

THREE SAINTS PARISHES

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

PARISH PRIEST FATHER JOBY LUKOSE

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE DAVIES

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday 28th Nov	St Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm *[All Holy Souls]*
Sunday 29th Nov	St Joseph's Mass 9.00am *[Monica & Norman RIP]*
	St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am with Children's Liturgy *[Baptism of Hazel]*

TEWKESBURY ABBEY – UNITED CHRISTIANS
ADVENT SERVICE 6.00pm

Monday 30th	FEAST OF ST ANDREW, APOSTLE St Nicholas *Rosary 10.00am*
Tuesday 1st	Memorial of Saint Alexander Briant Thomas More *Adoration 5.30pm* Mass 6.00pm *[People of the Parish]*
Wednesday 2nd	Weekday of Advent St Joseph's *Adoration 9.30am* Mass 10.00am *[Agnes & Thomas RIP]*
Thursday 3rd	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier St Nicholas *Adoration 9.30am* Mass 10.00am *[People of the Parish]*
Friday 4th	REQUIEM MASS FOR MAUREEN MASSEY St Nicholas 1.00pm
Saturday 5th	Weekday of Advent St Thomas More Vigil Mass 5.00pm *[Kathleen & Michael Delaney RIP]*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

[Christmas Flower Appeal]

Sunday 6th	St Joseph's Mass 9.00am *[Elizabeth Wright]*
	St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am *[John Joe Cawley RIP]*

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Entrance Antiphon **To you I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame..**

First Reading **[Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 64: 1, 3b-8] *'O that you would rend the heavens and come down'***

Responsorial Psalm
"Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved"

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 1: 3-9]
'We are waiting for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ'

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia

Gospel [Mark 13: 33-37] *'Stay awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come'*

Communion Antiphon **The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase**

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 + Today we remember the sick of our parish together with all who care for them. November anniversaries in this parish : Bernard Drury, Jack Ellis, Rachael Sauter

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK + This week we pray for the parishes of **Our Lady of the Rosary,** Lawrence Weston and **Saint Bernard,** Shirehampton

OUR MASS TODAY + Please turn to page 82 in the (orange) Parish Mass Book for Readings and Responses.

POOR MISSIONS + Our second collection last weekend amounted to £ 173.00 including Gift Aided donations – Thank you

CYAN November Social – Special Guest Speaker: Clement Harrold from Franciscan University!
TONIGHT!! - a wonderful evening of faith, discussion and fellowship. **Bring and Share Dinner:** Everyone is invited to bring along a dish to share! 6:30pm here at St Thomas More's Parish Hall

MAUREEN MASSEY + Please remember in your prayers Mrs Maureen Massey whose Requiem Mass will take place at St Nicholas Winchcombe on Friday 4th December at 1.00pm. Maureen was a teacher at St Thomas More School for many years and is fondly remembered.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION + There will be a talk on **Tuesday 1 December at 2.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. Deacon Bogdan Wasylkiw was born in Cheltenham, retired from his Architectural profession and was later ordained as a permanent Deacon in 2013. His Diaconal parishes are Stroud, Stonehouse and Woodchester. In 2018 Bogdan became involved in prison ministry as Chaplain in Bristol, LeyHill and Ashfield. Deacon Bogdan will speak to us on: **Prison Ministry**. All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free) Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, Tel: 01242 539810.

DECORATING OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS + Next weekend we will take up a second collection for flowers to beautify our church for the Christmas celebration.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS + For anyone stuck to know what to give as a gift to a loved one this Christmas – please pick up one of the many bright and colourful **'Joy to the World'** catalogues in the porch area. These are full of gifts that you can buy which can be given ***in the name of that one person who is so difficult to buy for*** to the many people in need

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION + Bishop Bosco celebrates Mass in the Cathedral **Saturday 6th February** (12pm) and invites families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2027. If you are/know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary please let us know. You just need to send names to: *hope@cliftondiocese.com* with an address. A personal invitation can be sent out from the Bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass – Do consider this.

CHERISHING MARRIAGE +
Clifton are inviting couples to a day of reflection on **23 January 2027.** A moment in time to nurture this amazing gift and celebrate its richness. Couples will spend time together rediscovering the joy in their marriage and working together to cherish it - a wonderful oasis ahead of the Celebration of Marriage Family Mass on 6 February 2027 at Clifton Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Bosco. (see above item). This event will take place in the **Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral**; **10am to 3.30pm** (refreshments available from 9.30am). Soup, bread and refreshments will be provided for lunch. To register for the day, please use the Eventbrite link: https://marriedcouples.eventbrite.co.uk Places are limited to twenty couples, so please do book early!

FROM CONQUEST TO KINGDOM (AND MORE!) + Many will know that the **Bayeux Tapestry Exhibition** is currently on display in Tewkesbury Abbey and will be there until **July 2027** (free entry, voluntary donation). ***Also at the Abbey*** there will be an Advent Service this Sunday evening 29thNovember at 6.00pm for all Christians in our area – a lovely way to start the advent season.

ADMINISTRATOR ON LEAVE + Please note that the office will **not be manned** now until December 14th.

RESPONSES FOR TUESDAY – MEMORIAL OF ST ALEXANDER BRIANT, MARTYR

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	In his days shall justice flourish and great peace for ever.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants. Alleluia
Communion Antiphon	Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord