

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, TEWKESBURY

With St Nicholas', Winchcombe

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

[Psalter 4, Proper of the Season]

Sunday 25 th	St Joseph's Mass 9.00am St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
Monday 26 th	Weekday of Easter - No Services
Tuesday 27 th	Weekday of Easter - No Services
Wednesday 28 th	Weekday of Easter St Joseph's Exposition 9.30am Mass 10.00am
Thursday 29 th	FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, PATRON OF EUROPE St Nicholas' Exposition 9.30am Mass 10.00am
Friday 30 th	Weekday of Easter - No Services
Saturday 1 st	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD St Thomas More, Cheltenham Reconciliation 4.30pm, Mass 5.00pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

[Psalter 1, Proper of the Season]

Sunday 2 nd	St Joseph's Mass 9.00am St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In Tewkesbury 8.50am each Sunday, prior to Mass,

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

The good shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

THE WORD – 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading [Acts 4: 8-12]

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter discovers his gift of healing. Only by the name of Jesus, he declares, can any of us be saved.

Second Reading [1 John 3: 1- 2] Whatever the future may hold, we have the assurance of being God's beloved children; Our vocation is to grow in the Father's likeness

Gospel [John 10: 11-18] Like a good shepherd, Jesus is dedicated to our care and protection. He laid down his life for the flock and others not yet in his fold

DPL Chippenham Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Corsham Saint Patrick



A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL + *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"* How can we fail to see in these words an implicit reference of the mystery of the Lord's Death and Resurrection? *"I lay down my life that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord, and I have power to take it up again"* (John 10:17-18) Christ freely offered himself on the Cross and rose by virtue of his own divine power. Therefore the allegory of the good shepherd has a strongly paschal character and for this reason the Church proposes it for our reflection during this Easter season. Christ's pastoral mission is a universal mission, which is not limited to the sons and daughters of Israel, but, by virtue of his sacrifice on the Cross, embraces all men and all peoples. (Blessed Pope John Paul II)

NEWS CONCERNING THE PRESBYTERY + Following discussion, it has been arranged that essential re-carpeting and decoration works will take place at the presbytery from mid-May, to prepare for Father Tony moving in 1st July. Currently contractors are preparing quotes for these works - including some urgent updating of the kitchen and bathroom and some minor improvements to the lighting. Fr Peter has asked that one room in the house is retained for his own exclusive use. This has been agreed with the Dean. Father Mills has also appointed a parishioner from St Thomas More parish to oversee the refurbishment works.

Naturally St Joseph's will contribute towards the cost of the works to Father Tony's (new) home. It may be necessary at a later stage to fund-raise in order that bank deposits in our three parishes are not too depleted.

SERVICES AT ST THOMAS MORE + Overleaf is given the time of the Saturday evening Mass (and confession) at St Thomas More in Cheltenham. Father Alan Finlay will be resident there until late summer and providing Mass until Father Tony takes over in July. It is hoped that the three congregations served by Father Tony will get to interact and know each other better as time goes by.

WORLD WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER + Chris Davies is away on the day in question – Friday 16th July - and is therefore unable to take a lead for our parish. Will someone please step forward to be the link so that we can join in more fully than is normally the case. Let Chris in the office know if you have *just one hour* to spare. Thank you.

LONG LOST PROPERTY + There are three items on the shelf in the Narthex – a pretty rosary, gloves and a pair of bifocals. These have been floating around for ages and will be disposed of if not claimed this week.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS + A list in the Narthex is for anyone wishing to have a Mass said for any special intention and a number of dates available in the next few weeks. Envelopes are provided for any stipend you wish to make.

200 CLUB WINNERS + Congratulations Audrey Torr (1st prize), Denise Clayton (2nd prize) and Chris Davies (3rd prize) Thanks to Angela Woolridge for drawing the numbers [No. 30, No. 39 and, once again, lucky No. 5!!]

FOR ANYONE NEEDING TO ENTER HOSPITAL +

Please remember to contact Father Tony for a blessing at home tony.pazhayakalam@cliftdiocese.com before you are admitted if at all possible. It is difficult to arrange ward visits with the pandemic situation

RESPONSES FOR WEDNESDAY MASS – 28th APRIL

Entrance Antiphon

I will be a witness to you in the world, O Lord. I will spread the knowledge of your name among my brothers, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe, Thomas, because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord says, I have chosen you from the world to go and bear fruit that will last, alleluia