

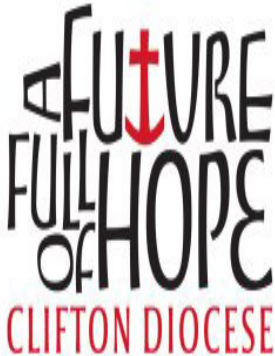
Catholic Community in Cheltenham

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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21st January 2018

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
Gospel: 'Repent and believe the Good News' (Mark 1: 14-20)



St Gregory the Great 10 St James Square, GL50 3PR ☎01242 523737

St Thomas More Princess Elizabeth Way, GL51 7RA ☎01242 573128

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 10.00am-1.00pm

Parish Priest: Fr David Mills

Assistant Priests: Fr Frank Wainwright, Fr David McDonald

Deacon: Rev. Robin Littlewood

Parish Websites: www.stgregorys.org.uk, www.stthomasmorechurch.org.uk

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Schools: St Gregory's RC Primary School, St James Square GL50 3QG

St Thomas More RC Primary School, Lewis Road, Hesters Way GL51 OHZ

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Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, GL53 9AU ☎01242 524932

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Moran

Parish Website: www.sacredhearts.org.uk

Mass Times This Week THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st Sunday

5.00pm (Sat)	St Thomas More	Tom Timbrell RIP
5.30pm (Sat)	Sacred Hearts	Keyna ffield RIPm
8.15am	Sacred Hearts	Richard Elson
9.30am	St Gregory	Maddie Read RIP
10.30am	Sacred Hearts	Ann Cross RIP
11.15am	St Gregory	Ian Costelloe RIP
6.00pm	St Gregory	People of the Parish

22nd Monday

Weekday in Ordinary Time		
9.30am	St Gregory	Bernard Hegarty RIP
10.00am	Sacred Hearts	Diana Vivian RIP

23rd Tuesday

Weekday in Ordinary Time		
11.00am	St Gregory	Requiem Mass for Mary Wixey RIP
7.00pm	Sacred Hearts	Mattos Family Intentions

24th Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church		
9.30am	St Gregory	Edward & Doris Joyce RIP

25th Thursday

Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle		
9.15am	Sacred Hearts	People of the Parish
9.30am	St Gregory	Special Intention
10.45am	St Gregory	Funeral Service for Christine Stack RIP

26th Friday

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops		
6.30pm	St Thomas More	Pat Mullen RIP
9.30am	St Gregory	Jim Eastwood Intentions

27th Saturday

Weekday in Ordinary Time		
9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Holy Souls
9.30am	St Gregory	Patricia O'Dempsey RIP

Completing the Good Work

I am really pleased to tell you that in the past week, the Jericho Fund has received £5126 in donations which, with tax relief, means £6407.50 has come in. Thank you so much for your generous support. It is very much appreciated! If you were not here last week, please do take home with you a copy of the '**Completing the Good Work**' booklet. Please do fill in the Gift Aid section for any contributions you might be making if you are a UK Tax payer. Thank you in advance. Fr David.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory's Saturdays 10.00-11.00am

St Thomas More 4.30-4.45pm.

Sacred Hearts Tuesdays 7.30pm (after Evening Mass) and Saturdays 9.15-9.45am

Prayers for Vocations

St Gregory's: Saturdays 10-11.00am.

Baptisms

By arrangement with the Parish Office.

Cheltenham Young Catholic Adults

Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month: 6-8pm downstairs in the Old Priory. Contact Margaret 07515 805015 or Damian 07908 105787.

Legion of Mary

Mondays at 5.00-6pm in the Old Priory Library. For info. ring Lucy Costelloe on 261441 or Mick Slevin on 513453.

Bingo

Every Thursday evening at St Thomas More Hall, 8pm; in support of STM Development Fund

55 Club

After 9.30am Mass, Old Priory (alternate Thursdays). Next meeting: 25th January.

Choir Practice

In Church, Fridays 6.30pm. New members welcome.

Music Group Practice

In the Old Priory or St Thomas More, every other Saturday, 10.00am. New members welcome.

CRYING ROOM

Children are most welcome at every celebration of Holy Mass. During the 11.15am and 6:00 pm Masses on Sundays, the Old Priory, next to the Narthex (the area behind the glass doors at the back of the Church), is however available for parents whose young children become restless. These children must be supervised by their parents at all times. Alternatively the Narthex is available for parents to use during all Sunday Masses.

Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £1,158.06 (SG); £432.01 which included £129.35 from the Kerala Community (STM); Bingo £140.00 (STM); Jericho £4,543.58 (SG) Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Exposition & Benediction

Please note that Exposition and Benediction will be cancelled on Saturday, 27th January at St Gregory's Church, due to First Confessions taking place.

