

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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With Saint Nicholas, Winchcombe, GL54 5HX and St Michael, Bishops Cleeve, GL52 8BA

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

[Psalter 2 & Proper of the Season]

- Sunday 17th **St Joseph's** 9.00am Mass

 St Nicholas 11.00am Mass
- Monday 18th **Weekday of Lent**
St Nicholas' 7.00pm The Holy Rosary
St Michael's 1.30pm Requiem Mass
for Angela Fry
- Tuesday 19th **SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH
HUSBAND OF THE B.V. MARY**
St Michael's Rosary 9.10am
- St Joseph's 7.00pm Lenten Service**
Followed by Patronal Saint celebration
- Wednesday 20th **Weekday of Lent**
St Joseph's Morning Prayer 9.00am,
Mass 9.30am [*Reconciliation on request*]
- St Michael's Bishops Cleeve**
Stations of the Cross 6.00pm
- Thursday 21st **Weekday of Lent**
St Nicholas' **Stations of the Cross** 9.30am
Followed by Mass 10.00am
- Friday 22nd **Weekday of Lent**
St Nicholas' Exposition 9.30am
Morning Prayer 10.00am
- St Joseph's Stations of the Cross** 9.30am
- Saturday 23rd **Weekday of Lent**
St Joseph's Morning Prayer 9.30am
followed by Exposition

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

[Psalter 3 & Proper of the Season]

- Saturday 23rd **St Michael's** Mass 5.30pm
[*Reconciliation on request*]
- Sunday 24th **St Joseph's** Mass 9.00am
St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am

The Word - Second Sunday of Lent

[Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18] *God enters into a covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.*

[Philippians 3:17- 4:1] *Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body*

[Luke 9: 28-36] *Jesus is transfigured and the disciples hear a voice from heaven.*

Diocesan Prayer Link: Downside **The Abbey Church,** Stratton on the Fosse **St Benedict**

OUR INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Peter Doran, Bea Gegg, Katie Haynes, Nicholas Judge, John Turner and Kit Whiteside.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Betty McCarthy, Dermot McHugh, Breda and William Vince, Maria Roberts, Aezandra Francis, Beth White, Mary O'Neill, Sister Anne Benyon, Ewan Taylor & Erica Kavanagh

OUR RECENT COLLECTIONS

10th March Loose £182.76 GAD Envelope £15.00

Thank you to everyone who supports our parish



NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Today we collect in the CAFOD envelopes distributed last week. Tax payers are encouraged to complete the details where possible so that C.A.F.O.D. are able to reclaim from the government *tax already paid* on earnings.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

This Tuesday, March 19th, at 7.00 pm we will be combining our Parish Lenten Reflection service with a small celebration of our Patronal Feast Day (including St. Joseph's Day cake!) Please do come along as part of your preparation for Easter - this event will last for approximately one hour.

LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION

Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey and this Year of Prayer. There will be priests available each liturgy - our nearest geographically is **Thursday 28 March - St Gregory, Cheltenham at 7.00 pm.** **St Joseph's Penitential Service** will take place here at St. Joseph's on April 10th at 7.00 pm, Fathers Francis Hughes and Mark Moran will be with us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB - UPDATE

W.A.C. is a constantly evolving venture and we already have to change the programme. The Tai-Chi tutor cannot be with us on 3rd April, so we'll have the quiz on that date and enjoy learning about Tai-Chi later in the year. Please think about forming small teams of 2 or 3 people and come and test your knowledge with a gentle and fun quiz. Sophie and Justin will be quiz-masters. £1.00 per person, to church funds or other charity. Please see the parish website for the updated programme of events which also includes extra 'Bring and Share Lunches' on days *other than Wednesdays* so that all can be included.

200 CLUB - TIME TO RENEW

For all those currently enjoying our monthly draw to support the parish, please know that you need to pay your £12 per number subscription to Dee Langworthy by 1st April. This month's winners are as follows: Mary Powell 1st Prize [109] Stephanie Handley 2nd Prize [47] and Ken Powell 3rd Prize [10]. If you haven't joined the 200 club yet you can easily do so to be in with a chance next month. See Dee any week, after Mass at St Joseph's, or phone the office 01684 293273.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Richard and Bridget would be obliged if all could remember to bring red boxes in for emptying next week, please. Anyone not currently in possession of a box who wishes to have one, please ask in the office.

CLEANING OUR CHURCH

All those people who do such a sterling job of keeping our church looking so pristine are reminded to collect their copy of the cleaning rota available this weekend. Thank you

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: PRAYING FOR AN END TO ABORTION

Every Friday of Lent outside Cheltenham General Hospital from 8am to 1pm join us for peaceful prayers. Stay for an hour, or longer, or just a few minutes. Meet by the West Block Outpatients entrance on Sandford Road. We want to promote the sanctity of life by seeking God's help in bringing about an end to abortion. Please contact Stella Kinmond, on 07824 427400, the organiser and parishioner at St Gregory's Church or Barbara Murphy, on 01242 603091, St Nicholas.

YEAR OF PRAYER

Anyone who has climbed any sort of mountain knows the joy which can come when encountering the view at the top. The same is true for the disciples when they see Jesus transfigured. This experience gives them an insight into the very nature of Christ's divinity. They want to hold onto it, but Jesus knows the path he is about to take. Conscious of this, Jesus allows the disciples an experience which will remind them of the goodness of God when faced with utter desolation. This moment of grace is what St. Ignatius calls, 'consolation'.

The disciples will need to remember this experience when they see Jesus not transfigured on the mountain but decimated on the Cross. As we pray this week, let us reflect upon and remember the moments of grace we have experienced in life and give thanks for their capacity to see us through the difficult times.

