

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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7th October 2018

Readings: Genesis: 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel: 'What God has united, man must not divide' (Mark 10:2-16)



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5.00pm (Vigil) St Thomas More Sheila Williams RIP
 5.30pm (Vigil) Sacred Hearts Fabuio Uigani RIP
 8.00am St Gregory Patrick Cassidy RIP
 8.15am Sacred Hearts Intentions of Deborah McNerney
 9.30am St Gregory Private Intention
 10.30am Sacred Hearts Harry White RIP
 11.15am St Gregory Lilian & Allin & Julie Martin RIP

8th Monday Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) Intentions of Rose Sage
 12.30pm Sacred Hearts Requiem Mass for John Vale RIP

9th Tuesday Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) Hugh Greenhalf RIP
 7.00pm Sacred Hearts Hugh Greenhalf RIP

10th Wednesday Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) Lilian & Allin & Julie Martin

RIP 10.00am Sacred Hearts Kate Chronnell RIP

11th Thursday Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9.15am Sacred Hearts Georgina Hussey RIP
 9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) George Henry John RIP
 6.30pm St Thomas More Hugh Greenhalf RIP

12th Friday Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9.30am Sacred Hearts Requiem Mass for Philip Search RIP
 9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) Lilian & Allin & Julie Martin

RIP 13th Saturday Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9.15am Sacred Hearts George Houghton RIP
 9.30am St Gregory NO MASS

CHELTENHAM CONFIRMATION

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. email svpchelt@gmail.com

Bingo at St Thomas More

Every Thursday evening in Hall at 8.00pm; in support of STM Development Fund.

55 Club

After 9.30am Mass, Old Priory (alternate Thursdays). Next meeting: 18th October.

Choir Practice

In Church, Fridays 6.30pm. New members welcome.

Music Group Practice

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

john.andrews@cliftondiocese.com

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.

Mass at Nazareth House: Daily at 10.00am

Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £1,406.29 (SG); £292.23 (STM); Bingo £130.00 (STM); Jericho £128.80 (SG). Thank you for your generosity & continuing support.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection

Takes place at all Sunday Masses today. CAFOD invites us to help people living without one of God's most precious resources - clean water. A child under five dies every 20 seconds because of diarrhoea caused by dirty water. Please use an envelope for your donation and if you are a UK tax payer please consider completing the Gift Aid Declaration.

First Holy Communion 2019 Programme

We would like to invite the **parents** of children wishing to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion in 2019 to an introductory meeting on **Monday, 15th October at 6.00pm** in the Main Hall at St Gregory's School. All children in school year 3 and above are invited to join this programme, which will start on Saturday, 3rd November. For further information please contact Jane Andrews (jane@stcassians.co.uk) mobile: 0776 5827357.

Confirmation 2018

Please pray for our young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Cheltenham College Chapel by Bishop Declan, next Saturday, 13th October.

Fr Frank's Induction Mass

You are invited to attend Fr Frank's Induction Mass at St Joseph's Church, Binford Place, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 3NJ on Friday, 9th November at 7pm.

St Thomas More Development

Thank you to everyone who helped to arrange and/or attended the Wine Tasting Evening on 21st September. It was another hugely enjoyable and successful evening and raised a mammoth £728.00 for the Development Fund.

Junior Youth Group

We are back for another term of art, craft & music on the following Sundays, straight after the 9.30am Mass: this Sunday and the 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

Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage 23-30 October 2019

Following an extremely high level of interest there will be a meeting in the Lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall on **Friday, 2 November** starting at 6pm. After a short presentation our travel agents, Pax Travel, will take questions. Anyone interested is most welcome to attend and a cash bar will be available.

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

Fight Against Abortion

On Tuesday, 23rd October 2018 a bill, which seeks to remove criminal sanctions for abortion will be debated in the House of Commons. Please complete one of the postcards (available from the back of church) and post it to your MP & ask him/her to vote against this dangerous bill. Please see postcards for vital information.

St Gregory's Child Care Trust

We are looking for an enthusiastic and well-organised Kids Club Leader to work approximately 20 hours per week in our very busy Breakfast, After School and Holiday Club. The successful applicant would need a Level 3 child care qualification. If you are interested please telephone Denise Arnold on 01242 515387.

2019 Catholic Diaries

Available now! Free for a donation of £1.00 (or more if you wish). Proceeds will go to support St Gregory's Jericho church restoration project and St Thomas More Development. Pick up your copy before they're all snapped up.

Fish and Chip Supper & Quiz

Friday, 2nd November at the earlier time of **6.30pm** in St Thomas More Hall. A Fish and Chip supper and quiz for £7.50. Tickets on sale after STM Mass.

Fixed Term post for a Schools Project Officer

The Schools and Colleges Department are looking to appoint a suitable person to the above position. The appointed person will be required to support the Director and current officers in shaping the ever-changing educational landscape of Catholic education within the Catholic education within Clifton diocese.

They will be required to work directly with designated partnerships and schools and other appropriate educational bodies as needed. The position will initially for a fixed term period of of 2 years and will be on a term time only basis. Further details are available on the diocesan website www.cliftondiocese.com or by contacting the Director, Colleen Collett on 0117 9025593 or email colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com.

Closing date midday Wednesday, 17th October.

Interviews Wednesday, 14th November 2018

Cheltenham Community Memorial March

This year, as you probably know, is 100 years since the first World War ended (The Great War). Most cities are remembering this occasion and Cheltenham, which lost over 1,200 soldiers is one of the front runners. We are organising with Cheltenham Borough Council, a march through the centre of town on Saturday, 10th November and hoping that whoever takes part, will carry the name (which we will provide), of one of the many Heroes who gave their lives in the First World War 1914-1918. We would like very much for you to be there and if possible to take part. Please contact Geoff & Ann Ratcliffe on 07802 349636 or email grat1@btinternet.com for further information.

Cheltenham Prayer for Schools Network

Autumn Prayer Meeting at Cheltenham Ladies' College Fitness Centre, Malvern Road GL50 2NX on Tuesday, 9th October, 7.30-9.30pm Please join us to pray for pupils, staff, governors and all involved in education.

Call for Caritas Submissions

Please send submissions for the Christmas edition of Caritas by 28th October. Articles, prayers, poems, reflections and book/film reviews with Advent/Christmas/New Year theme are especially welcome, as is news of Summer/Autumn exploits! Articles on the following Works of Mercy are particularly invited: To feed the hungry, To clothe the naked, To visit the imprisoned. Please send to 'eventide_unicorn@yahoo.co.uk' or to the Parish Office marked 'The Editor'.

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

Anniversaries: Bill Carroll, Collette Evans, Peggy Gifkins, Mary Wilson, Kathleen McGeough.