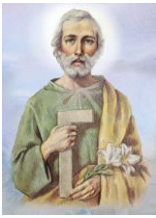




ST NICHOLAS' WINCHCOMBE

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



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [YEAR C] [Psalter 4 Proper of Season]

- Saturday 19th St Thomas More Confession 4.30pm [Vigil] Mass 5.00pm [Deceased members of the Delaney family]
 Sunday 20th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am [Patrick & all members of the Doran family RIP]
 St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
- Monday 20th Weekday of Advent II (O Clavis David) St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm
- Tuesday 21st Weekday of Advent II (O Oriens) St Thomas More Exp 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm [Eileen Morgan RIP]
- Wednesday 22nd Weekday of Advent II (O Rex Gentium) St Joseph's Mass 10.00am
- Thursday 23rd Weekday of Advent II (O Emmanuel) St Nicholas' Mass 10.00am
- Friday 24th VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS ST JOSEPH'S MASS 7.30pm [People of the Parish]
- Saturday 25th SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ST THOMAS MORE MASS 9.00am [People of the Parish]
 [Christmas Day] ST NICHOLAS MASS 11.00 am [People of the Parish]



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- Sunday 26th St Thomas More Mass 9.00am
 St Joseph's Mass 10.30am [Deceased Members of the Cash Family RIP]
 St Nicholas' Mass at noon
- Monday 27th FEAST OF ST JOHN APOSTLE St Joseph's Mass 9.30am
 St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm
- Tuesday 28th FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS St Joseph's Mass 9.30am
 St Thomas More Mass 6.00pm [Kevin & Nora Healey RIP]
- Wednesday 29th FEAST OF ST THOMAS BECKET st Joseph's Mass 9.30am
- Thursday 30th SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISITMAS St Joseph's Mass 9.30am
 Nicholas' Mass 10.00am
- Friday 31st SEVENTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS – No Masses
- Saturday 1st Jan SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
 [Vigil of Sunday] St Thomas More Confession 4.30pm [Vigil] Mass 5.00pm

THE SYNOD

A big **Thank-You** to all who have offered help, advice, and expertise as we prepare for our synod conversations. You certainly live the example of St Nicholas – extraordinary generosity! Please keep it coming:

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As we journey together through the end of Advent and into the Christmas season, the theme for our liturgies, our lives and our hearts is celebration! Christ is with us – deep within each one of us.

It can take a crisis - global or personal - for us to become open to this reality. Jesus comes to us at the crossroads of life, at moments of openness, fragility, and humility. He leads us beyond our self-sufficiency to a new imagination of the possible, says Pope Francis.

How is this “journeying together” happening today in our parish? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

Please ponder these questions and notice what stirs you in the liturgy, your lives and your hearts. Pope Francis calls us each to listen and share. We will be in touch with options for participation.

WELCOME FATHERS + Fr David Mills visits today to introduce Fr Joby Lukose who takes over here after Christmas. We will naturally be very sad to say goodbye to Father Tony who has settled with us so well. However, we are very glad to say ‘Hello’ to Father Joby and offer our help as he faces his own new and challenging mission in our three-parish cluster. No doubt we will see Tony again and he invites all to visit Wells (not so very far away) where we are sure he will continue his ministry in the same enthusiastic and friendly way – we are all sure of a coffee after Mass!

Father Chris Benyon will visit Tewkesbury for Christmas and is kind enough to supply extra Masses at St Josephs after the holiday. All our extra Masses and those with changed times are underlined on the two week diary overleaf

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS + Carol Baker is taking names for all who wish to attend this Mass in an effect to manage seating. Please email carolanne.baker@btinternet.com or phone 07483 244823 to confirm a place.

PLEASE PRAY + For the sick and those who remembered 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.

PARISH OFFICE + Chris D on leave 20th - 30th inclusive. Please leave messages on 01684 293273 or email tewkesbury.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com but know that queries will not be dealt with immediately. For urgent matters email Fr Tony tony.pazhayakalam@cliftondiocese.com Due to lack of space in the newsletter our normal printed responses are not included this week. Please refer to Missals (Page 90 onwards) over this period.

200 CLUB RESULTS + Congratulation to: D Hart [1st] , B Neuberger [2nd] and P Cowley [3rd] winners in recent draw.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE + who gave items for Cheltenham Open Door. They were overwhelmed by your generosity. We were able also to give 18kg of goods to the North Cotswold Food Bank. They too were thankful to receive the donations. A little something to help those less fortunate at this time.

CHURCHES TOGETHER + Please see information on our parish website about ‘Health and Well-being Guides’ . Hard copy available in our church and one line for everyone. Maybe we will find something to prompt a New Year’s resolution!

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 we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.