

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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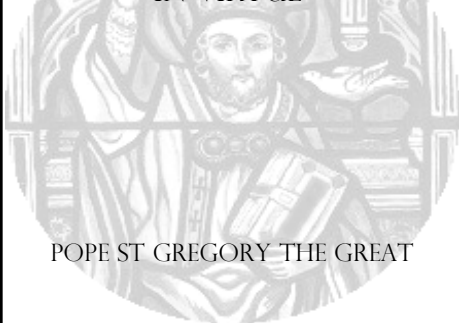
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19th November 2017

Readings: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: 'You have been faithful in small things, come and join in your master's happiness'

"THE ONLY TRUE RICHES ARE
THOSE THAT MAKE US RICH
IN VIRTUE"



POPE ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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

All Saints' Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham GL51 OWH

Sacred Hearts Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, GL53 9AU ☎01242 524932

of Jesus and Mary

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Moran **Parish Website:** www.sacredhearts.org.uk

Mass Times This Week 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th Sunday

5.00pm (Sat)	St Thomas More	Holy Souls: Pious Lists
5.30pm (Sat)	Sacred Hearts	Di Paolo Family RIP
8.15am	Sacred Hearts	People of the Parish
9.30am	St Gregory	Holy Souls: Pious Lists
10.30am	Sacred Hearts	Kay Middleton RIP
11.15am	St Gregory	Holy Souls: Pious Lists
6.00pm	St Gregory	People of the Parish

20th Monday

9.30am St Gregory Holy Souls: Pious Lists

21st Tuesday

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am	St Gregory	Holy Souls: Pious Lists
7.00pm	Sacred Hearts	Pamela Blunsden RIP & Holy Souls

22nd Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Phyllis O'Neill RIP & Holy Souls
9.30am	St Gregory	Holy Souls: Pious Lists

23rd Thursday

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am	St Gregory	Holy Souls: Pious Lists
9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Margaret McBride RIP & Holy Souls
6.30pm	St Thomas More	Holy Souls: Pious Lists

24th Friday

Memorial of Saints Andrew Dūng-Lac, Priest

9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Margaret Gilder & Family and Holy Souls
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9.30am	St Gregory	Holy Souls: Pious Lists
2.30pm	St Thomas More	Mass in School

25th Saturday

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Mary & Ray Goid and Family & Holy Souls
9.30am	St Gregory	Holy Souls: Pious Lists

November Month of the Holy Souls

During the month of November we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We also remember those dear to us who have died, family and friends and the deceased of our parish. Remember, that Purgatory is on the threshold of heaven, it is where we encounter the healing fire of God's boundless love and mercy. It prepares us for the fullness of life with God. Holy Souls envelopes are available in the church. Please place the names of your deceased relatives or friends, as well as the voluntary Mass offering, and return to the Presbytery or place in the collection on Sunday. *"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they be loosed from sins". 2 Maccabees 12:46.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory's Saturdays 10.00

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 the **3rd Saturday** of the month: **6-8pm** 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; in support of STM Development Fund. Eyes down at 8pm!

55 Club

After 9.30am Mass, Old Priory (alternate Thursdays). Next meeting: 30th November.

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 1,202.64 (STG); £364.94 (STM) which included £60.90 from the Kerala Community; Bingo 175.00 (STM). Last week's collection for Flowers for Christmas raised £388.38 (SG) & £110.01 (STM). Thank you for your continued generosity.

Catholic Youth Service

There will be a second collection taken at all Sunday Masses next weekend (25/26 Nov) for the Catholic Youth Service. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider giving your donation by Gift Aid by using the envelopes available at the back of St Gregory's Church, and the newspapers table at St Thomas More's.

Junior Youth Group

We are delighted to announce that our new Junior Youth Group is now up and running. Our next session will be on 26th November upstairs in the Old Priory, straight after Family Mass. You are warmly invited. Just come and see! christine.fletcher@talktalk.net

ADVENT SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF MARK AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

An Advent series on 'The Gospel of Mark and the Christian Life', led by Philip Esler and Hazel Bryan (respectively, the Portland Chair in New Testament Studies and the Professor of Education in the University of Gloucestershire), will take place this Advent in St Thomas More Catholic Church, Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham. The sessions will run on the evenings of Wednesday, 29th November and 6th, 13th and 20th December, beginning at 7.00 pm. Participants will explore the nature and message of Mark's Gospel when it was written around 70 AD, and how Mark's ideas connect with Christian hope, belief and practice today. Mark's gospel is the focus of the new diocesan guidelines for mission and pastoral activity for the coming year. Please do support this wonderful opportunity to learn more about this seminal Gospel. Please see notice board in church for full program.

