

# Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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**2nd December 2018**

**Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2**

**Gospel: 'Your liberation is near at hand' (Luke 21:25-28; 34-36)**



**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  
**Deacon:** Rev. Robin Littlewood  
**Parish Website:** www.stgregorys.org.uk  
**Email Address:** cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com  
**St Thomas More** Princess Elizabeth Way, GL51 7RA ☎01242 573128  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Tony Pazhayakalam  
**Website:** www.stthomasmorechurch.org.uk  
**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 of Jesus & Mary - Parish Priest:** Fr Mark Moran  
**Parish Website:** www.sacredhearts.org.uk  
 Moorend Rd, Charlton Kings, GL53 9AU ☎01242 524932

## Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**'Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees'**

<b>2nd Sunday</b>	5.00pm (Sat)	St Thomas More	Dec'd Members of The Delaney Family
	5.30pm (Sat)	Sacred Hearts	Philip Search RIP
	8.00am	St Gregory	Mary & Frank Downes RIP
	8.15am	Sacred Hearts	Tazmin Pugh RIP
	9.30am	St Gregory	Bill & Kitty Cody RIP
	10.30am	Sacred Hearts	Philip Search RIP
	11.15am	St Gregory	Esther O'Sullivan RIP
	6.00pm	St Gregory	People of the Parish
<b>3rd Monday</b>			<b>Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</b>
	9.30am	St Gregory	Jane & Sarah Murray RIP
<b>4th Tuesday</b>			<b>Memorial of Saint Osmund, Bishop</b>
	9.30am	St Gregory	Bea Morriss RIP
	7.00pm	Sacred Hearts	Sarah & John McPartland RIP
<b>5th Wednesday</b>			<b>Weekday of Advent</b>
	10.00am	Sacred Hearts	Catholic Women's League
	7.00pm	St Gregory	(Latin Mass) Holy Souls
<b>6th Thursday</b>			<b>Weekday of Advent</b>
	9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Clare Gregovich RIP
	9.30am	St Gregory	Dr Maria Barker RIP
	6.30pm	St Thomas More	John Cronin RIP
<b>7th Friday</b>			<b>Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>
	9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Tony Pigott RIP
	9.30am	St Gregory	Deirdre Lord
<b>8th Saturday</b>			<b>Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
			<b>Primary Patron of the Diocese</b>
	9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Donor's Intention
	9.30am	St Gregory	George Henry John RIP

**Mass at Nazareth House: Daily at 10.00am**

### Baptisms

By arrangement with the Parish Office.

### Cheltenham Young Catholic Adults

All forthcoming events will be advertised at: <http://cheltenhamcatholicadults.blogspot.com> 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

For help please email svpchelt@gmail.com or contact the parish office.

### 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: 6th December.

### Choir Practice

In Church, Fridays 6.30pm. New members welcome.

### Music Group Practice

In the Old Priory or St Thomas More every other Saturday, 10am. New members welcome.

### Confessions

**St Gregory's** Saturdays 10.00-11.00am. **St Thomas More** 4.30-4.45pm.

**Sacred Hearts:** Tuesdays 6.15-6.40pm (when there is an Evening Mass) & Saturdays 9.45-10.15am.

### Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £1,281.99 (SG); £262.48 (STM); Bingo £140.00 (STM); Jericho £129.00 (SG). Last week's collection for the Catholic Youth Service raised £357.61 (SG) & £75.74 (STM) Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### Poor Missions of the Diocese - Special Collection

Will be taken at all Sunday Masses this weekend. This fund enables the Bishop to offer small grants to some of the less fortunate (financially) parishes in our diocese. This is one collection that reminds us of the support and encouragement we give to each other as a diocesan family and our responsibility to care for our wider family in the diocese.

### Baptisms

Zuzanna Józefa Smith and Daniel Henry Latta were baptised at St Gregory's recently. We welcome them into the Church, and offer our prayers and support to the families.

### The Prayer of the Church

Tuesday, 27th November saw the launch of the Diocesan Year of Prayer, as evening prayer was celebrated in the Cathedral. In response to this call to prayer, it has been decided to hold Morning and Evening prayer from The Office of the Church each Friday leading up to Christmas. Morning prayer will be celebrated at 09.10am in St Gregory's from the 7th December, and Evening prayer in Our Lady's Chapel in the church at 6.00pm, which will be in part, sung in English plainchant. No need to have a Breviary - the prayers and psalms will be provided for you. For further details, please contact [johnandrews@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:johnandrews@cliftondiocese.com) or 07403 697251.

