



JOINT PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [Psalter 4, Proper of the Season]

Saturday 7th May **Weekday of Easter**
St Thomas More Confession 4.30pm
Mass 5.00pm
[Margaret Martin]

Sunday 8th May **St Joseph's**
Mass 9.00am
[John, Mary & all deceased members of the Murphy family]

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

Monday 9th **Weekday of Easter**
St Nicholas' Rosary 7.00pm

Tuesday 10th **Weekday of Easter**
St Thomas More Adoration 5.30pm
Mass 6.00pm

Wednesday 11th **Weekday of Easter**
St Joseph's Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am

St Thomas More Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7.00pm

Thursday 12th **Weekday of Easter**
St Nicholas' Adoration 9.30am
Mass 10.00am *[Genara Belanizo RIP]*

St Gregory's Cheltenham - 7.00pm 'One Man Show'

Friday 13th **Weekday of Easter** **NO SERVICES**

Saturday 14th **FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS**
St Thomas More Confessions 4.30pm
Mass 5.00pm *[John & Mary Flood]*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 15th **St Joseph's** Mass 9.00am
[First Holy Communion – George Catton]

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

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia!** *I am the Good Shepherd, say the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon *The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, Alleluia.*

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First Reading [Acts 13: 14, 43-52]

Paul and Barnabas are rejected by their own people and respond by reaching out to the pagans.

Second Reading [Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17]

Heaven awaits the countless number of people who remain faithful in spite of persecution. There they serve God, and the Lamb will be their shepherd.

Gospel [John 10: 27-30] Jesus promise that once we become his sheep we are protected by the Father and can never be lost.



Diocesan Prayer Link: **St Nicholas of Tolentino**, Easton, **St Joseph** Fishponds, **St Patrick** Redfield, Bristol

CONFESSION TIMES

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

Parish Office at Tewkesbury 01684 293273
 Chris Davies' normal hours :
 Mon/Tues/Wed and Fri 9am – 2pm
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If you need a priest in an emergency please
 email Joby.Lukose@cliftondiocese.com

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK

FISH AND CHIP SUPPER + Not long left, now, to sign up for the Fish and Chip Supper & Quiz at St Thomas More Church on **Friday 20th May at 6.30pm**. A great way for us to get to know each other better and all are invited across our three-church parish – Come as a ready-formed team or to join with others on the night. Tickets £10.00 each available after STM Masses or contact Helen Fincham (01242 582394).

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED +

Anniveraries at **St Thomas More**: Christopher Coughlan, Catherine Tyhurst, Beryl Soul and Lucy Sauter. At **St Nicholas**: Betty Dines, Anthony Phipps, Lilian Roney, Helen and Martha Doran, Maya Malene, Sheila Craven, Paula Clair Gibson, Agnes Cronin and Dominic Crouch. At **St Joseph's** Gordon Thompson, Arthur Long, Daniel Leonard, Winifred Smith, June Ouroussoff, Mary Egan Pawlo Kostiu, Marek Olczak, Kathleen Richard, Rosario Collins, Bridie Barry, Florence Lane, Alexander Butler and Sean Molloy.

THIS WEEK !

Father Mills, our Dean encourages us to take the opportunity to attend a 'one man show' presenting the Gospel of Mark in its entirety. This gives an opportunity to come to a deeper understanding of one of the most important Gospel witnesses to the person of Jesus and his message of good news for us. This will take place at **St Gregory's Church Cheltenham at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday the 12th May**. There is no ticket entry charge, but a retiring collection will be taken. Please see the poster displayed in our porch areas.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION +

Next Sunday at St Joseph's will be a very special day, when one of our young people finally makes his First Holy Communion in his home parish – delayed for some time for various reasons. Please pray for George on what is sure to be a most wonderful occasion.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE +

St Joseph's Fishponds, Bristol have places available on their 2022 pilgrimage to the Holy Land – which includes a visit to Petra. 26th Sept – 7th Oct (subject to confirmation) Total cost £1,650. If you are interested and wish for further information, please email Father Joby direct joby.lukose@cliftondiocese.com

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES +

Bishop Declan will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2 July** (noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. As you know he sends a **personal invitation** to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2022 or those who will marry during this year. The names of these couples who would wish to receive an invitation – engaged and anniversaries – need to be sent from the parish office. Please let Chris Davies have your details if you qualify, so that Clifton can be notified.

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 thy 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