

# Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Readings: Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Hebrews 5: 1-6**

**Gospel: 'Master, let me see again' (10: 46-52)**



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

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**Attached Priest:** Fr David McDonald

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All Saints' Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham GL51 OWH

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Times this Week

#### 28th Sunday

5.00pm (Sat)	St Thomas More	Patrick Connor RIP
5.30pm (Sat)	Sacred Hearts	Joy & Alan Sagar (renewal of vows)
08.00am	St Gregory	David Holmshaw & Helen Cobb (Engagement)
8.15am	Sacred Hearts	Georgina Hussey RIP
9.30am	St Gregory	Peter Lucassa RIP
10.30am	Sacred Hearts	Edwin Uzoh RIP
11.15am	St Gregory	People of the Parish
6.00pm	St Gregory	David Wilde RIP

#### 29th Monday

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am	St Gregory (OP Hall)	Norah Aulton RIP
11.00am	Sacred Hearts	Funeral Service for Mr & Mrs Mayrick RIP

#### 30th Tuesday

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am	St Gregory (OP Hall)	David Badger RIP
7.00pm	Sacred Hearts	Jean Lacuk RIP

#### 31st Wednesday

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am	St Gregory (OP Hall)	Kevin Heaney RIP
10.00am	Sacred Hearts	Lourdes Senior RIP
<b>7.00pm (Vigil)</b>	St Gregory (OP Hall)	Private Intention

#### 1st Thursday

#### Solemnity of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation)

9.00am	Sacred Hearts	Holy Souls
9.30am	St Gregory (OP Hall)	Hugh McPartland RIP
6.30pm	St Thomas More	Special Intention
7.00pm	Sacred Hearts	People of the Parish

#### 2nd Friday

#### Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls's Day)

9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Holy Souls & Sue Pye RIP
9.30am	St Gregory (OP Hall)	Holy Souls: Pious Lists

#### 3rd Saturday

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.15am	Sacred Hearts	Holy Souls & Justice of the Peace
9.30am	St Thomas More	Holy Souls: Pious Lists

**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, 10am. 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 £1,293.24 (SG); £329.38 (STM); Bingo £135.00 (STM); Jericho £1,344.10, which included £1,100.00 in Gift Aid generating a further £275.00 in tax relief (SG). Last week's collection for Missio APF raised £485.12 (SG) & £183.70 (STM). Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### Clifton Cathedral Appeal

There will be a second collection taken at all Sunday Masses next weekend 3rd/4th November. This is our opportunity to make a contribution towards the upkeep of the Mother Church of our Diocese. **If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider giving by Gift Aid by using the yellow envelopes available.**

### Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

One of the true signs that the Promised One was among God's people was that the blind would see again. Jeremiah looks forward to that time when God will comfort all those whose lives are broken and God will lead them, God will guide them, God will shepherd them back to him. We often think of those who have no direction in life, those who are lost, as being somewhat blind and we consider ourselves who have faith to have a certain sight living, as we do, in the light of Christ. It is the truth that guides our path, truth that directs us, truth that opens before us a way to joy, to peace and to contentment of life. That truth is a person – the person of Jesus Christ living among us and offering us the same comfort of the Father. Our mission? Not to drag people to Jesus but to reveal the truth of who he is by the witness of our lives. Like the crowd in the midst of the Gospel, 'Courage, get up; he is calling you', we recognise that the Lord is calling and there are those who need a little help in finding the Lord and his love. That's us; that's our task and mission – to bring others to Jesus.

### 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.

### Junior Youth Group

Remaining dates for this term are: 4th November, 18th November, 2nd December, 16th December. We are a lovely & lively group and enjoy meeting new people! [christine.fletcher@talktalk.net](mailto:christine.fletcher@talktalk.net)

### Mass for the Dead at All Saints' Academy

The annual Mass for the Dead will be celebrated in St Benedict's Chapel, All Saints' Academy on Tuesday, 6th November at 7.00pm. This Mass will be offered for all deceased students, parents, teachers, governors and staff of St. Benedict's School, Christ College and All Saints' Academy. The celebrant will be Fr David Mills. Refreshments will be served afterwards. For further details please contact All Saints' Academy on 01242 711234.

### 55 Club

At the next meeting on the 1st November, Tony Walliman will discuss his recent travels to India.

### 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

Next 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.

### 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](mailto:grat1@btinternet.com) for further information.

### 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 and become our Catholic trustee? Do chat to me or email or call: [graham.ledger@outlook.com](mailto:graham.ledger@outlook.com) or 0770 3336762.

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

**Deceased:** Michael Southern & Keith Maddox RIP.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Moss, Marjorie Hall, Julie Martin, David Badger, Kitty McManus, Patrick Earley, Gladys Austin.