



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN CHELTENHAM

Clifton Diocese - Registered Office: St. Ambrose, North Road, Leigh Woods, Bristol, BS8 3PW
Company number: 10462076 Charity Number: 1170168



16th December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Readings: Sunday: Cycle C, Weekday: Year 1, Proper of Season and Psalter: Week 3

Diocesan Prayer Link: Brockworth St Patrick

Churchdown Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Parish Priests: Rev Christopher Hickey and Rev Paul Brandon

<p>Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU Parish Priest: Fr Mark Moran Telephone: 01242 524932 Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 1.00 pm Email: cheltenham.sacredhearts@cliftondiocese.com Parish Website: www.sacredhearts.org.uk Twitter: @SacredHeartsCK</p>	<p>St Gregory the Great 10 St James Square, Cheltenham, GL50 3PR Tel: 01242 523737 www.stgregorys.org.uk St Thomas More Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham, GL51 7RA Tel: 01242 573128 www.stthomasmorechurch.org.uk</p> <p>Mass Times <i>Please visit STG AND STM websites for further information.</i></p>
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Sunday 16 th December – Third Sunday of Advent	
5.30 pm (Sat.)	Donor's Intention
8.15 am	Donor's Intention
10.30 am	Anthony Cava, RIP
4.15 pm	Mass In Polish
Monday 17 th December – Weekday of Advent II	
No Mass	
Tuesday 18 th December – Weekday of Advent II	
<i>No evening mass</i>	
7.00 pm	Advent Penitential Service at St Thomas More
Wednesday 19 th December – Weekday of Advent II	
2.00 pm	Requiem Mass for Annie Dillon Parker RIP
Thursday 20 th December – Weekday of Advent II	
9.15 am	Sue Pye, RIP
Friday 21 st December – Weekday of Advent II	
9.15 am	Eileen Wootton, RIP
Saturday 22 nd December – Weekday of Advent II	
<i>No morning mass or confessions</i>	
5.30 pm (Vigil)	Deceased members of the Mackey Family and Katherine O'Regan
Sunday 23 rd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent	
8.15 am	Ann Hookey, RIP
10.30 am	People of the Parish
4.15 pm	Mass In Polish

Sunday	5.00 pm (Sat.) 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 6.00 pm	St Thomas More St Gregory St Gregory St Gregory St Gregory
Monday	9.30 am	St Gregory
Tuesday	9.30 am	St Gregory
Wednesday	9.30 am 2.00 pm	St Gregory Requiem Mass for Freda Hedges, RIP
Thursday	9.30 am 6.30 pm	St Gregory St Thomas More
Friday	9.30 am	St Gregory
Saturday	9.30 am	St Gregory

In our Prayers this Week... Bishop Declan, the schools and parishes of our diocese, the sick of the Parish - in Hospital and our Housebound Community, the Homeless, Destitute and Dispossessed and those in despair.

IN MEMORIAM: For those who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
16th Spero Egginton (2012) 17th Norma Levick (2015)

Mass at Nazareth House
DAILY at 10.00 am

DEANERY ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This will take place on Tuesday 18th December at St Thomas More church, Princess Elizabeth Way, starting at 7pm.

This will be the only penitential service that will take place in the deanery and will be your last opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Sacred Hearts: Saturday 5 th January after the morning mass (9:45 am – 10:15 am) St Gregory's: Saturdays 10.00 am – 11.00 am St Thomas More: Saturdays 4.30 pm – 4.45 pm
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Sacred Hearts: 8.30 am when there is a morning Mass at 9.15 am First Friday of the month from 9.45 am, finishing at 12.15 pm

Mass Text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.
FIRST READING:	From the prophet Zephaniah 3: 14 – 18
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	Is 12: 2-6 RESPONSE: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst in the Holy One of Israel.
SECOND READING:	From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4: 4 – 7
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia.
GOSPEL:	Luke 3: 10 – 18
MEM. ACCLAMATION:	SUNG – Acclamation 3
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS [Fourth Sunday of Advent] Mc 5: 1 – 4, Ps 79; Heb 10: 5 – 10; Luke 1: 39 – 44

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will close on Friday 21st December at 1.00 pm and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 9.00 am.