Ordination

Richard Elson will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, 9th December at 11.00am at Clifton Cathedral. He will celebrate his first Mass at St Gregory's on Sunday, 10th December at 11.15am. Richard will be known to many in Cheltenham as a former teacher at St Edward's, and an occasional altar server at the 11.15am Mass. Please put these dates in your diary and keep Richard in your prayers.

Vocations Discernment Retreat

Being run by Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey, from Friday, 1st-Sunday, 3rd December. This is a great opportunity for men and women (18-35) to help them to discern more deeply how God might call them to marriage, consecrated life or priesthood: a retreat to explore all vocations. See poster at back of Church.

Red Wednesday Prayer Service

Please join us for a short Service of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on Wednesday, 22nd November at 7pm. This event is part of Aid to the Church in Need's 'Red Wednesday'. You can also take part by wearing red, sharing a photo, and praying. For more information see: <https://acnuk.org/campaign/redwednesday/>

55 Club - 30th November Meeting

Enjoy a programme of Christmas music and vocals presented by Peter, from 10.00am. Everyone welcome.

2018 Confirmation Programme (Application Form)

Bishop Declan will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 13th October, 2018 at 11.00am for our young people, aged 14 to 16 years old. In future it is hoped that there will be one conferral of Confirmation and one programme each year in Cheltenham. This will alternate between St Gregory's Parish and Sacred Hearts Parish. Each programme will be open to all young people in the town. If you wish to join the preparation programme, which starts early in the New Year, please collect your application form from St Gregory's parish office (10am-1pm), which should be returned to the presbytery, attention Fr David Mills, Parish Priest, as soon as possible, but certainly no later than Friday, 24th November 2017. If you were not baptised at either St Gregory's or St Thomas More's churches, you will need to supply either an original or a copy of your baptism certificate. If you are unable to include this certificate with your application, it can be handed in when the course begins. Original copies of baptism certificates will be returned to you as soon as they have been processed.

Mass for the Dead at All Saints' Academy

The annual Mass for the Dead will be celebrated in St Benedict's Chapel, All Saints' Academy on Tuesday, **28th November at 7.00pm**. This Mass will be offered for all deceased students, parents, teachers, governors and staff of St. Benedict's School, Christ College and All Saints' Academy. The celebrant will be Fr David Mills. Refreshments will be served afterwards. For further details, please contact All Saints' Academy 711234.

Nazareth House Christmas Fayre

Next Saturday, 25th November, from 2pm to 4 pm. Raffle, stalls, preserves, bric-a-brac and tombola. Refreshments, mulled wine and mince pies. Please come and support.

2018 Diocesan Directories

The new directories have now arrived and contain a wealth of information about the life and structures of the Church in our area. Also available are the 2018 liturgical diaries. Cost: Diary £6.00; Directory £5.00. Please put monies in the newspaper box.

St Thomas More Fundraising Events

There will be live music by "Brothers Aloud" at St Thomas More on Saturday, 2nd December. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 or pay on the door. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There is no Christmas Fete this year but Christmas Draw tickets are on sale and the winners will be drawn after Mass on 9th December.

Stitch and Pray

The group has made a collaborative quilt to be raffled in December. Raffle tickets will be on sale after several Masses in November and December. Please also support a Sale and Tombola of hand-sewn items after the 9.30am and 11.15am Masses on the 26th November. All proceeds will be shared between the parish projects.

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, Patricia Hamilton, Teresa Deneher, Pauline Butler, Cecilia McKenna, Pat Murphy, Maria Brown, Una Stokes, David Blake, Anne Guppy, Daisy Ward.

Deceased: Fr Tony Guilfoyle & Fr Maurice Ryan O.F.M. RIP.

Anniversaries: Winifred Sanders, Eileen Hunt, Douglas Howls, William Sullivan, Catherine Georgeovich, Sam Groom, Anna Gargiulo, David Pett, Christopher Sheeran, Mary Ryder, Rachael Sauter, Margaret Murphy, John Ashley.