

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]

TABLE TOP SALE AFTER MASS IN NARTHEX

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]

CAKE SALE AFTER MASS IN NARTHEX

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 : John Galbally, Barbara Widdows, Margaret Roberts, Diana O'Keefe, Peter Fowler, Katarzyna D'Orgee and Henry Benyon

D.P.L. + This week we pray for the parishes of **Our Lady of the Rosary,** Lawrence Weston and **St 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 £ 137.57– Thanks to all

MARY'S MEAL THREE WEEK EVENT + Please take a look at the Christmas gift tags and festive bottle bags on sale in the Narthex. Next weekend 6th December we will have cakes on same for this same, most worthy cause and you may be asked to buy a raffle ticket for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on 13th December. All proceeds to feed hungry children!!!

CYAN November Social – Special Guest Speaker: Clement Harrold from Franciscan University!
TONIGHT!! – an evening of faith, discussion and fellowship for younger Catholics 18-35. **Bring and Share Dinner:** Everyone is invited to bring along a dish to share! 6:30pm at St Thomas More's Parish Hall

WINCHCOMBE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL + The annual Winchcombe Christmas Festival takes place on Thursday 3rd of December from midday to 8pm. There will be home baking plus a tombola stall to raise funds for St Nicholas parish.

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

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** 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: https://marriedcouples.eventbrite.co.uk Places limited

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 WEDNESDAY

Entrance Antiphon	The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.
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