are also included in the price. The estimate is currently £795 per person based on two people sharing (single room supplement £80.00)/30 places are available. A non-refundable deposit of £300.00 per person will reserve your place. For booking forms and more information: please email marymkeating@icloud.com or phone 07926080924

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER + On the evening of 1st September, there will be a reading of Pope Leo's message for this year's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the garden of New Court, Lansdown Road Cheltenham GL50 2JG (by kind permission of Pat Burrows). Meet at the gate on the left of New Court at 5pm. (If wet, the reading will be indoors.) All welcome. Further details: Martin Davis 01242 244182 or cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com.

DATE FOR THE DIARY + Raising funds for St Thomas More- A mix of music for your pleasure, to include, Dancing Queen, Piano Man, Sweet Caroline, Wild Rover, come and join in. Ticket cost £8.00 venue The Old Chapel Gotherington - **24th October 7.30pm -9.30pm**, bar and nibbles available. Tickets from Carol Baker 07483244823

ADOREMUS 2026 The **National Eucharistic Congress**, London on **Saturday 10 October 2026** - a national celebration of the Eucharist, bringing together Catholics from across England and Wales. Clifton have limited tickets - name, email and parish details required for each attendee. Submit your information to the parish office if you wish to attend and represent any of our churches.

FATHER TONY IN PRINT + 12 copies of the book remain Phone/email Chris Davies in the office 01684 293273 to order yours

TUESDAY

Entrance Antiphon	Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord is just in all his ways
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has arisen among us and God has visited his people! Alleluia
Communion Antiphon	How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.