

# THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, WINCHCOMBE

## With St Joseph's, Tewkesbury

Chandos Street, Winchcombe GL54 5HX Clifton Catholic Diocese Registered Charity No. 1170168  
Also serving St Michael's Shared Anglican Roman Catholic Church, Bishop's Cleeve GL52 8BA

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[YEAR A – Psalter 2]

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saint Joseph's 9.00am  Saint Nicholas' 11.00am
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Weekday in Ordinary Time St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm <i>[Fr Peter's intention]</i>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN VIANNEY NO SERVICES
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Ordinary Time St Joseph's 10.00am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION St Nicholas' 10.00am <i>[Intention: Pearl Theresa Wallace]</i>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	MEMORIAL OF ST DOMINIC No Mass

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[YEAR A – Psalter 3]

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Saint Joseph's 9.00am  Saint Nicholas' 11.00am <i>[Intention: John Parr 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary RIP]</i>
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Father Tony continues to record and post a Homily each week. If you have a mobile phone/computer to allow you to join in, contact the office or speak to Carol Baker to arrange for them to be sent to you.

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### DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO ARE REMEMBERED THIS MONTH

John Parr, Ted Way, Philip Burns, 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

**May they rest in Peace**

### The Word – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

[Isaiah 55: 1-3] The Lord invites us to come to him and our soul will live.

[Romans 8: 35, 37-39] Nothing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ.

[Matthew 14: 13-21] Jesus feeds all those who come to him abundantly.

Diocesan Prayer Link: **St Dunstan**, Somerton  
**St Joseph**, Langport, **Holy Ghost**, Yeovil with South Petherton



### **SAFETY IN OUR CHURCH +**

We are required to continue stewarding for all who attend Mass in our church and we thank most sincerely the team of volunteers who help parishioners sanitise their hands, ensure social distancing is observed and generally clean/disinfect after each service. We are required to keep a record of all attending Mass in our church to comply with government guidelines.

### **FEAST DAY THIS WEEK - THE TRANSFIGURATION +**

Jesus's clothes, Mark says, became "dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them." "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Just as at the Baptism of Jesus, so also at the Transfiguration, the heavens are opened and we receive a glimpse of the inner life of the Trinity. Jesus is revealed as Son of the Father, who speaks from the cloud of Divine Presence wherein is the Spirit.

### **MASS AT POSTLIP +**

Thanks to all who made the trip to attend Mass at Postlip last weekend to celebrate the FEAST OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE. As ever this was a special occasion, made even more unique by the current restrictions.

### **WORK ON OUR LIGHTNING CONDUCTOR +**

The essential building safety work has now been carried out on our church and we can be ready for any potential 'bolt out of the blue'. The work, at approximately £2,000 has been very costly due to specialists having to be employed. Anyone who wishes to make a financial contribution towards the cost is asked to leave a donation, in the special envelopes provided inside the main entrance of Saint Nicholas' church. Thank you in advance.

### **OTHER BUILDING WORKS +**

The presence on site of ladders this week also allowed an inspection of the old church bell at the apex of the roof which many had been hoping to see working again. Peter Kavanagh took trouble to climb up and photographed from inside the roof space both the brickwork and mechanism attached to the old bell. Sadly, Peter had to conclude that the bell does seem beyond repair, being very worn and corroded.

A quote has been received for the wall in the presbytery garden which needs repointing. The finance committee will look into who holds the responsibility for this particular boundary before proceeding with the work.

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION +**

During these long months of this COVID pandemic there has been a great deal of need in our parishes and our communities. There has been illness, fear and sadness. Even though our churches are now open, there are still restrictions on what we can and cannot do. It is still not safe for many people to go out, the virus has not gone away. Central to our readings this week is a clear and simple message – when we are in need God will provide.

Jesus took pity on the people, he healed them, and he fed them. He saw their need and he responded with compassion and love. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion it is so that we are nourished with this same love, this same compassion, this same desire to reach out to the poor, the vulnerable and the needy. As we continue to struggle with the pandemic let us continue to reach out to those who need our care and attention, even if our churches are now open.