

Catholic Community in Cheltenham

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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15th March 2020

Readings: Exodus 17: 3-7; Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: 'The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life' (John 4:5-42)



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Day of Special Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments

15th Sunday

5.00pm (Sat)	St Thomas More	Mary Newman RIP
8.00am	St Gregory	Vic Roger RIP
9.30am	St Gregory	Stella Kinmond
11.15am	St Gregory	Fr David McDonald RIP
5.00pm	St Gregory	Stations of the Cross
6.00pm	St Gregory	People of the Parish

16th Monday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am	St Gregory	Josef Melkus RIP
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17th Tuesday

Feast of Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

9.30am	St Gregory	Margaret & John Morrissey RIP
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18th Wednesday

Weekday of Lent

NO 9.30AM MASS AT ST GREGORY'S

11.00am	St Gregory	Requiem: Philip Hawkins RIP
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19th Thursday

**Solemnity of Saint Joseph,
Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am	St Gregory	Clive Deedie RIP
6.30pm	St Thomas More	Bob Williams RIP

20th Friday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am	St Gregory	Michael Quinlan RIP
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21st Saturday

Weekday of Lent

9.30am	St Gregory	Joe Evans RIP
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Sunday	5.30pm (Sat)
	8.15am
	10.30am
	2.30pm

**2.30pm Stations of the Cross in Hall
Monday NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	9.15am
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: 19th March: Peter Grace '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. New members welcome.

Finance

Last week's offertory collection came to £987.59 (SG); £301.20 (STM); Bingo £190.00 (STM); Jericho £686.00 (SG). Last week's collection for CAFOD raised £1,523.49 (SG) & £295.92 (STM). Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Alms

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

Rededication of England to Our Lady of Walsingham

On the feast of the Annunciation, the 25th March, England will be rededicated to Our Lady of Walsingham. To mark this important occasion in the life of the Church and the country, there will be a solemn Mass celebrated at 7.00 p.m. on the day of the feast. An icon has been commissioned for the Church and if it arrives on time, it will also be blessed and dedicated that evening. Please do attend this Mass as we place ourselves under the patronage of Our Lady.

Music Vera Concert

Next Saturday, 21st March at 3pm. Tickets £12.00, from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/17th-century-female-composers-tickets-92205399833>

Fish and Chip Supper & Quiz

Next Friday, 20th March, 6.30pm in STM 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

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

Climate Prayer

A half-hour meeting for prayer in response to the climate emergency takes place every other Thursday at 1pm in Cheltenham, at St Mary's Minster, between the High St and the Museum in Clarence St. The next meeting is on Thursday, 19th March. All welcome.

Oremus Lent Course on Prayer

27th Feb-23rd April

The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of 8 weeks you will become aware of God's presence in your life, discover the simple yet profound steps of Catholic prayer and learn how to respond to God and express yourself in prayer. Thursday evenings, Old Priory (Upstairs), 7pm, Next Session: 19th March. **(excluding 9th April, Holy Week)**. No charge, but donations welcomed to cover the cost of course materials. Contact Corinna Turner ASAP: eventide_unicorn@yahoo.co.uk (575197) to register interest.

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.

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.

Coronavirus

The Diocese has decided to implement Phase 2 to contain the spread of the Coronavirus. Distribution of Communion will be restricted to the Host being received in the hand only, and not the tongue. The Chalice will be withdrawn. Those who would rather just come for a blessing and make a spiritual Communion, may make use of the prayer below. 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. Individuals should not shake hands at the sign of peace. **Collections will be taken as you leave the church, collectors with open baskets will be standing at the doors. Please place your offering into those baskets.** The use of shared hymn books and missals is to stop for the time being. There will be no tea or coffee after Mass. I know this is all very far from ideal, but unfortunately we are in unusual times. I hope this will all come to an end as soon as possible, and but that the above will simplify arrangements and put in place a system that works for the benefit of all.

Prayer for use for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Prayers are asked for:-

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

Anniversaries: Mary Taylor, Gertrude Deeks, Jill Hanger, Shirley Ayres, Emily Cousins, Maria Smotrycky, Janet Bonnar.