

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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16th September 2018

Readings: Isaiah 50: 5-9; James 2: 14-18

Gospel: 'You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously' (Mark 8: 27-35)



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Mass Times This Week

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'Home Mission Sunday'

16th Sunday

5.00pm (Vigil) St Thomas More

5.30pm (Vigil) Sacred Hearts

8.00am St Gregory

8.15am Sacred Hearts

9.30am St Gregory

10.30am Sacred Hearts

11.15am St Gregory

6.00pm St Gregory

17th Monday

9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall)

12noon Sacred Hearts

18th Tuesday

9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall)

7.00pm Sacred Hearts

19th Wednesday

9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall)

20th Thursday

Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,

Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

9.15am Sacred Hearts Kate Chronnell RIP

9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) Margaret Foley RIP

6.30pm St Thomas More Dennis O'Reilly RIP

21st Friday

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) Deceased Members of the Hill &

Keating Families

22nd Saturday

9.15am Sacred Hearts Mike Larkin's Intentions

9.30am St Thomas More Holy Souls

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 £1,299.26 (STG) £609.88 (STM) including £120.60 Kerala Community. Catholic Education: £314.67 (STG); £96.83(STM) Bingo £140.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Home Mission Sunday

There will be a second collection taken at all Sunday Masses this 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.

Twenty Fourth Sunday

It's easier to tell someone what others think of them rather than tell someone what *you* actually think of them. Peter, speaking for the Twelve, nails colours to the mast: 'You are the Christ!' Jesus then unfolds for the Twelve exactly what that means – he will suffer, he will die and he will rise again. That's not something Peter wants to hear. He's happy to 'believe' in the Christ who will save God's people, who will champion God's people, who will liberate God's people... but a Christ who will suffer? That's not on his radar, nor does it fit his image of the Christ. They are harsh words spoken to Peter in calling him *Satan* but they wake him up to the fact that we cannot make God in our image! Suffering, difficulty, rejection and abandonment are part of that image and they are part of the disciple's life, too. And even when they are – in some great or small way – we mustn't forget the 'rising from the dead'. God does not abandon us when we suffer, when we face rejection or difficulty. He is there and he walks with us, alongside of us, just as the psalmist has confidence in the presence of God in the midst of everything. Wherever we are, whatever we face this week, know God is there at our side.

Frank's Farewell at St Thomas More

A big thank to you all involved in preparing and setting up the wonderful reception, held after Fr Frank's farewell Mass last Saturday evening. A great time was had by all - a true testament to Fr Frank.

Prayer & Praise Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 20th September at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester. The speaker will be the Rev. Brendan Vaughan-Spruce who is the deacon of St Patrick's Church, Brockworth. All welcome.

Junior Youth Group

We are back for another term of art, craft & music on the following Sundays, straight after the 9.30am Mass: 16th & 30th September, 7th & 21st October, 4th & 18th November, 2nd & 16th December. We are a lovely and lively group and welcome all school age children. christine.fletcher@talktalk.net

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 this 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.

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.

55 Club

At the next meeting on the 20th September, we welcome speaker Bob Skeet, who will give a talk on Bletchley Park.

School Admission Appeal Panel Members

The Department for Schools and Colleges are looking to recruit new panel members for School Admission Appeals. The appeals generally take place during the months of May, June and July. However, there are popular schools across the diocese who also have a few in-year appeals during the academic year. As a panel member you will receive regular training and can claim for travel expenses. During the bulk appeals (May – July), or when there are several appeals to be heard in one day, then lunch and refreshments are also provided. Every appeal panel consists of both lay members and education members. A lay panellist is (someone without personal experience in the management of any school or provision of education in any school (except as a school governor or in another voluntary capacity). Education panellists are people who have experience in education, who are acquainted with educational conditions in the local authority area, or who are parents of registered pupils at school. Our panels are made up of three members, with one member also chairing the hearings. If you would like to find out more about how appeals are conducted and what is involved, please contact Jenny Fitzgerald on 0117 9025599 or by e-mail to: Jenny.fitzgerald@cliftondiocese.com

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.

Deceased: Jon Thomson and Ruth Cornish RIP.

Anniversaries: Russell Breen, Fr Basil Postlethwaite, Phyllis Cremins, Lilian Keating, Mary Knight, Raymond Goodhead.