

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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8th September 2019

Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: 'None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions' (Luke 14:25-33)



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 St Thomas More RC Primary School, Lewis Road, Hesters Way GL51 OHZ
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Parish Website: www.sacredhearts.org.uk/Tel: 01242 524932t

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Education Sunday - Day of Prayer for Students and Teachers

8th Sunday	5.00pm (Sat) St Thomas More	Byrne & Jennings Families RIP
	8.00am St Gregory	People of the Parish
	9.30am St Gregory	Newton & Julie Britto RIP
	11.15am St Gregory	Lucio Pansacala RIP
	6.00pm St Gregory	Khalid & Madelaine Ayar RIP
9th Monday	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am St Gregory	
10th Tuesday	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am St Gregory	Fr Thomas Heyes OSB RIP
11th Wednesday	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am St Gregory	Angela Savage RIP
12th Thursday	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am St Gregory	George Henry John RIP
	6.30pm St Thomas More	
13th Friday	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop Doctor of the Church	
	9.30am St Gregory	Mark O'Connell RIP
14th Saturday	Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross	
	9.30am St Gregory	Paul McKinley RIP

Mass Times at Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings

Sunday	5.30pm (Sat) 8.15am 10.30am 4.15pm (Polish)
Monday	6.30pm
Tuesday	10.00am
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
Saturday	10.00am
Confessions:	6.00-6.25pm (Monday) 9.15-9.45am (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 £1,839.05 (SG); £228.69 (STM); Bingo £150.00 (STM). Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Next week-end there will be second collection after all Sunday Masses for Home Mission Sunday.

Catholic Education Service

There will be a second collection taken at all Sunday Masses this weekend for the Catholic Education Service (CESEW), which supports our Catholic schools in so many ways. It negotiates, on behalf of our bishops, with governments & other national bodies on legal, administrative, and religious education matters in order to promote and safeguard Catholic interests in education & contribute to Christian perspectives within educational debate at national level. CESEW works closely with the Department for Catholic Education and Formation and liaises with representatives of those working in Catholic education across England and Wales. CESEW advises the Bishops on educational matters and promotes the educational policies of the Bishops' Conference. Our money supports them in all they do to support our Catholic schools.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

At his last supper Jesus gave us a meal to remind us of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The breaking of Christ's body and the spilling of his blood brought wholeness and healing to a broken world. The food that we eat at this eucharistic banquet is the nourishment we need to go out and continue that great saving work. The love that Christ showed through his life, death and resurrection is the paschal mystery into which all Christians are called to participate. This is what it means to do this in memory of me. This is what it means to let go and take up the cross. Let us in the week ahead have the courage to go out to the whole world and serve it with love, compassion and dedication.

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.

Clifton Diocese

Is seeking to appoint a Marriage and Family Life co-ordinator. This is a part-time post for 3 days a week, based in Bristol. For an application and job description please contact Richard.Williams@cliftondiocese.com or ring 0117 902 5590 or see www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us

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. We also now use compostable bin bags and are going to be using bio-degradable oasis for the flower arrangements. 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, & 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.

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 STM 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).

Lost Item

A hearing aid has been given in to the Parish office, found around the exit from the Old Priory. Please contact us in office hours - is this yours?

Prayers are asked for:-

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

Anniversaries: Kevin Ballantine, Francis Pinto, Maureen Barnes, Carmel Jones, Josephine McAlary, Mary Corrigan, Eric Swain, Simone Jackson, Ellen Sweeney, Baby Lucy Taylor, Nigel Meyrick.