

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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Psalter 3 P129

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th September 2018

Readings: Isaiah 35: 4-7; James 2:1-5

Gospel: 'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak' (Mark 7: 31-37)



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

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

Parish Priest: Fr David Mills

Attached Priest: Fr David McDonald

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Priest in Charge: Fr Frank Wainwright **Website:** www.stthomasmorechurch.org.uk
& Hospital Chaplain

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

All Saints' Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham GL51 OWH

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary - Parish Priest: Fr Mark Moran

Parish Website: www.sacredhearts.org.uk

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Mass Times This Week

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"EDUCATION SUNDAY"

9th Sunday	5.00pm (Vigil) St Thomas More	Michael Rutland RIP
	5.30pm (Vigil) Sacred Hearts	Di Paola Family RIP
	8.00am St Gregory	Lilian & Allin & Julie Martin RIP
	8.15am Sacred Hearts	People of the Parish
	9.30am St Gregory	Newton & Julie Britto RIP
	10.30am Sacred Hearts	Rupert Langham RIP
	11.15am St Gregory	Intentions of David McConkey
	6.00pm St Gregory	People of the Parish
10th Monday	Weekend in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall)	Fr Thomas Heyes OSB RIP
11th Tuesday	Weekend in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall)	Angela Savage RIP
	7.00pm Sacred Hearts	Jack Costelloe RIP
12th Wednesday	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall)	George Henry John RIP
	10.00am Sacred Hearts	Catholic Women's League
13th Thursday	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
	9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall)	Holy Souls
	10.00am Sacred Hearts	St Edward's Prep School Mass
	6.30pm St Thomas More	Holy Souls
14th Friday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
	9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall)	Deceased Members of the McKinley Family
	10.00am Sacred Hearts	Requiem Mass for Simon Paul McDonnell
15th Saturday	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrow	
	9.15am Sacred Hearts	People of the Parish
	9.30am St Thomas More	Frank Barrett RIP

Mass at Nazareth House- Daily at 10.00am

Baptisms

By arrangement with the Parish Office.

Cheltenham Young Catholic Adults

Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month: 6-8pm downstairs, 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.

SVP

Tuesday evenings in the Old Priory. New members welcome. For info. email: svpchelt@gmail.com

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: 20th September.

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.

Confessions

St Thomas More:

Saturday: **10-11am & 4.15-4.45pm.**

Sacred Hearts: Tuesdays 6-6.30pm (when there is an Evening Mass) & Saturdays 9.45-10.15am.

Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £994.76 (SG); £228.46 (STM); Bingo £140.00 (STM). There will be a second collection for all Sunday Masses this weekend for the Catholic Education Service. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Home Mission Sunday: 16th September

There will be a second collection taken at all Sunday Masses next weekend for Home Mission Sunday. The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced, and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

Fr Tony Pazhayakalam CST

I am pleased to inform you that Fr Tony has been appointed as assistant priest for St Thomas More and St Gregory's parishes. He is now resident at St Thomas More and besides his parochial duties, will also be the on call priest for Cheltenham Hospital. I look forward to working with Fr Tony, and I am sure you will all make him most welcome in our community.

Renovation - Weekly Update

A weekly update on the current work is available on the parish website home page under the heading "Progress Report & Photos" - www.stgregorys.org.uk

Cheltenham Deanery RCIA Course

If you are thinking of being Baptised/Confirmed as an adult, or entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, please come along to the introduction to the course on Wednesday, 19th September. The programme will be led by **Fr Tony Pazhayakalam, CST**. All meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings, (between 7pm & 8.30pm) in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall. **Full details of course on the notice board.**

Deanery Retreat Day at Sacred Hearts

Fr Ian Kelly will lead a Retreat Day on Saturday, 6th October which will highlight the ministries of Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The day will begin with Mass at 9.30am. ALL are welcome.

Kerala floods: an SVP appeal

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. They desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Please remember them all in Kerala in your prayers.

Sunday Masses - New Location

Sunday Mass will continue to be celebrated at the school on the **16th and 23rd September**.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, 23-30 OCTOBER 2019

After last year's wonderful pilgrimage to Lourdes and the great success of the visit to Wintershall we are planning a visit to the birthplace of Christ. Led by Father Mark, and accompanied throughout by an experienced tour guide, we shall be making an 8-day Pilgrimage to The Holy Land from Wednesday, 23 to Wednesday, 30 October 2019. The outline for the visit is: Day 1 London to Tel Aviv flight and coach to Bethlehem Day 2 Jerusalem-Mount of Olives Day 3 Jerusalem-Holy Sepulchre-Ecce Homo-Bethesda-Mount Zion Day 4 Ein Karem-Bethany Day 5 Jerusalem-Bethany-Qumran-Dead Sea-Jordan Vally-Tiberias Day 6 Sea of Galilee-Mount of Beatitudes- Caesarea Philippi Day 7 Tabor-Nazareth-Cana Day 8 Tel Aviv to London flight home The price indicator is £1329/person and at this stage we want to establish the level of interest in the parish and Deanery before setting up a meeting, late October, at Sacred Hearts Church for Pax, our travel agent, to take us through the itinerary and answer any questions. If you are interested please add your name to the list in the Church porch by Saturday, 15 September. Any questions should be addressed to Andrew von Speyr (01242 525993 or e-mail andrewvonspeyr@gmail.com) He will also be happy to email copies of the detailed itinerary if required.

Trust & Grant Applications Officer

An exciting opportunity has arisen in the Diocesan Finance Team for a Trust and Grants Applications Officer. This role will involve working closely with parishes to identify fundraising opportunities and researching trust and grant funding organisations to find suitable funding for projects. The role requires experience of preparing and writing funding bids as well as excellent communication skills to deliver fundraising support throughout the Diocese. The role is full-time and based at Alexander House, Bristol. Salary £27,000 per annum. The deadline for applications is 15th September 2018. <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

Heart2Heart charity walk

Steve & Johannes will be walking the full length of Hadrian's Wall in 5 days in aid of "help4heroes" and "computers4schools", 10-14 September. To sponsor please visit: <http://joshan2505.wixsite.com/hadrianswall> Contact Johannes on 07815496902 for more details.

Wine Tasting Evening

There will be a wine tasting evening in St Thomas More Church Hall on Friday, 21st September at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. A chance to sample both red and white wines. Tickets £10 available after Mass or from Patrick Crossan (01242 515431).

Sick: We pray for all the sick of our parishes.

Anniversaries: Maureen Barnes, Carmel Jones, Josephine McAlary, Mary Corrigan, Catherine Mair Simone Jackson, Jerry Royce, Eileen Sweeney, Baby Lucy Taylor.