

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Psalter 2 and Proper of Season Page 184 **14th April 2019**

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philipians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Luke 19; 28-40)



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Mass Times This Week

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

14th Sunday	5.00pm (Sat) St Thomas More	Walter Gerald Gallagher RIP
	8.00am St Gregory	People of the Parish
	9.30am St Gregory	Bill & Kitty Cody RIP
	11.15am St Gregory	
	5.00pm St Gregory	Sung Evening Prayer
	6.00pm St Gregory	Private Intention
15th Monday	Monday of Holy Week	
	9.30am St Gregory	
	<i>(Confessions after Mass)</i>	
16th Tuesday	Tuesday of Holy Week	
	9.30am St Gregory	
17th Wednesday	Wednesday of Holy Week	
	9.30am St Gregory	
	<i>(Confessions after Mass)</i>	
	11.00am Clifton Cathedral	CHRISM MASS
18th Thursday	The Sacred Paschal Triduum	
	Holy (MAUNDY) Thursday	
	<i>(Confessions are not heard during the Holy Triduum)</i>	
	NO 9.30AM MASS AT ST GREGORY	
	4.00pm St Thomas More	<i>Kerala Mass</i>
	7.00pm St Gregory	Mass of The Lord's Supper
	7.30pm St Thomas More	Mass of The Lord's Supper (Polish)
19th Friday	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
	(Good Friday)	
	NO 9.30AM MASS AT ST GREGORY	
	11.30am St Gregory	Family Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm St Gregory	Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
	6.30pm St Thomas More	Liturgy of the Passion (Polish)
20th Saturday	Holy Saturday	
	NO 9.30AM MASS AT ST GREGORY	
	8.00pm St Thomas More	<i>Easter Vigil in Polish</i>
	8.00pm St Gregory	Easter Vigil with Mass of the Resurrection

For Mass Times and Confessions at Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings, Please see www.sacredhearts.org.

Baptism

By arrangement with the Parish Office.

Cheltenham Young Catholic Adults

All forthcoming events will be advertised: <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: 25th April.

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.

EASTER OFFERING

Traditionally the Easter Collection, along with that at Christmas, are the only collections given to the Priest during the year and is an important way in which the parishes support the unsalaried priests of the diocese. Envelopes into which offerings may be placed, are attached to this Palm Sunday edition of the newsletter (14th April), and are on the tables at the back of Church.

**TRIDUUM at the Catholic Parishes of
St Gregory the Great & St Thomas More**

Holy (Maundy) Thursday - 18th April

St Gregory's Church

NO 9.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - 19th April

St Gregory's Church

11.30am Family Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday - 20th April

St Gregory's Church

NO 9.30am Mass

8.00pm EASTER VIGIL

Mass of the Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY - 21st April

St Gregory's Church

Masses: 08.00/9.30 and 11.15am

(NO 6.00pm Mass)

St Thomas More

09.00am

EASTER MONDAY - 22nd April

St Gregory's Church

Mass: 9.30am

THE CHRISM MASS: Wednesday, 17th April 11.00 am

The coach will leave from **Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings** and go directly to Clifton Cathedral; there will be no other pick up points. Please ensure if you have booked a place on the coach, you arrive for the prompt departure at 9.15am. Thank you.

Easter Music

The 11.15am Mass on Easter Day will take us to 18th Century Vienna with the "Little Organ Mass" of Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) and an anthem "Dextera Domini" (The right hand of the Lord has triumphed) by his younger brother, Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806). Organ music for the day will include the Bach Fantasy in A minor prior to the mass and the popular Toccata from the Fifth Symphony of Charles-Marie Widor at the conclusion.

Holy Places and Christians in the Holy Land

A reminder that on Good Friday there will be a collection for the Holy Places taken at the Family Stations of the Cross (11.30am) and the Liturgy of the Passion (3pm). This annual collection contributes towards the maintenance and upkeep of Christian Shrines of the Holy Land. It also offers financial support to the Christian communities living in the Holy Land at times when they are experiencing opposition and suffering.

Christian Arts Festival

An evening of music and stories awaits on Saturday, 27th April at 7.30pm, St Gregory the Great when Fire Springs Storytellers present, A Fair Field Full of Folk, as part of the Christian Arts Festival. See flyers for details. Tickets £10.50, book online christianartsfestival.org

St Gregory's CAFOD Group

Thank you to SG's CAFOD Group who have donated £800.00 to CAFOD. This amount was raised from the profits from Traidcraft sales.

Prinknash Abbey

Sunday, 28th April 2pm to 4pm Divine Mercy at Prinknash. See Poster on Notice board for details.

Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £1,306.74 (SG); £209.29 (STM); Bingo £120.00 (STM); flowers collection £230.36 (SG); £100.94 (STM). Thank you for your generosity.

2019/2020 Offertory Envelopes

The gift aid and non gift aid envelopes for 2018/2019 are ready for collection from the table at the back of SG's and the newspaper table at STM's. Thank you to all of you who give your offertory donations by gift aid; the tax relief we receive makes a huge difference to our parish finances. For every £1 donated we receive 25p back from Inland Revenue and last year we received £21,405 (SG) & £4,387 (STM) - a real gift from the Exchequer! If you are a UK tax payer and do not already give your offertory donations by gift aid, please consider doing so and contact Ann Greenwood in the parish office.

St Gregory's School

We have recently upgraded our Interactive Whiteboards at school. Therefore have a number of Smartboards with projectors available for £50 per set. If you are interested in purchasing a Smartboard with projector, please contact Mrs Salcombe, School Business Manager at school on 01242 513659 option 2, or email sbm@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk These will be sold on a first come first served basis, and need to be removed from school before the 15th May.

Stations of the Cross for Families

Will take place on Good Friday, 19th April at 11:30am; everyone is invited to attend. Children are welcome to come along in a costume from biblical times. More information, available from Anne Holbrook on 01242 352033.

Good Friday: CAFOD SOUP Lunch

Everyone is invited to a soup lunch directly after the children's stations of the cross on Good Friday. Your donations at the lunch are sent to CAFOD to help in its campaign for global justice, so that all can live a full and dignified life.

St Thomas More Development

Thank you to everyone who baked for or bought from the cake stall on Saturday 30th March. An amazing £260.00 was raised for the Development Fund.

40 Days for Life

A big "Thank You" to everyone who supported our "For Life Fridays" campaign to end Abortion, by praying (both outside the hospital, and at home) and by fasting. 374 is the total number of babies saved this Lent in over 56 countries. Men and women, young and old turned up to show their support for Life, from the moment of conception to natural death. See notice board in the Old Priory for more information.

APF Red Box Collection

The recent count brought in £73.43 from St Thomas More's, and £733.88 from St Gregory's. Many thanks to our contributors. If you would like to support the APF/Mill Hill missions using a Red Box at home, please contact Chris on 01242 517568, or chris.bentall@gmail.com

Parish Office Easter Closure

Please note the Parish Office will be closed for the Easter break from Thursday, 18th April - 26th April. We will re-open on Monday, 29th April at 10.00am.

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

Deceased: Paul Pearce RIP.

Anniversaries: David Windle, Joseph Maher, Patrick Wallace, Jim Gallagher, Denise Arthur, Rosaleen Conlon, Edith Clark, Margot Collingbourn-Beevers, Teresa Forde, Bernard Hughes, Juana Martinez.