

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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21ST OCTOBER 2018

Readings: Isaiah 53: 10-11; Hebrews 4: 14-16

Gospel: "The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10: 35-45)



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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'World Mission Sunday'

21st Sunday

5.00pm (Vigil)	St Thomas More	Delia & Jack Kirwan RIP
5.30pm (Vigil)	Sacred Hearts	People of the Parish
8.00am	St Gregory	Michael Bohan RIP
8.15am	Sacred Hearts	Harold Faulkner RIP
9.30am	St Gregory	Thomas Galligan RIP
10.30am	Sacred Hearts	Brian Moriarty RIP
11.15am	St Gregory	Oswald & Adrienne McOustra RIP
6.00pm	St Gregory	People of the Parish

22nd Monday

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) The Regan & Hardman Families

23rd Tuesday

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) Deceased Members of the Fraher Family
7.00pm Sacred Hearts Elsie Partington RIP

24th Wednesday

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) Anne Beahan RIP
10.00am Sacred Hearts George Houghton RIP

25th Thursday

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9.15am Sacred Hearts Sue Pye RIP
9.30am St Gregory (OP Hall) Lilian & Allin & Julie Martin RIP
6.30pm St Thomas More Luke Heath RIP

26th Friday

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

27th Saturday

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9.15am Sacred Hearts Sunny Sebastian RIP
9.30am St Thomas More Patrick Cody 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. 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: 1st 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.

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 £1,044.70 (SG); £236.35 (STM); Bingo £135.00 (STM); Jericho £2,755.00 (SG) which £1,755 was Gift Aid generating a further £438.75 in tax relief. Thank you for your generosity and support.

World Mission Sunday - Missio (APF)

This collection takes place at all Sunday Masses this weekend. It is your chance to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the love of Christ to all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world.

Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year

Jesus, in Mark's Gospel, reveals himself as the one who serves, as the one who reaches out in tenderness, as the one who lowers himself and empties himself out of love for others. It's Jesus' words and his actions that reveal to the disciples the need, not so much to be the first or the greatest or the most powerful or the best or the most successful, but to encounter God in others and serve God, love God, in them. The disciples find that a hard lesson to learn but they have Jesus, not just to instruct them, but to show them. The cross reveals that service and that emptying in action. If we want to be considered great it's not because we have trampled on everyone to get where we feel we need to be; it's that we have loved and loved and loved...giving everything.

November - Month of the Holy Souls Mass Request & Offering Envelopes

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 Mass offering you might wish to make, and return to the Presbytery by the **31st October** - please do not leave your envelope & offering in the church. Alternatively, place your envelope in the Sunday collection. They will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month.

Baptism

Arlo George Harber was baptised last week-end at St Thomas More. We welcome him into the Church and offer our prayers and support to the family.

Confirmation 2018

I would like to congratulate the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Declan in Cheltenham College Chapel last Saturday. It was a very special day in their lives as they committed themselves to be active members of the Church. The whole community owes a debt of gratitude to the catechists who prepared them, the sacristans and altar servers who ensured that the chapel was set up and the liturgy celebrated worthily, as well as the administrative support from the office staff at St Gregory's parish. I would also wish to thank the headteacher, chaplain and Alexander from Cheltenham College who made it possible for us to use the magnificent chapel for this important celebration while our Church was not suitable for the big event due to the renovation work. Thanks is also owed to St Edward's school for the help provided by them, especially as regards photographs of the event. All Saints' Academy provided the music and also produced the Confirmation booklet, thank-you for that. Stella's fine work on the certificates was commented on by the Bishop. Finally, but very specially, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Tony Kinmond who coordinated the whole course and the celebration on the day itself. It was a huge amount of work, undertaken under sometimes difficult circumstances, especially as we were not able to use our own building. Thank you Tony for a great job, very well done!

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.

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.

St Thomas More Development

Many thanks to the bakers and purchasers of the delicious cakes, buns & fancies at the cake sale on 13th October. A total of £173.60 was raised for the Development Fund.

Time to Change

The winter season is approaching: remember to put your clocks and watches **back** by 1 hour next weekend: **27/28th October**.

Eucharistic Ministers

The Parish needs more Eucharistic ministers. If, after prayer and thought, you feel this is a ministry that you might undertake, please contact the Parish Office on 01242 5 2 3 7 3 7 or via email to: - cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliffondiocese.com) or Deacon Robin (01242 244 844 or rf.lit@zen.co.uk)

Anna Chaplaincy

New ministry of pastoral outreach for older people is coming to Cheltenham and Bishop's Cleeve. Anna Chaplaincy is the first mission of its kind in Gloucestershire; it is an ecumenical mission necessary because there are more people over the age of sixty-five locally than there are under the age of eighteen. Anna Chaplaincy has an admirable successful and sustainable track record across the UK, much like Street Pastors. It is essential the new Board of Trustees secure a Catholic member. Can you help and attend a meeting once a quarter? The small time commitment will reap much good work and address the huge problem of chronic loneliness. Over five years I have seen this work of charity bear good fruit since I 'adopted' a Care Centre for the High Dependent Elderly locally. My work must be absorbed into a new and sustainable structure or when I die the ministry work will die too. Jesus commands we bear 'fruit that will last'. Often people, who are considering becoming a trustee of a charity, are rightly concerned to know what liabilities they may have. Anna Chaplaincy will be a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and the liabilities of trustees to third parties are limited, as the CIO itself enters contracts and takes on liabilities. There is helpful guidance on the Charity Commission and Gov.UK websites. Specialist insurers' websites, such as that of Ecclesiastical Insurance, can also be helpful. Will you step up and join the latest widest ecumenical Church leap of faith widest ecumenical Church leap of faith and become our Catholic trustee? Do chat to me or email or call: graham.ledger@outlook.com or 0770 3336762.

2019 Catholic Diaries

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Schools Half-Term Break

We wish all pupils, teachers and support workers of our schools and colleges, a well-earned break during this half-term.

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

Deceased: John Cronin RIP.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Brogan, Valerie Morgan, Mary Link, Colleen Price, Eileen Martin, Patrick Connor, James Gatrell.