

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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8th March 2020

Readings: Genesis 12: 1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 8-10
Gospel: ' His face shone like the sun' (Matthew 17: 1-9)



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Day of Special Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments

8th Sunday

5.00pm (Sat)	St Thomas More	Ned Winder RIP
8.00am	St Gregory	People of the Parish
9.30am	St Gregory	Sarah Mooney RIP
11.15am	St Gregory	Bill & Kitty Cody RIP
5.00pm	St Gregory	Stations of the Cross
6.00pm	St Gregory	Gerard O'Connor RIP

9th Monday

Weekday of Lent

NO 9.30AM MASS AT ST GREGORY'S

12Noon St Gregory Requiem: Rita Smyth RIP

10th Tuesday

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9.30am St Gregory Mollie Hawkes RIP

11th Wednesday

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9.30am St Gregory Pauline Jones RIP

12th Thursday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory Malcolm Vicary RIP
 2.00pm St Gregory Requiem: Richard Smith RIP
 6.30pm St Thomas More

13th Friday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory Khalid & Madelaine Ayar RIP

14th Saturday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am St Gregory Michael Quinlan RIP

Mass times at Sacred Hearts

Sunday	5.30pm (Sat)
	8.15am
	10.30am
Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	9.15am
Saturday	9.15am

Confessions

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

Baptisms

By arrangement with the Parish Office.

Cheltenham Young Catholic Adults

Contact Margaret 07515 805015/ Damian 07908 105787. 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: Next meeting: 19th March: 'Cirencester Home Guard'.

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.

Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £1171.38(SG); £345.80 (STM); Bingo £175.00 (STM). There will be a second collection after all Masses for CAFOD this weekend. Thank you for your generosity & support.

300 Club Winners

The February draw took place after the 9.30am Mass last Sunday. The lucky winners are:- 1st Mrs K Roger (£100); 2nd Gerry Bevan (£50); 3rd Anthony McNulty (£25). Cheques are on their way.

Coronavirus

As a precaution, and following on from consultation with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Sacristans, as of now, Communion will be under one kind only. The situation will be reviewed after Easter. The Church has always taught that the fullness of Holy Communion is received in either species, so anybody receiving Communion will be fully entering into the receipt of the Sacramental Real Presence of our Lord. Health authorities do recommend receipt of Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue, but for the time being the choice remains yours. As regards the sign of peace, as I mentioned before, there is no need to shake hands. A slight bow and a smile serves just as well. This applies equally to when I meet people at the door. I hope this will simplify arrangements and put in place a system that works well and is to the benefit of all.

Music Vera Concert

Saturday, 21st March at 3pm. The organisers of this concert will be donating a significant percentage of ticket sales to the Jericho Appeal. Your support by attending is most welcome for this enjoyable event. Tickets are £12.00, and will be on sale from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/17th-century-female-composers-tickets-92205399833>

Walk to Church on Palm Sunday

Following on from Bishop Declan's pastoral letter in which he stressed the usual aspects of Lent, prayer, fasting and alms-giving, he placed an emphasis on the way we treat the environment. He suggested, that besides doing a kind deed every day, to look at ways we might keep in mind our communion, our interconnection with the whole human race and the natural world. There are lots of opportunities for alms-giving such as the CAFOD Fast Day. It is however commendable to do something as a community as regards the environment during Lent. Perhaps we can all try to use the car less and walk, cycle or take public transport as often as is feasible during this penitential season. I also suggest that it would be a wonderful sign of our commitment to the environment if, as many as possible, avoided driving to Church on Palm Sunday, and used the above mentioned alternatives or, if it is not possible, to share lifts. On Palm Sunday Christians walk down the Mount of Olives into the city. If we walk to church on that day, we can join ourselves spiritually to our brothers and sisters in the Holy City.

Stitch & Pray

The next meeting is on Saturday, 14th March at 12.30pm in the Old Priory. All welcome to participate in quilt making or bring your own stitching. At the same time we will be making willow lanterns for the Christian Arts Festival. This is a one day festival which will be held in Whaddon on Saturday, 13th June. This activity is suitable for ages 9 to 99, so please come along and have a go.

Traidcraft

There will be a Traidcraft sale on Sunday, 15th March, with all profits going to Cafod. Please come and support us.

Urgent Action Required

In a most unfortunate development, the Chemistry Nightclub across the road from the Church has put in an application to reopen. The application is for music, alcohol, dancing and late night refreshments on Sundays till 10pm. On Christmas Eve they are asking to stay open till 2.00 a.m. When the nightclub was open before, the Church and St Gregory's School were not only affected by late night noise and disruptions to services in the evening, but also by needles and other most undesirable objects left behind, or thrown over the wall, as well as all sorts of anti-social nuisance being committed around the Church and St Gregory's School. I would ask and urge parishioners to send in objections to this planning application by the **17th March**. At the back of Church, a notice is to be found, which provides the details of how and where to object, as well as the grounds on which objections can be made. Please do take the time to object to this development which will seriously impact on the Church and the School.

Fish and Chip Supper & Quiz

Friday, 20th March, 6.30pm in St Thomas More Hall. A Fish & Chip supper and quiz for £8.00. Tickets on sale after STM Mass or from Helen on 582394.

APF Red Boxes Lent Collection

Please hand in your box to the Sacristy or the Presbytery at St Gregory's or to Mary Flood at STM, by Sunday, 22nd March (please ensure your name is on the box).

Clifton Diocese - Safeguarding Officer

Part-time – 21 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday). The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy provides an opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team. The Safeguarding Officer role supports the ongoing development of safeguarding across the Diocese, the management of cases, and working with the Safeguarding Co-ordinator, responses to safeguarding issues that arise. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Social Work, Probation or Health, with specific experience in safeguarding. For further information/informal discussion about this role, please contact Becky Cawsey, Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 954 0993. Closing date for receipt of applications: 13 March.

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, 2nd April**. The Liturgy will start at 7pm. See poster displayed on notice board.

Prayers are asked for:-:

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

Deceased: Richard Smith RIP.

Anniversaries: Elsie Bartlett, Catherine Crosbie, Albert Davis, Stephen McDonough, Mary Jones, Patrick Walsh, Malcolm Vicary, Philip Tartaglia, Dennis Conlon, Walter Nelson, John Egan, Bruce Francis, Mario Maselli.