YEAR OF PRAYER – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

‘If you want God, and long for union with him, yet sometimes wonder what that means or whether it can mean anything at all, you are already walking with the God who comes. If you are at times so weary and involved with the struggle of living that you have no strength even to want him, yet you are still dissatisfied that you don’t, you are already keeping Advent in your life. If you have ever had an obscure intuition that the truth of things is somehow better, greater, more wonderful than you deserve or desire, that the touch of God in your life stills you by its gentleness, that there is a mercy beyond anything you could ever suspect, you are already drawn into the central mystery of salvation.’ (Maria Boulding)

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please add your name to the list in the church porch if you would like to read at any of the Christmas Services (*you do not have to be a regular reader*)

ADVENT TALKS

‘LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD’
Café course (week 5 of 5) on Wednesdays at 7.15 pm
in Sacred Hearts’ hall lounge.

ALL ARE WELCOME

BAPTISM: In asking to have your child baptised, parents are making a commitment to bring up their child to know and to practice their faith and the faith of the Church. If you are regularly attending mass and are ready to make that commitment; please contact Father Mark.

PLEASE NOTE: A minimum of 3 months notice will be required along with regular attendance at mass.

A course for parents is also available; please contact Laura Davis email: ericlauradavis@me.com

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Traditionally the Christmas Collection, along with that at Easter, are the only collections given to the priest during the year and is an important way in which the parishes support the unsalaried priests of the diocese. Envelopes into which offerings may be placed, are on the table at the back of Church. Thank you

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2018/19

Our programme continues today with
Session 4: ‘God helps me get it right.’
Meetings take place after the 10.30 Mass
in the William Lampley Room.
Attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass weekly is an important part of the course.

CHELTENHAM DEANERY - JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) COURSE

The programme is being led by Fr Tony Pazhayakalam, CST and continues on **Wednesday 9th January 2019.**

All meetings are held on Wednesday evenings, between 7pm and 8.15pm, in the committee room of Sacred Hearts Hall.

Full details of course are on the noticeboard.

MARRIAGE: If you are thinking of getting married, you will be required to attend a marriage preparation course and be in contact with your parish priest.

REMEMBER at least 6 months’ notice is required to ensure the paperwork, enquiries and necessary permissions from the Marriage Tribunal have been obtained.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: ANY and ALL requests for visits must go through the Chaplaincy office at the hospital (*and not to your parish priest.*) **Please ring 03004 222 222** and ask them to contact the Catholic Priest on call. *Thank you.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS & PARISH OUTREACH

Special Collections: Poor Missions of the Diocese £302.74
Catholic Youth Service £214.23

The moneys raised this year through the sale of books in the hall and tea/coffee serviced after Mass amounted to £1,530.13 and this has been shared equally between: Bees Abroad, GARAS, Mary’s Meals and the St Barnabas Society. *Thank you for your generosity.*

HALL BOOKINGS: For enquiries about booking the hall facilities please telephone Gill Cogram on **07340 072 677** (Monday to Friday 9am-11am & 2pm – 8pm) or email hallatSH@clifftondiocese.com Please refer to the calendar on the parish website for details of all current bookings www.sacredhearts.org.uk

OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Do you have/work for a local building firm? Would you like the chance to tender for a larger scale renovation project at St Gregory’s school? If so, please let us know and we will provide you with the details of the project manager who can go through the project with you. We would love to use local businesses. If so, please email Mrs Blanch the Headteacher on head@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk. Likewise, we have a need for local tradespeople to do odd-jobs around the school: gardening, carpentry, plumbing, small scale building, general grounds and building maintenance. If you’re interested in us using your business for these jobs, please send your details to our School Business Manager, Mrs Salcombe by emailing sbm@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk. We would LOVE to use local suppliers, especially our own Parishioners.

CHARLTON KINGS FILM SOCIETY

Our next film on Friday 28th December is ‘The Greatest Showman.’ Hugh Jackman stars at PT Barnum, a circus entrepreneur who promotes unique individuals. Despite trials and tribulations in his work and family life, it is an uplifting, joyous musical. A seasonal treat for all the family. Doors open at 7.00 pm; film starts at 7.45 pm. Tickets £5 on the door or season tickets available. For our full season listings see our website ckfilmsociety.org

BOOK CLUB

We are now reading “Queen of Katwe” by Tim Crothers and we shall meet to discuss the book on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 7.30pm in the hall committee room over a cup of tea or coffee. Everyone is welcome.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: These governors have an important part to play in ensuring the Catholic character of our schools. Skills from all areas are useful, such as; buildings, health & safety, finance, HR, education, parish and community work. Please call Cathy Hipkiss Chair at St Thomas More on 07733 005969 if you would like an initial chat about becoming a governor or email chair@st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk.

STATUTORY ADMISSION POLICY CONSULTATION – ST PETER’S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE, GLOUCESTER

The consultation period lasts for the Admissions Policy for 2020 is from 27th November 2018 until 31st January.

Please see notice board for more information