

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philipians 3: 17-4:1
Gospel: 'As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed' (Luke 9: 28-36)



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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
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Day of Special Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments

17th 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

Sheila Connor RIP
 Molly Pigott RIP
 People of the Parish
 Catherine Mary Hunt RIP
 Mary Maguire RIP
 Eduardo Cruz RIP
 Ernesto Pansacala RIP
 Stations of the Cross
 Stations of the Cross
 John Morrissey RIP

18th Monday

9.30am **Weekday of Lent**
 St Gregory

Judith House RIP

19th Tuesday

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am St Gregory
 7.00pm Sacred Hearts

Jim Mitchell RIP
 Catherine Eden RIP (No Confessions)

20th Wednesday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory
 7.00pm Sacred Hearts

Mark Lawrence RIP
 Prayer around the Cross

21st Thursday

Weekday of Lent

NO MASS AT SACRED HEARTS

9.30am St Gregory
 6.30pm St Thomas More

Andrea Makosova RIP
 Michael Kelly RIP

22nd Friday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory
 6.00pm Sacred Hearts

Mollie Hawkes RIP
 Stations of the Cross

23rd Saturday

Weekday of Lent

9.15am Sacred Hearts
 9.30am St Gregory
 12noon St Gregory

Kate Chronnell RIP
 Margaret & John Gibbons RIP
 Wedding of Katherine Skinner & Robert Hurst

Daily Mass at Nazareth House: 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 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 svpcht@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: 28th 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.

Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £1,095.15 (SG); £242.06 (STM); Bingo £140.00 (STM); Jericho £400.00 (SG). Thank you for your continued generosity.

Lenten Alms

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

CAFOD - Lenten Fast Day Collection

There will be a second collection taken at all Sunday Masses this Sunday. 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.

Annual Mission Appeal

Next weekend (23/24 March) we welcome Sr Adelina Taoing from the Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS). Sister Adelina will be talking about the important work of the SSpS and making an appeal at all Sunday Masses. Please give generously to this special collection.

St Thomas More Development

Thank you to everyone who helped arrange and/or attended last Friday's Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz, which raised £456.00 for the Development Fund. Well done!

Second Sunday of Lent C

Anyone who has climbed any sort of mountain knows the joy which can come when encountering the view at the top. The same is true for the disciples when they see Jesus transfigured. This experience gives them an insight into the very nature of Christ's divinity. They want to hold on to it, but Jesus knows the path he is about to take. Conscious of this, Jesus allows the disciples an experience which will remind them of the goodness of God when faced with utter desolation. This moment of grace is what St. Ignatius calls, 'consolation'. The disciples will need to remember this experience when they see Jesus not transfigured on the mountain but decimated on the Cross. As we pray this week, let us reflect upon and remember the moments of grace we have experienced in life and give thanks for their capacity to see us through the difficult times.

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. See poster displayed on notice board.

Junior Youth Group

The next Group will meet on the 24th March and then on the 14th and 28th April. Please come and join us for an hour after the 9.30am Family Mass! christine.fletcher@talktalk.net

Spring Cleaning your Bookshelves?

Books in good condition, suitable for the Parish Library, will be gratefully received. Please leave in the Narthex, or in the Parish Library in the Old Priory.

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.

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.

55 Club

Over the past year our Club has been entertained by some very interesting speakers and a variety of topics: Repatriation of servicemen's remains, The Isbourne Centre, Cruising, The Severn, Chinese Plants, Public Speaking/reading, Holy Places, the 40s/50s and 60s Service, Christmas Garden Land, Norway, Old time Music, Cider with Rosie, Punch and Judy, Walking in China, Walking in India, Bletchley Park, University life, students helping street people, Ireland during the Pope's visit. Outings to Cardiff, Hereford, Droitwich, Prinknash and annual Christmas dinner in Gloscol. All newcomers are welcome. If you would like to give a talk on any subject, please contact Mary Flood on 0774 7630284/01242 465716. email me on mary_flood@hotmail.com

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.

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

St Peter's High School Governors determined the Admissions Policy for 2020-2021 at their Full Governing Body Meeting on 26th February 2019. The only section where changes were made was regarding Category 7 of the Oversubscription Criteria where we have added two Catholic Primaries to our Feeder Schools. This Policy can be assessed from the school website by visiting: <http://www.stpetershighschool.org.uk/Admissions/>

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: John Stack & Wasył Szwarcowczyk RIP.

Anniversaries: Mary Taylor, Gertrude Deeks, Jill Hanger, Shirley Ayres, Emily Cousins, Maria Smotryckyj, Janet Bonnar, Daphne Keeling, Nora Fitzgerald, Marta Wegrzyn, Philomena Palmer.