

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, TEWKESBURY

With St Nicholas', Winchcombe

Chance Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RF Clifton Catholic Diocese Registered Charity No. 1170168

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[YEAR A – Psalter 1]

Sunday 26 th	Saint Joseph's 9.00am <i>Intention: Patricia Bradshaw RIP</i> Saint Nicholas' 11.00am
Monday 27 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass Rosary 7.00pm [Fr Peter]
Tuesday 28 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time NO SERVICES
Wednesday 29 th	MEMORIAL OF ST MARTHA St Joseph's 10.00am
Thursday 30 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time St Nicholas' 10.00am
Friday 31 st	MEMORIAL ST IGNATIUS LOYOLA No Mass
Saturday 1 st	MEMORIAL OF ST ALPHONSUS MARY LIGUORI, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH No Mass

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[YEAR A – Psalter 2]

Sunday 2 nd	Saint Joseph's 9.00am Saint Nicholas' 11.00am
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Father Tony continues to record and post a Homily each week. If you have a mobile phone/computer to allow you to join in, please contact the office so that they can be sent to you electronically.

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Live Masses continue to be relayed from many churches, including Clifton Cathedral

Go to [www: cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) or www.churchservices.tv

*In our own churches we are taking every precaution to keep safe, with social distancing, stewarding and thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the building before and after each service. If you need further reassurance, please phone
Chris Davies in the office
01684 293273*

The Word – 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

[1 Kings 3:5, 7-12] Solomon did not pry for riches or for a long and trouble-free life. Closest to his heart was this: to be a good king to his people.

[Romans 8: 28-30] God our Father cherishes as his children all those who love Him.

[Matthew 13: 44-52] The greatest treasure in life is God's friendship. Those who realise this will go to any lengths to possess what they know to be most precious of all.

Diocesan Prayer Link: **All Salisbury parishes**



SAFETY IN OUR CHURCH +

We are asked to keep a record of those attending Mass in our churches and to attempt to balance numbers on the two days. Please allow our stewards to record this, help you sanitise and guide you to seating.

FACEMASKS TO KEEP US ALL SAFE +

Rose Kilmister has been busy sewing pretty fabric facemasks, for sale at £5.00 each. Please see Chris in the office if you would like one.

CAFOD AND CORONA VIRUS +

There has been an impressive response to the 'Cycling to Wales in a Day' challenge which Richard Sear attempts this weekend to raise money for CAFOD as they fight against the pandemic across the world. Richard is geared up with a set of wheels and you can play your part via an online sponsoring facility <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-sear1> As of Tuesday this week he had raised £850+ of his £1,000 target. Our intrepid friend asks other parishioners to consider doing something a little 'off the wall' for CAFOD. Please let Chris Davies have a note about anything (small or large) that you are doing to help raise vital funds so that we can advertise and support your efforts.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION +

This July the Holy Father has asked us to pray for families – "The family ought to be protected. It faces many dangers: the fast pace of life, stress...Sometimes, parents forget to play with their children. The Church needs to encourage families and stay at their side, helping them to discover ways that allow them to overcome all of these difficulties. Let us pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance, and especially, that they may be protected by the State"

GOSPEL REFLECTION +

Many of us have probably had those moments of dreaming that we have won the lottery or winning a big prize in some other set up. Such a prize could change our life. But is this really the pearl of great price that Jesus is speaking of? At the age of nine, a boy was asked this question during a story telling session. His thoughtful response to the question unnerved the facilitator who knew nothing about him. His reply? "My dad". A year earlier, his father, a farmer, unable to deal with losing all his cattle to foot and mouth disease, had taken his own life. The little boy's loss was devastating. He knew that no money or prize could ever replace his father. For him his dad was the pearl of great price and he would have given everything to have him back. This is a sad, but true story but it gives us the opportunity to truly reflect on where our own treasure lies. What is it that we would give up everything for? Jesus offers himself to us. His presence in our lives is the true treasure.

CAR PARKING PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE +

These cover August 2020 to July 2021 and cost £30 (day time parking) and £60 (overnight). See Chris D.

200 CLUB - RESTARTING IN AUGUST +

Please let Dee/Chris have a cheque for £12 for each number you hold some time during what remains of this month. The 200 club is a most important fund raiser for our parish. Thank you in advance for your support.

RED MISSIO BOXES +

Please know that boxes can be brought back into church for emptying now. Richard and Bridget are ready to make the quarterly return.