

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, TEWKESBURY

With St Nicholas', Winchcombe

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

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

[YEAR A – Proper of Solemnity]



During the current, enforced lockdown, Father Tony will privately offer Mass for the well-being of all the people of our parish.

He will also continue to pray for the many deceased relatives and friends who have been especially remembered by parishioners.

Monday 23 rd	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 24 th	Memorial of SS Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Wednesday 25 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Thursday 26 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St
Nicolas' Winchcombe 10am – noon
- private prayer only -

Friday 27 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 28 th	Weekday in Ordinary 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

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

The Word – Christ the King

[Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17] The Lord is exasperated that those who were appointed to look after God's people have used their position for their own advantage and neglected their responsibilities: the Lord will take care of the flock from now on.

[1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28] Paul looks forward to the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time.

[Matthew 25: 31-46] The trial scene, set at the end of time, reveals God's judgement on how we have responded to the needs of our fellow human beings.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK : All University, College and
School Chaplaincies in the Diocese



[Despite being unable to convene for Mass at St Joseph's, we are open for Exposition on Wednesday \(see over\)](#)

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*

DEACON JOHN'S RETIRMENT + We all hope very much that we will be able to have Mass on 9th December at 10am to celebrate John's ministry and raise a toast to him. Fr Mills will preside supported by Fr Tony. We need to be sure of spaces and would be obliged if those expecting to attend would indicate as much to Chris in the office.

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY + This Sunday we pray especially for the young people in our world. Normally at this time of year there would be a joyous gathering of young Catholics with the Holy Father in a tradition established by John Paul II in 1984. This event has annually strengthened our hope for the future of our Church. COVID 19 may stop us from *gathering* together but nothing can stop us from praying together.

INTRODUCING LAUDATO SI' +

Please see the church notice board about an Advent course focussing on the Pope's Encyclical Letter, which can be attended via Zoom by anyone with a computer at home. **Father David Mills** will introduce the first session on Monday 30th November at 7.45pm. Each of the four weekly sessions will last until 9pm and be followed by Night Prayer. The Zoom App which you will need to download on to your machine is available free.

Register at https://stgregorys.org.uk/laudato_si/ for Zoom links and full details before each meeting.

CAN YOU HELP THE SALVATION ARMY? YES, YOU CAN! +

Please see the poster in the Narthex. This splendid organisation is putting together Christmas gift boxes, including **"new toys, in-date tinned food, or a gift for a teenager or an older person"** which should be left at the Charity shop 37, High Street, Tewkesbury between 10am – 2pm on **Saturday November 28th**.

Please know that the St Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council, on behalf of all parishioners, will make a donation of £350 once again this Christmas, in support of the valuable work that the Salvation Army do in our community.

DIARIES AND CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE +

Clifton have supplied the 2021 Liturgical diaries at £6.50 each and these are available in the Narthex. These are a great size and have masses of useful information about the various feast days and traditions of our faith.

A small quantity of Catholic Directories are also available - priced at £5.00 each

GOSPEL REFLECTION + In the film *Chocolat*, a small community follow the rules of the Church to the letter of the law. But it makes them miserable. The villagers are often cruel, unkind, judgmental, and critical of each other. A young woman arrives in the town and opens a chocolate shop. Her way of life is frowned upon but her desire to bring joy and happiness to the people of the town, brings change in how they relate to one another. Eventually, the young parish priest, himself full of doubt, finally sees the truth. In his homily on Easter Sunday he preaches:

Sometimes we can focus on the Lord's divinity and miraculous transformation but we perhaps understand his message when we focus on his humanity. Look at how he lived his life here on earth; his kindness, his tolerance. All this is a lesson to us. We should measure our own 'goodness' by what we embrace, what we create and who we include." Next week marks the start of Advent. We are still living with the pandemic and many people are tired, unsure of what Christmas will bring. But this we do know, Jesus entered our world to live amongst the most vulnerable in society, reaching out in compassion and love and mercy. Today's gospel encourages us to do the same.