New Catechists' Formation Course

The next round of catechists' formation starts this coming February and is designed for the formation of the catechists of our diocese. The course is aimed at forming new catechists as well as supporting and refreshing existing and "well-seasoned" catechists. This next series is to be hosted at **St Patrick's parish hall, Brockworth**. The course will run on Wednesday evenings, once a month through to March 2019. Starting on **Wednesday, 28th February**, the course includes the diocesan gathering on Saturday, 30th June. Further information can be found on the *Catechists' Course booklet* link below. Those wishing to take part in the series will need to send their registration details to Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Rd, Bristol, BS5 0TX by the end of February. There is a minimal cost to the course of £50 which may be subsidised by your parish. Cheques are to be made payable to CCDTR. The details are on the booking form.

Year of Mission

Now we start to listen to St Mark's account of Jesus. This is Good News! We hear the first words of Jesus that Mark records: *Repent, and believe the good news*. That simple call is one to reorientation, to a turning back towards God, to seeking him and to finding him. We find that Jesus' mission is to gather disciples who share in the mission of drawing God's people back to him. Their skills are used and transformed. Jesus calls us in the hope that we might respond with that same energy and enthusiasm. Let's use this week to reread Mark's Gospel and encounter once again the Jesus who calls us to share in his mission too. Let's allow the good news he proclaims to touch us, to call us, to transform and renew us first before we set out in proclaiming good news to others.

Hospital Visitor

Could you spare a little time on a Saturday afternoon? We are looking for people to join our hospital visiting team at Cheltenham General Hospital. The commitment is for 1½ to 2 hours once every 5 weeks. For further details, please phone Liz Sloan on 07491 669592.

Junior Youth Club

The dates for this Spring term are:- 28th January; 4th & 18th February; 11th & 25th March. You'll find us upstairs in the Old Priory after the 9.30am Family Mass, and we will continue to focus on good citizenship, art, craft and music. Just come and see! christine.fletcher@talktalk.net

Fashion Show

At St Thomas More Hall next Wednesday, 24th January. Doors open at 7pm for the show at 7.30pm. High street quality women's clothes available for purchase on the night at bargain prices. Tickets £5 (includes a glass of wine) or pay on the door.

SACRED HEARTS CHURCH PARISH OUTING

'The Life of Christ'

Wintershall, Tuesday, 19th June 2018

After an absence of many years and following some requests, Father Mark will lead a group of parishioners to follow the story of Jesus in an open-air epic production set in the stunning Surrey countryside. Young and old from all walks of life will be mesmerised as the story unfolds across three captivating acts from 10am to 3.30pm. We will be able to watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life. As always, the event will take place at Wintershall, near Guildford and our plan is to fill a 57-seater coach which will leave Sacred Hearts Church at 7.00am arriving back around 6.30pm. The projected cost is £30/head (children £20/head) to include travel, entrance and gratuity, but is of course, dependent on a full coach! Some walking is involved and we are encouraged to bring our own food and drink. The terrain is steep and stony in places and probably not suitable for wheelchairs. Please contact Andrew von Speyr:-

email:andrewvonspeyr@gmail.com, <tel:01242525993>) if you are interested as we need to get an early idea of numbers (friends, family etc. are all most welcome). Closing date is 29/01/2018.

Foundation Governor Vacancy at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

The governors are looking to recruit a Foundation Governor who would be appointed by the Bishop to join a very active and committed Governing Board. We are looking for particular knowledge and experience in Health & Safety and Risk Management, or a willingness to learn through practical training delivered by the Local Authority. Please contact June Little, Chair of Governors for more information, if you are interested in becoming a governor at our school on 07885 285 866/01242 575954.

55 Club

At our meeting this Thursday, 25th January, an officer from the Gloucester County Council will give a talk on Community Safety.

The Filipino Rosary Circle in Gloucestershire

Is celebrating "A Day with Mary" on its 10th Anniversary on Saturday, 3rd February, St Gregory's Parish Church, 10, St James Square, Cheltenham. Please see posters displayed at the back of the church and in the Old Priory.

Diocesan Date for your Diary

A Celebration of Marriage Mass is taking place in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday, 3rd February at 12 noon as part of National Marriage Week. This celebration is for the whole diocesan community and especially our married couples. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this coming year and are attending the Mass, please ring 0117 902 5595.

Our Prayers are asked for:-

Sick: Claire Young, Helen and Lawrence Gorry, Christopher Browne, Baby Ezra Cooper, Barbara Sims, Rey Lluisma, Helen Stanbury, Mary Costello, Lisa Partridge, Dan Perry, Teresa Deneher, Pauline Butler, Cecilia McKenna, Pat Murphy, Maria Brown, David Blake, Patricia Hamilton, Anne Guppy, Daisy Ward, John Pitt, John Morrissey.

Deceased: Maureen Henderson RIP.

Anniversaries: Anthony Chesson, Patrick Young, Leslie Gardiner, Peter Jacobs, Paul Mason, George Kelly, Thomas Simoney, John Foley, Margaret Wood.