

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter 2

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1st September 2019

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14: 1, 7-14)



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World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

1st Sunday

5.00pm (Sat)	St Thomas More	Michael & Kathleen Delaney RIP
8.00am	St Gregory	Khalid & Madelaine Ayar RIP
9.30am	St Gregory	Joseph Almeida RIP
11.15am	St Gregory	Mike Togher RIP
6.00pm	St Gregory	People of the Parish

2nd Monday

Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO 9.30AM MASS AT ST GREGORY'S

11.00am	St Gregory	Requiem for Patricia Wilde RIP
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3rd Tuesday

Feast of Saint Gregory The Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

9.30am	St Gregory	Sr Anne McLaughlin RIP
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4th Wednesday

Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO 9.30AM MASS AT ST GREGORY'S

7.00pm	St Gregory	LATIN MASS/Holy Souls
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5th Thursday

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am	St Gregory	Paul Mason RIP
6.30pm	St Thomas More	

6th Friday

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am	St Gregory	Joseph K.U. RIP
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7th Saturday

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am	St Gregory	Frederick & Elizabeth O'Hanlon RIP
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Mass Times at Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings

Sunday	5.30pm (Sat) 8.15am 10.30am 4.15pm (Polish)
Monday	6.30pm
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
Saturday	10.00am
Confessions:	6.00-6.25pm (Monday) 9.15am-9.45am (Saturday)

Confessions

St Gregory's Saturdays
10.00-10.30am.
St Thomas More Saturday:
4.30-4.45pm.

Baptisms

By arrangement with the Parish Office.

Cheltenham Young Catholic Adults

Contact Margaret 07515 805015 or Damian 07908 105787. All events will be advertised at: <http://cheltenhamcatholicadults.blogspot.com>

Legion of Mary

Mondays at 5.00pm-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: 12th September.

Choir Practice

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.

Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £999.11 (SG); £387.42, which includes £124.41 from the Kerala Community (STM); Bingo £145.00 (STM); Jericho £212.00, which includes £42.00 from the sale of Tony & Stella Kinmond's Bramley apples. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a simple message in today's Gospel and it is this – be humble and be inclusive. Jesus reminds us that in the Kingdom there is a place for everyone. When we come to celebrate Eucharist we each come as wounded people, with our faults and our weaknesses, yet Jesus still loves us and welcomes us as friends to join him at the table. Having shared in the meal of Christ we are sent out to share what we have received. Who do we choose to share this good news with? This week we are challenged to rethink our priorities and beliefs. In God's eyes the people who are pushed to the margins, the poor, those addicted to alcohol or drugs, the homeless, the refugee or asylum seeker, prisoners. All are loved and precious and worthy of a place in the Kingdom of God. A question we might reflect on: if I found myself in any of these categories – how would I like people to treat me?

Traidcraft Sale

Today, Sunday, 1st September; come along and support us.

Junior Youth Group

The dates for this term are: 15th and 29th September, 13th and 27th October, 10th and 24th November, 8th and 22nd December. Please join us for an hour after the 9:30 Mass!

Evening Prayer of Creation

On Friday the 4th October, Feast of St Francis of Assisi, there will be sung evening prayer, with a guest preacher, in the Church at 7.00 p.m. The focus of prayers will be the natural world, our place in it, and our duties towards it. There will be a supper provided in the Old Priory after prayers at 7.30 p.m. You are warmly invited to attend the service; bring any guests, and then to stay for supper.

Knights of the Holy Sepulchre

On Saturday, 5th October, the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre will be holding the Chapter for the Western Section at St Gregory's Church. There will be no 9.30 a.m. Mass that morning, or confessions. There will be a Mass at 11.45a.m. Parishioners are very welcome to attend the Mass where Dr Derek Indoe KCHS will give a short talk on the activities and purpose of the Order in supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

Environmental This and That

I am pleased to inform you that St Gregory's parish now has a green energy contract through inter-diocesan fuel management. It does mean costs are slightly up but as a parish we need to take environmental issues seriously. As you will have noticed, the new candle stand and environmentally friendly candles has been in operation for a couple of months now, and all is going well. A second stand will be arriving shortly which will be placed in front of the statue of Our Lady. We will then have reduced our plastic waste from candles by 90%. Visitors to the presbytery will have noticed that bottled water is no longer being purchased, and filtered tap water is now provided. Recycling has been hugely increased and probably is approaching optimum levels. The number of newsletters being printed has been reduced by a third. A brown bin for flower and plant waste should be arriving shortly. The parish is also now using recycled toilet paper. We are awaiting plans from a contractor about the installation of bicycle racks, and the placing of bee friendly plant boxes next to parts of the exterior wall. It is important that as a parish and individuals we do what we can, however small, to protect the natural environment in which we live.

Welcoming Catholic Syrian Refugee Family to our Parish

On the 1st August, the first Catholic Syrian Refugee family arrived in Cheltenham. The Catholic community in Cheltenham has done much to welcome the 25 Syrian families who have settled in Cheltenham, and we give a warm welcome to Bangin, Nasreen, Jan and Eilaf who have now joined us. We wish them well, and offer them all the support possible as they settle into their new home and start a new life in our Parish.

Cheltenham Volunteer Teachers

Would you like to help refugees settled in Cheltenham who need support learning English. We recruit people from a teaching and/or volunteering background to help Syrian and other refugee families in their homes. If interested, please contact:

Hilary Cole - hilarycole@hotmail.com Sue Thompson - suethompson682@hotmail.com Some of our teachers help with children's homework, especially with maths. There is also an increasing need to help young children who have just started school, as the Syrian parents may be unable to help with reading/pronunciation.

Green Christians On The Road Together

Is the title for a day-long meeting at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Beeches Green, Stroud GL5 4AA on Saturday, 28th September. Sessions will explore ways of deepening ecological discipleship, mobilising for change, and building common cause for creation. Open to all who are interested in discovering how we might better pray, live, witness & support each other in this time of crisis. 10.30am to 4.30pm; bring and share lunch. No charge, essential to book as space is limited: greenchristian.eventbrite.co.uk, 0345 459 8460

Catholic Community Cheltenham Reception into full communion with the Catholic Church

If you are an adult who wishes to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, or are baptised Catholic but have never been Confirmed, and wish to change this, contact the parish at cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com by no later than Monday, 16th September. This journey in faith will formally begin in October 2019; the group meetings will take place on Thursday evenings. Receptions and Confirmation will take place at the Vigil of Easter in 2020.

Starting School?

If you have a child born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2020 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Cheltenham Borough Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January, 2020**.

Wine Tasting Evening

In St Thomas More Church Hall on Friday, 27th September, 7pm for 7.30pm. A chance to sample both red and white wines. Tickets £12 available after Mass, or from Patrick Crossan (01242 515431).

Prayers are asked for:-

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

Deceased: Peter Byrne RIP.

Anniversaries: Geraldine Walker, Maisie Knight, Joseph Devery, Arthur Holt, Margaret O'Donnell, Deena McKenna, Kathleen Butler.