### Christmas Eve Mass - Request for Helpers

The first Mass of Christmas at 5pm on Christmas Eve this year will be a special Family Mass. All children are encouraged to come to the Mass dressed as a character from the Nativity - Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, the inn-keeper, sheep, cows, donkeys, stars, Roman soldiers or even the Wise Men. If any child or young adult would also like to help greeting, reading, singing, the Offertory, carrying crib figures, etc. at this Mass, please email [gcambridge7@gmail.com](mailto:gcambridge7@gmail.com). Please let Gill know as soon as possible if you play an instrument and would like to join the new children's music group. We will need lots of helpers and new volunteers are more than welcome! Children are also encouraged to take home one of the angels on the table at the back of church and colour them in. Please bring them to this Mass and there will be a prize for the best one.

### Egalite Absolue

For the last 3 years I have taken a group of people who need assistance/are in wheelchairs with their carers to a fully accessible hotel in Blackpool for a holiday. I booked to take a group of 20 for Christmas this year but only 6 places have been taken up and I had to release the other rooms. The 5th & 6th guests have dropped out, therefore there is still one room available. Hence I have two remaining places for a self-caring couple or 2 friends or someone who needs assistance with their carer to share a room for 7 nights full board at £500 per person. There is entertainment in the hotel every evening and easy access to all the Blackpool sights. Transport from Cheltenham will be £25 per person return. The dates are Friday 21st to Friday 28th December. I will make sure everyone who wants to, can get to Mass for Christmas. Anyone interested can contact me at this email address: [maryclare@egaliteabsolue.org.uk](mailto:maryclare@egaliteabsolue.org.uk) or on 07393 867572 as soon as possible. Mary Clare.

### Traidcraft

The team will be holding its last sale of the year after the 9.30am Mass on 9th December. Thank you to everyone who has supported us during the year.

### All Saints' Academy

As you will remember, a press release earlier in the year announced changes to the co-sponsorship arrangement currently in place between the Diocese of Clifton and Gloucester Diocese from All Saints' Academy in Cheltenham. As part of this process, a consultation exercise is now taking place. The consultation documentation is available on the Clifton Diocese Website: <https://cliftondiocese.com> A hard copy of the document is also available for inspection on the notice board at the rear door of the Church.

### Statutory Admission Policy Consultation St Peter's Catholic High School and Sixth Form Centre, Gloucester

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre is proposing a change to the Admissions Policy for 2020. In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2014, we are consulting on the admission arrangements for entry in September 2020/2021. As part of this Gloucestershire Local Authority insist that all schools in Gloucestershire are informed of the consultation. The only change we are proposing is the addition of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School and The Catholic Primary School of St Gregory the Great to the list of Catholic Feeder Schools which links to category 7 of the oversubscription criteria. The new policy can be found on the Admissions page of the St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre website - <http://www.stpetershighschool.org.uk/Admissions/> The consultation period lasts from 27<sup>th</sup> November until 31<sup>st</sup> January. Responses should be sent to: Mrs M Whittle, Admissions Officer, St Peter's High School, Stroud Rd, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0DD or please email [admissions@sphs.uk.com](mailto:admissions@sphs.uk.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

### Ian Cahill, Clerk to the Governors, St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre, Gloucester Cheltenham Green Christian Meeting

Martin Davis invites you to a discussion evening; "God's Creation in Crisis" with Rev. Julie Nelson, downstairs in the Old Priory this Tuesday, 4th December at 7.30pm. (Admission free).

### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR THE DEANERY

This will take place on Tuesday, 18th December at St Thomas More Church, Princess Elizabeth Way, starting at 7pm. This will be the only penitential service that will take place in the deanery and will be your last opportunity to receive the Sacrament

### Junior Youth Group

Remaining dates for this term are this Sunday, 2nd December and the 16th December. We are a lovely & lively group and enjoy meeting new people! [christine.fletcher@talktalk.net](mailto:christine.fletcher@talktalk.net)

### St Gregory's School - Christmas Bazaar

At 12 noon on Saturday, 15th December. Fun for all the family to include Santa's Grotto, turkey rolls with all the trimmings, gift stalls and much more. Children free entry; adults £1 to include hot drink. See poster in church.

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

**Anniversaries:** Bridie Ruck, Keith McIntosh, Peter Dally, Mary Mitchell, Siobhan Woods, Glyn Jones, Bridie Bourke, Keyna ffield, Clifford Brookes, Dr Maria Barker, Joseph Lynch.