

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, TEWKESBURY

With St Nicholas', Winchcombe

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

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME [YEAR A – Psalm 1]

During the current, enforced lockdown, Father will privately offer Mass for the people of the parish.

Father Tony will also pray for the many deceased relatives and friends who have been especially remembered by parishioners this November.

Monday 16th Memorial of St Edmund of Abingdon

Tuesday 17th Memorial of St Hugh of Lincoln

Wednesday 18th Weekday in Ordinary Time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
at St Joseph's 10am till noon
– private prayer only -

Thursday 19th Weekday in Ordinary Time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at
Nicolas' Winchcombe 10am – noon

- private prayer only -

Friday 20th Weekday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 21st Memorial of the Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please remember also that Father Tony is happy to be contacted by text or via What's App if you need any urgent or particular help at this difficult time

ONCE AGAIN, HOLY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN
PRIVATE AND LIVE STREAMED FROM CLIFTON
CATHEDRAL DURING LOCKDOWN

Mass 9.30am daily

PARISHIONERS CAN ALSO FOLLOW ON TELEVISION THE
MANY SERVICES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

EWTN Broadcast Mass daily
on Sky Channel 588

The Word – 33rd Sunday OT

[Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-29m 30-31] The most attractive qualities in a person are not beauty or charm, but trustworthiness, wisdom, industriousness and generosity.
[1Thessalonians 5: 1-6] Speculating when the world will end is not the best way to prepare for it. We need to be working hard and doing the right thing when the Lord comes.

[Matthew 25: 14-30] Jesus tells a parable about a rich man who entrusted his disposable wealth to the care of servants during his absence. He was furious to find that one of them made no effort to put it to good use.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK : All working at Alexander House,
Diocesan Departments and St Ambrose



CHURCHES CLOSED UNDER CURRENT LOCK DOWN +

Cardinal Vincent Nicholas writes*"Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations, which have the force of law: **"Remind them to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity"** Titus 3:1 We do this in solidarity with so many others on whom are being imposed restrictions which impact severely on their lives and livelihoods. It is also important to recognise that these Regulations are not an attack on religious belief. However, they do demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of the essential contribution made by faith communities to the well-being, resilience and health of our society. At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help."*

A DATE FOR OUR DIARIES + Deacon John is, as we know, stepping down in December from some of his responsibilities and we hope to celebrate his work at St Joseph's with 10am Mass on December 9th. Please let Chris know in advance by phoning the office or 07983894200 that you will be present for this special occasion.

LOCAL FOODBANK +

Please see the most recent newsletter from the Trussell Trust on our notice board, containing news of their Christmas plans in the area. At the moment items most needed for their store are Biscuits, Wash-up liquid, Ladies Shampoo, Hand-wash/soap, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise and brown sauce.

PRAYER FOR USE FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION +

When unable to receive communion physically this prayer allows spiritual participation during live streamed Mass: *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*

REST IN PEACE + Bernard Arnold, Jadwica Bartosik, Henry Benyon, Beatrice Boazman, John Cole, Mary Davies, Louise Derby, Peter Fowler, Florence Fuller, Andrew Goloskof, Virginiaia Handcliff, Zita Hicks, Doreen Jeffries, Peter Kearney, Anna Maurkiewicz, James McDonald, Mary McKerrell, Monica McSweeney, Martha O'Brien, Maria O'Connor, Diana O'Keeffe, Marion Olczak, Mary O'Neill, Josephine Organ, Ellen O'Shea, Patrica Hazel Popplewell, Mary Selway Swift, Gladys Service, Jack Taylor, Danuta Tychmanowicz, Patrick Walsh, Ruth Barbara Widdows. *"How wonderful it will be when we enter Heaven and are met by all those we prayed for in purgatory!"*

GOSPEL REFLECTION +

A story is told that of a hiker walking along a road when he came upon a sparrow lying on its back in the middle of the road. Concerned he bent down to the little creature and asked: "Why are you lying down like that?" "I heard that the sky is going to fall today," the little bird replied. The hiker began to laugh. "I suppose you think your spindly little legs are going to hold up the big sky?" The determined little sparrow replied simply, "One does what one can."

'One does what one can' is the message that Jesus wants us to learn from today's parable. All of us have talents and it is for us to decide how we will use them. Talents are often associated with successful people. When we hear someone referred to as being 'so talented' do we think of someone who spends every night, awake, caring for a sick child or parent. Is an imagine conjured up of someone working in a soup kitchen or talking to the homeless? Yet these people are using their talents of compassion, gentleness, concern, generosity of heart, commitment to over-coming injustice and oppression in the lives of others. Let us take a look around and use our own talents well.

AS CHRISTMAS APPROACHES - CCS TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES +

In our parish we have a traditional collection at our cribs for the Catholic Children's Society and hopefully we will in 2020 also. Additionally, this year, it is possible to support the CCS by purchasing electronic Christmas cards that do not require a stamp! For the first time **E-cards are offered by CCS**. In exchange for a donation you can send up to 100 of their lovely e-cards. These cards showcase artwork by Bristol artist Jenny Urquhart and feature views of Clifton. Suggested minimum donation is £10. There are still also a limited number of 'proper' Christmas cards packed in two designs. Please see the poster in the Narthex. This year the charity has gone completely plastic free and 100% recyclable. To order either type, please visit <https://ccsadoption.org/support-us/shop-and-sell>