



ST THOMAS MORE CHELTENHAM

PARISH NEWSLETTER

WITH SAINT JOSEPH'S, SAINT NICHOLAS' AND SAINT THOMAS MORE



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

[Year C – Psalter 2]

Saturday 30th

Vigil Mass
St Thomas More, Cheltenham
Confession 4.30pm Mass 5.00pm
[Mina Valmonte RIP]

Sunday 31st

St Joseph's, Tewkesbury
Mass 9.00am
[People of the Parish]

St Nicholas', Winchcombe
Mass 11.00am [People of the Parish]

Monday 1st August

Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary
Liguori, Doctor of the Church
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm

Tuesday 2nd

Weekday in Ordinary Time
St Thomas More Adoration 5.30pm
Mass 6.00pm
[Agnes & Thomas Cronin RIP]

Wednesday 3rd

Weekday in Ordinary Time
St Joseph's Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am

Thursday 4th

Memorial of St John Mary Vianney
St Nicholas' Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am [Eithne Hughes RIP]

Friday 5th

Weekday in Ordinary Time
St James, Postlip Mass 11.00am

Saturday 6th

St Thomas More
Confession 4.30apm
Mass 5.00pm
[Celebrating St John Mary Vianney and Priests everywhere]

NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 7th

St Joseph's Confession 8.30am
Mass 9.00am
[Celebrating St John Mary Vianney and Priests everywhere]

St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
[Celebrating St John Mary Vianney and Priests everywhere]

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm *O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! *Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon *You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Readings for this Mass are in the missal. Page 117

First Reading [Ecclesiastes 1: 2 2: 21-23]

"Vanity of Vanities" A striking introduction to this biblical book. The writer realises that material things give no lasting joy.

Second Reading [Colossians 3: 1-5 9-11] A focus on the things of the life beyond this is the non-negotiable centre of life for those who believe in Christ.

Gospel [Luke 12: 13-21] A family dispute is aired in public. Jesus is not impressed at being drawn into the argument



Diocesan Pray Link: **St Catherine** Chipping Campden
Our Lady & St Kenelm Stow on the Wold

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday 4.30pm – Saint Thomas More
Sunday 8.30am – Saint Joseph's
Sunday – Saint Nicholas' 12.00pm

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MASS AT ST JAMES' CHAPEL+ This Friday we celebrate Mass once again in this ancient chapel in Postlip at but at a slightly later time of 11.00am. Please do come along while the weather allows us to gather there in the relative comfort of summer. The chapel is not open during the winter months.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED + Please pray for Artur Jablonksi, recently deceased, and also Richard Driscoll, Edward McDonagh and Basil Caroline whose anniversaries occur around this time.

MISSIO + The recent Red Box collection from STM parish raised £288.38. Thank you for your continued support. New box holders are very welcome. Chris Bentall 01242 517568

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK +

The Bishop's Charitable Fund collection raised £128.00. Many thanks to all for this generous response.

PRAYING FOR UKRAINE + During the summer months we will not be gathering in the church to pray *as a group* for Ukraine, but hope to recommence this in September. Doubtless, we will all continue to pray privately at home for an end to hostilities.

CELEBRATING PRIESTHOOD + On Thursday this week the church remembers St John Vianney who died on 4 August 1859, at the age of 73. 6,000 people attended his funeral In 1874 Pope Pius IX proclaimed him "venerable"; in 1905, Pope Pius X declared him Blessed and proposed him as a model to the parochial clergy. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI who in 1929 made him patron saint of parish priests Pope John Paul II visited his birthplace (Ars, France) in 1986 and referred to him as a *"rare example of a pastor acutely aware of his responsibilities ... and a sign of courage for those who today experience the grace of being called to the priesthood."*

We will celebrate this important saint in our Saturday Mass next weekend and give thanks for our own priest – asking God to bless the work he does and also pray for vocations to the priesthood to be increased - to build the faith and support the faithful. Refreshments will follow Mass.

A GRAND AUCTION + Please make a note in your diaries for 9th September - 6pm in the Narthex of St Joseph's. A number of interesting LOTS and PROMISES have been received, including vouchers for meals out, a luxury hamper, BNIB electric items and a gentleman's bicycle. Tickets are limited (60) so be ready if you wish to attend - on sale second week in August at £2 each to include a welcome drink. Phone Chris on the office telephone number shown overleaf to book yours.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE + On Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September 2022 the relics of St Bernadette will be visiting Clifton Cathedral. This will be a unique opportunity to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. Please see the poster displayed on our parish noticeboard Further details will be available soon on the Clifton website:

RESPONSES FOR TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST

Entrance Antiphon *O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

Responsorial Psalm *The Lord shall build up Zion again and appear in all his glory.*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon *You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

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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 your 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