

IN YOUR PRAYERS + Please remember in your prayers Michael Flaherty – recently deceased - and also Laura Newman late of our parish who passed peacefully away in her sleep. Laura and her husband Ron were stalwart parishioners May her Soul Rest In Peace. Pray also for the sick of our parish. August Anniversaries are: Ted Way, Philip Burns, John Parr, Ted Sutton, Patricia Fisher, Graham Boothman, Lily Doran, Sheila Craven, Philip and Mary Smythe, Tony Backhouse, Andrew Hehir, John Reeve, Joe Fry, Jonathan Keane and Frank Smith

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

MISSION APPEAL +

Today we welcome Fr Samuel Alabi who makes an appeal for support in each of our three churches. This appeal has been and will be made by missionaries from the Society of St Paul right across our Diocese during 2026. Please give generously.

POSTLIP MASS + This Friday – the first Friday in September - Father Maria Alexander (parish priest at Charlton Kings) will celebrate Mass at St James' Chapel. All are welcome to attend as usual.

PARISH PICNIC + Saturday 12th September at Woodmancote Village Hall (12.15pm until 3.00pm) All are invited to bring a picnic basket and there will doubtless be much sharing. Usefully, those opting to sit outside could bring fold-up chairs. We will put up gazebos and can also use the inside of the hall if necessary. Becki Harvey is trying to assess numbers attending and would appreciate people messaging her 07527 957851 /email thesixharveys@googlemail.com

DATE FOR THE DIARY + Raising funds for St Thomas More parish roof - Duncan and Jonathan will play a mix of music, to include, Dancing Queen, Piano Man, Sweet Caroline, Wild Rover Tickets cost £8.00, venue The Old Chapel Gotherington - **24th October 7.30pm -9.30pm**, bar and nibbles available. Tickets from Carol Baker 07483244823

ST BENET'S KEMERTON + A coffee morning will be held in support of an orphanage for Ukrainian children **10.00am on Saturday 5th September**. Please do support this important cause if you possibly can. The usual stalls of cakes, books, raffle and handicrafts with coffee.. and of course the usual friendly camaraderie.

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

ADOREMUS 2026 + The **National Eucharistic Congress, Saturday 10 October 2026**. Adoremus is a national celebration of the Eucharist, bringing together Catholics from across England and Wales for prayer, worship and public witness. Clifton have to limit tickets - name, email and parish details are required for each attendee. Please submit your information to the parish office in Tewkesbury if you wish to attend and represent any of the churches in our cluster.

FATHER TONY IN PRINT + Twelve copies of the book "The Word Speaks" by Fr Tony remain if anyone would like one. Please email Chris Davies to order

LOOKING AHEAD + Our next Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 3rd October – please mark your diaries.

THURSDAY – FEAST DAY ST GREGORY THE GREAT

Entrance Antiphon	Blessed Gregory, raised upon the throne of Peter, sought always the beauty of the Lord and lived in celebration of that love.
Responsorial Psalm	Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I have called you friends, says the Lord, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. Alleluia
Communion Antiphon	This is a steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.