

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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10TH MARCH 2019

Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10; Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: 'Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there' (Luke 4:1-13)



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Seeking God's help this Lent

To end abortion through

***Daily Prayer*Fasting*Witness**

Join us for Peaceful Prayers out-side

Cheltenham General Hospital

Every Friday

8am-1pm

during Lent

St Gregory the Great 10 St James Square, GL50 3PR ☎01242 523737

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

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Attached Priest: Fr David McDonald

Deacon: Rev. Robin Littlewood

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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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Day of Special Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments

10th Sunday

5.00pm (Sat) St Thomas More
5.30pm (Sat) Sacred Hearts
8.00am St Gregory
8.15am Sacred Hearts
9.30am St Gregory
10.30am Sacred Hearts
11.15am St Gregory
2.30pm Sacred Hearts
5.00pm St Gregory
6.00pm St Gregory

Mary Newman RIP
Di Paola Family RIP
Paul McKinley RIP
Annette Birthday Memorial
Malcolm Vicary RIP
Audrey Aplin RIP
Carole Marden RIP
Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross
People of the Parish

11th Monday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory
10.45am St Gregory

Pauline Jones RIP
Funeral Service for Edward Casey RIP

12th Tuesday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory
7.00pm Sacred Hearts

Jerry Badger RIP
Brigitte Kay RIP (No Confessions)

13th Wednesday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory
7.00pm Sacred Hearts

Maureen Bourke RIP
Prayer around the Cross

14th Thursday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory
11.00am St Gregory
6.30pm St Thomas More

Nora Ward RIP
Funeral Service for Michael Ayres RIP
Eileen Morgan RIP

15th Friday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory
6.00pm Sacred Hearts

Intention for John Morgan
Stations of the Cross

16th Saturday

Weekday of Lent

NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS AT SACRED HEARTS

9.30am St Gregory

Private Intention

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 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, 8.00pm; in support of STM Development Fund.

55 Club

After 9.30am Mass, Old Priory (alternate Thursdays). Next meeting: 14th March.

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.

CRYING ROOM

Children are most welcome at every celebration of Holy Mass. During the 8.00 & 11.15am and 6:00pm Masses on Sundays, the Old Priory, next to the Narthex (the area behind the glass doors at the back of the Church), is however available for parents whose young children become restless. These children must be supervised by their parents at all times. Alternatively the Narthex is available for parents to use during all Sunday and week-day Masses.

Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £1,071.33 (SG); £400.21, which includes £115.00 from the Kerala Community (STM); Bingo £150.00 (STM); Jericho £496.30 (SG). Thank you for your continued generosity.

Lenten Alms

During the season of Lent, Lenten Alms are offered for distribution by the Bishop. Please place your offerings in the box marked Lenten Alms, next to the side door of the Church.

300 Club Winners

The February draw took place after the 9.30am Mass last Sunday. The winners are:- Mr Brian Sheen (£50) and Ms Smitha Thomas (£25). Congratulations, and cheques are on their way.

CAFOD - Lenten Fast Day Collection

There will be a second collection taken at all Sunday Masses next weekend (16/17 March). CAFOD is the official overseas development and relief agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales and plays a vital role in the world's largest network of relief and development organisations. The generous support from the Catholic Community makes it possible for CAFOD to help many thousands of people transform their lives. Please use an envelope for your donation and, if you are a UK taxpayer please consider giving by Gift Aid.

First Sunday of Lent

Jesus was brought out of the ordinary into a place where he was tempted off course. Three temptations... to comfort, power, wealth. Three ways that can take us over. Money, power and comfort can lead us astray. Wanting wealth, is understandable, we believe it will bring us security. Being powerful can help us to feel in control and the deep desire for comfort will surely release us from any fear. Jesus, however, in the face of such challenges, draws upon scripture. He knows his scripture well and it gives him the confidence to turn away from the temptations in front of him. Perhaps this Lent we can give a bit of extra time to reflecting on the daily readings, absorb them and allow them to guide us to be closer to God and strengthened in faith.

Reconciliation Service at St Gregory's

Bishop Declan invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him on **Thursday, 28th March**. The Liturgy will start at 7pm. Please see poster displayed on notice board.

Junior Youth Group

Will be today, the 10th March, and then the 24th March. April: 14th and 28th. Please come and join us for an hour after the 9.30am Family Mass! christine.fletcher@talktalk.net

APF Red Boxes

Please hand in your box to St Gregory's Sacristy or Presbytery, also to Mary Flood at STM, by Sunday 31st March. Please ensure your name is on the box.

Children's Bible Story Picture Books Required

These books are wanted, and a bookcase will be placed by the baptistry. Parents, please encourage your children to read them. You may take the books home, but please bring them back for others to enjoy.

STAND UP FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life: Praying for an end to Abortion

Make every Friday of Lent a "For-Life" Friday. Join us for peaceful prayers outside Cheltenham General Hospital every Friday morning 8am-1pm, during Lent. Meet by the West Block Outpatients entrance on Sandford Road near the junction with College Road. Stay for an hour, or just a few minutes. We want to promote the sanctity of life, to offer healing for those already hurting, and to seek God's help in bringing about an end to abortion. Please contact Stella Kinmond on 07824 427400.

Confirmation Programme at Sacred Hearts

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Declan on the Thursday, 3rd October 2019 at 7pm. If any young person (baptised Catholic) in year 9 or above would like to receive Confirmation, then please will they themselves write to Fr Mark to request to receive this Sacrament and to join the programme. Please enclose a completed enrolment form; these are available on the website www.sacredhearts.org.uk

Parish Projects: Our Lady of the Wayside, Monze

As we enter Lent, please pray particularly for our friends involved in our Parish Projects abroad. There is new information on the notice boards in the Old Priory – please take the opportunity to read the details. Fr Clement from Monze, has written and says, "This year we have a big drought. The maize is drying especially here in the southern region. The government is trying to send relief food to vulnerable families. It is very worrying how many families are going to survive" Thank you for your continuing support for our Parish Projects.

Angal Parish Project Appeal

Maddie Read's charity 'Supporting Ugandan Education', is grateful for the generosity of friends at her funeral in November 2017. We have decided to fund a project in her memory using those donations, and the Ugandan priests Frs Charles and Dennis have told us a fence for another school in the Diocese is the priority. In order to build this, we need to raise £2,000. If you would like to help, donations may be made in the Parish projects envelopes, tick the Angal box, or send to Lindsay Read. Further info on the Parish Projects notice board.

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

Deceased: Anne Pelham & John Stack RIP.

Anniversaries: Albert Davis, Stephen McDonough, Mary Jones, Patrick Walsh, Malcolm Vicary, Philip Tartaglia, Dennis Conlon, Walter Nelson, John Egan, Bruce Francis, Maureen Williams.