

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, TEWKESBURY

With St Nicholas', Winchcombe

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

[Psalter 1, Proper of the Season]

Sunday 2 nd	St Joseph's Confession 8.30am Mass 9.00am <i>[Richard & Ann Williams and deceased children]</i> St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
Monday 3 rd	FEAST OF SS PHILIP AND JAMES – APOSTLES -No Services
Tuesday 4 th	FEAST OF ENGLISH MARTYRS <u>St Thomas More</u> Mass 6.00pm
Wednesday 5 th	Weekday of Easter St Joseph's Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.00am <i>[Sean Molloy RIP]</i>
Thursday 6 th	Weekday of Easter St Nicholas' Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.00am
Friday 7 th	Weekday of Easter - No Services
Saturday 8 th	Weekday of Easter <u>St Thomas More</u> 4.30pm Confessions, Mass 5.00pm

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

[Psalter 2, Proper of the Season]

Sunday 9 th	St Joseph's Mass 9.00am St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am <i>[John Parr RIP – Birthday Remembrance]</i>
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Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Make you home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

THE WORD – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading [Acts 9: 26-31]

Barnabas introduces Saul to the apostles, preparing the way for the mission of the future apostle Paul.

Second Reading [1 John 3: 18- 24]

We know that God lives in us when the Holy Spirit enables us to believe in Jesus and love one another as he told us to.

Gospel [John 15: 1-8]

Just as the branch has to be attached to the vine if it is to bear fruit, so we have to be united to Christ if we are to bear the fruits of love

Diocesan Prayer Link

Chard **English Martyrs** with Crewkerne & Ilminster



NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

THE MONTH OF MAY + Whilst we still have restrictions in place for our social interactions and services in church - there can be little in the way of processions – but there are many ways we can honour our Blessed Mother during this month of May, traditionally dedicated to her. There are some very ‘readable’ and inspiring accounts of Our Lady’s miraculous apparitions in the parish office – Lourdes and Fatima if anyone would like to borrow them.

Father has suggested that we say the rosary each Wednesday during May during Exposition and Angela will arrange for a crown of flowers to be placed on our Marian statue at St Joseph’s.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING THIS MONTH +

Gordon Thompson, Sean Molloy, Daniel Leonard, Winifred Smith, June Ouroussoff, Mary Egan, Pawlo Kostiuk, Marek Olczak, Kathleen Richard, Rosario Collins, Bridie Barry, Florence Lane and Alexander Butler.

[Please get in touch with our main parish office 01684 293273 if you wish any names to be added to those listed]

WORLD WOMEN’S DAY OF PRAYER + Thanks to Jeanette Lupino for stepping forward to be our link this year at Tewkesbury Abbey. Please everyone – including menfolk! note Friday 16th July in your diaries for this event.

SERVICES AT ST THOMAS MORE + Father Alan continues at St Thomas More until July and serves the 5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass until July, when Father Tony takes over the three parishes. The Saturday Mass is preceded by confessions at 4.30pm. See information overleaf. Father Tony continues to hear confessions before Mass on Sundays in Tewkesbury or can be contacted directly for those with a special need for the sacrament such as before admission to hospital.

RICHARD SEAR – ST JOSEPH’S ACTION MAN! + Following his cycling exploits in 2020, Richard will be pulling on his hiking boots and tramping through the countryside this year. Accompanied by some friends in the area raising funds for their own charities, Richard asks us to support him as he supports CAFOD’s **Walk for Water appeal**. To make a donation speak to him directly or go on line to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/3-rivers-challenge>

ELECTION DAY 6TH MAY + Our Narthex area will be used for the poll next Thursday and Chris Davies will preside – ensuring the legitimacy of the voting process and (*just as importantly*) maintain the high levels of safety in our church. The whole area will be disinfected during/at the end of the day but all are asked **not to enter the church during Friday or Saturday next week**. By Sunday there will then be no anxiety about our continued safety as we gather for Mass.

WINCHCOMBE PRESBYTERY REFURBISHMENTS +

A small sub-group of what will be the future ‘joint Finance Committee’ for the three joint parishes of Tewkesbury, Winchcombe and St Thomas More Cheltenham met during the week to discuss quotes for re-carpeting and painting. These works are a precursor to Father Tony moving in on 1st July. Work will commence end of May. *Capital* works on the presbytery remain the responsibility of Winchcombe, as each parish has a house to maintain, whether housing our priest or being rented out.

FOR ANYONE NEEDING TO ENTER HOSPITAL + Please remember to contact Father Tony for a blessing at home tony.pazhayakalam@clifondiocese.com *before you are admitted* if at all possible. It is difficult to arrange visits at present.

CHARITABLE DAY OUT +

Please see the notice in our Narthex of an Open Garden day which will take place at Forthampton Court on Sunday 23rd May provided the current situation with COVID 19 doesn’t disrupt the roadmap back to normality. Some of the proceeds will be for the National Health Service. More information on line at ngs.org.uk

RESPONSES FOR WEDNESDAY MASS – 5th MAY

Entrance Antiphon

Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory; songs of joy will be on my lips, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

I rejoiced when I heard them say: “Let us go to God’s house”.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Communion Antiphon:

Christ has risen and shines upon us, whom he has redeemed by his blood, alleluia.