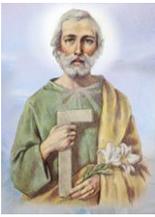




ST NICHOLAS' WINCHCOMBE

WITH SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH, CHELTENHAM
AND SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH TEWKESBURY



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [YEAR C]

[Psalter 2, Proper of Season]

Sunday 5th December St Thomas More Confession 4.30pm
Saturday [Vigil] Mass 5.00pm

St Joseph's Mass 9.00am

[Richard & Ann Williams and deceased children]

St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am

Monday 6th Weekday of Advent
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm

Tuesday 7th Memorial of St Ambrose
St Thomas More Exposition 5.30pm
Mass 6.00pm [Roberto Binosa]

Wednesday 8th SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
St Joseph's Mass 10.00am
[Michael Murphy & Family RIP]

Thursday 9th Weekday of Advent
St Nicholas' Mass 10.00am

Friday 10th Weekday of Advent
No Mass

ADVENT REFLECTION & RECONCILIATION

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH 5.00 PM – 7.00 PM

WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND TIME TO BE TOGETHER

Saturday 11th Weekday of Advent
St Thomas More Confession 4.30pm
Mass 5.00pm
Vigil Mass of Sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

[Psalter 3, Proper of the Season]

Sunday 12th St Joseph's Confession 8.45am
Mass 9.00am
[Patrick & Mary Doran & Family RIP]

St Nicholas'
Mass 11.00am
[Baptism of baby Henry Gwilym]

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

First Reading [Baruch 5: 1-9]

The Prophet echoes the message of Isaiah - that God will enable us to walk safely on level ground

Second Reading [Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11]

Paul wants us to prepare for the Day of Christ. His prayer is that we will always recognise what is best.

Gospel [Luke 3: 1-6]

John the Baptist is the one who fulfils the prophecy about preparing a way for the Lord and shows us what needs to be done.



Diocesan Prayer Link Saint John the Baptist Trowbridge
Saint Bernadette Westbury

Contact Information

For enquiries re baptisms, funerals, etc and for notices and general parish information, call the Parish Office at Tewkesbury 01684 293273
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am – 2pm
Email tewkesbury.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com

Father Tony returns mid-week
Please phone St Gregory's Cheltenham 01242 523737
if you need a priest in an emergency

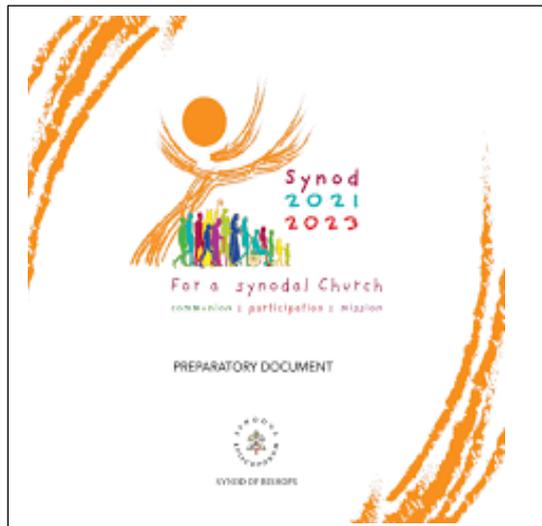
PREPARE THE WAY

The liturgy this Sunday urges us to prepare a way for the Lord. How timely as we prepare for the Synod to which Pope Francis calls each one of us!

There are two different parts to our parish preparations: practical details and preparation in our hearts as we seek to listen at the deepest level.

Can you offer help as a facilitator, listener or note-taker? Please let Jonathan Willmer know. Thanks to those who have already stepped forward. Next week there will be details about the sessions themselves, which take place in January.

As we prepare to listen deeply, we are invited to notice what stirs us in the liturgy, in our lives and in our hearts.



FATHER DAVID LEAVES US + Parishioners will agree that Fr David is to be sincerely thanked for shepherding our flock in Winchcombe during November and in Fr Tony's absence. We are so very grateful Father!

ADVENT REFLECTION + This Friday between 5pm and 7pm, Francis Hetheridge will give an Advent Reflection. Please use this opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation if you wish. Light refreshments will be served and we all look forward to having Father Tony 'home' with us.

APF/MISSIO + Would Red Box holders kindly leave their box at St. Nicholas as soon as possible. The usual arrangement for those in Bishops Cleeve. As in previous years, this collection is early so that End-of-Years forms, can be completed before Christmas, as well as all the monies banked. Thank you – Barbara Murphy

SUPPORTING CHELTENHAM OPEN DOOR +

Just a little time left to help with items for gift bags... new socks or pants, gloves, hats, scarves, gift sets of toiletries, edible treats, adult puzzle or joke books. No alcohol or sharp implements please. Food items: tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit/puddings, tinned ready meals, tinned spaghetti, tinned potatoes/ instant mash, instant pot noodles, chocolate bars, jams or spreads. Contact carolanne.baker@btinternet.com for item collection from your home

PLEASE PRAY + for our sick and those carrying heavy burdens. Anniversaries this month: Gert de Vries, Maryse Fletcher, Mary McAndrew, Billy and Nicholas Grassick, Pat Sanger, Arthur Tierney, Peter Giles, Kevin McNamee, Michael Doran, Michael Robertson and Tim Hancock.

DIRECTORIES & LITURGICAL DIARIES + These, from Clifton, on sale from today. Prices unchanged from last year. Directories £5.00, Diaries £6.50. Please place payments in the office clearly marked or see Peter Massey.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION + There will be an afternoon talk in the Lounge of Sacred Hearts parish hall this Tuesday 7th December at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Adrian Barlow, a Fellow of the English Association and the subject will be 'Ecclesiology' See poster. All are most welcome, admission £3 for visitors includes refreshments.

HONOURING SUNDAY + Please visit our parish website to read the thoughtful and considered communication from the Catholic Bishops' Conference on our obligation to attend Mass and receive the sacraments. We are encouraged to share this information with those we know who have not yet returned to church.

RESPONSES FOR THURSDAY 9th December 2021

Entrance Antiphon Lord you are near, and all your commandments are just; long have I known that you decreed them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia** Send victory like a dew, you heavens, and let the clouds rain it down. Let the earth open and bring forth the saviour **Alleluia**

Communion Antiphon Let our lives be honest and holy in this present age, as we wait for the happiness to come when our great God reveals himself in glory