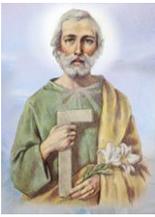




ST NICHOLAS' WINCHCOMBE

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



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT [YEAR C]

[Gaudete Sunday, Psalter 3 Proper of Season]

Sunday 12th December St Thomas More Confession 4.30pm

Saturday [Vigil] Mass 5.00pm

[Fred Ebdy RIP]

St Joseph's Mass 9.00am

[Patrick & Mary Doran and family RIP]

St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am

[Baptism of Henry Gwilym Calder]

Monday 13th

Memorial of St Lucy

St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm

Tuesday 14th

Memorial of St John of the Cross

St Thomas More Exposition 5.30pm

Mass 6.00pm

[Donald & Marie Soul RIP]

Wednesday 15th

Weekday of Advent

St Joseph's Mass 10.00am

[Antony & Sarramma Raphael RIP]

Thursday 16th

Weekday of Advent

St Nicholas' Mass 10.00am

Friday 17th

Weekday of Advent II (O Sapientia)

No Mass

Saturday 18th

Weekday of Advent II (O Adonai)

St Thomas More Confession 4.30pm

Mass 5.00pm

Vigil Mass of Sunday

[Deceased members of the Delaney family]

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

[Psalter 4, Proper of the Season]

Day of Prayer for all expectant Mothers

Sunday 19th

St Joseph's Confession 8.45am

Mass 9.00am

[Patrick & all members of the Doran Family RIP]

St Nicholas'

Mass 11.00am

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia!** *The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

First Reading [Zephaniah 3: 14-18]

The Prophet looks forward to a time of joy as he awaits the coming of the Messiah

Second Reading [Philippians 4:4-7]

Trust in Jesus Christ and you will find true happiness.

Gospel [Luke 3: 10-18]

John the Baptist announces the coming of the Christ, the Anointed One, and baptism by water and the Holy Spirit



Diocesan Prayer Link **Corpus Christi / Our Lady of Lourdes** Weston super Mare

DIRECTORIES & LITURGICAL DIARIES +

These are on sale, prices unchanged from last year.

Directories £5.00, Diaries £6.50.

Please hand payments to Peter Massey, our Treasurer

Parish Office at Tewkesbury 01684 293273
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am – 2pm

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THE SYNOD

Rejoice!

The liturgy this Sunday overflows with joy,
expectation and longing!
Christ is near and his gift is peace!



“What should we do?”, prompts the gospel reading.

What is my part?

**How can I receive and share what is offered?
What do I really long for?**

Pondering such things helps us know the dreams God has for us. The exciting part is that we are called to shape and form these dreams *with* God. We are co-creators.

‘This is a moment to dream big’ says Pope Francis, and this is what we aim to do with the help of the Holy Spirit and one another during our synod conversations starting next month.

If you would like to prepare more deeply for these conversations the Pope’s book ‘Let Us Dream’ is highly recommended. We have copies available free of charge from Jonathan Willmer (Jonathan.willmer@btinternet.com).

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

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.

FINANCE MEETING FEEDBACK +

The meeting took place at St Joseph’s to assess where we are financially. Fortunately, due to the Parishes in Communion arrangement with St Joseph’s (in particular for refurbishment works), generous giving by many in our parish (including bequests totalling £10,250) and the now *three-parish* support for our Priest, the situation is stable and we are able to meet all expenses. There are some major items of expenditure ahead in the spring when the leaky conservatory and poor heating system in the Presbytery will need to be attended to. A financial report will be available early in the new year and displayed on the notice board. All are thanked for their wholehearted support for St Nicholas parish.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS + Envelopes are available from today. This collection and the Easter collection support the modest salaries paid to our Priests through the year.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR PAT +

On the feast day of St Nicholas, earlier this week, the following message was received “To Michael and all Happy Feast day - wish I was with you to celebrate. God bless and love to all at St Nicholas Fr Pat”

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way
we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this

RESPONSES FOR THURSDAY 16th 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 I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia The day of the Lord is near. Look he comes to save us **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