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Mass Times
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Sunday Masses – FOR SEPTEMBER
Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the school on the 2nd 9th and 16th September.

Sunday 5.00 pm (Sat.)
St Thomas More
St Gregory’s church
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Monday 9.30 am
StG (Old Priory)
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Tuesday 9.30 am
StG (Old Priory)
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Wednesday 7.00 pm
St G’s Church Latin Mass
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St Thomas More

Thursday 9.30 am
StG (Old Priory)
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Friday 9.30 am
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Saturday 9.30 am
St Thomas More
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Mass at Nazareth House – DAILY at 10am (not Monday)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
St Thomas More: Saturdays 10.00 – 11.00 am

2nd Collection - CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE
There will be a second collection taken at all Sunday Masses next weekend (8/9th September) for The Catholic Education Service in England & Wales. CESEW supports our Catholic schools in so many ways. It negotiates, on behalf of our bishops, with governments and other national bodies on legal, administrative, and religious education matters in order to promote and safeguard Catholic interests in education and contribute to Christian perspectives within educational debate at national level. It works closely with the Department for Education and Formation and liaises with representatives of those working in Catholic education across England and Wales. CESEW advises the Bishops on educational matters and promotes the educational policies of the Bishops’ Conference. Our money supports them in all they do to support our Catholic schools.

YEAR OF MISSION – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
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Mass Text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING: From the book of Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 2, 6 – 8
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 14  RESPONSE: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
SECOND READING: From the letter of St James 1: 117 – 18, 21 – 22, 27
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.
GOSPEL: Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23
MEM. ACCLAMATION: SUNG – Acclamation 3
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS [Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time]  Is 35: 4 – 7; Ps 145; James 2: 1 – 5; Mark 7: 31 – 37

WEEKDAY READERS: Please collect your new rota from the back of the church.

DEANERY RETREAT DAY AT SACRED HEARTS
Fr Ian Kelly will lead a Retreat Day on Saturday 6th October which will highlight the ministries of Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The day will begin with Mass at 9.30 am. ALL are welcome. Re-commissioning of Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place on 6th/7th October.

CHELTENHAM DEANERY RCIA COURSE
If you are thinking of being Baptised/Confirmed as an adult, or entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, please come along to the introduction to the course on Wednesday 19th September. The programme will be led by Fr Tony Pazhayakalam, CST. All meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings, (between 7pm and 8.30pm) in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall. Full details of course on the noticeboard

HOSPITAL: If you require the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick please request this from your parish priest, before your admission. From September, please ensure the NEW Catholic Hospital Chaplain is aware of your hospital admissions by calling St Peter’s 01452 523603.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS: Training Course for New Volunteers. Starting Wednesday 26th Sept. 9am-12:30pm. Sessions held in Cheltenham and Gloucester according to room availability. For full details & booking form Tel: 0300 422 6200 or email: ghn-tr.spitualcare@nhs.net

PERMANENT DIACONATE: The diocese have arranged a series of discernment sessions for men who may be interested in becoming a Deacon. These sessions are on Saturdays: 29 September, 24 November, 12 January and 16 March. For more information please contact Fr Christopher Whitehead on 0117 902 5595.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Led by Father Mark, and accompanied throughout by an experienced tour guide, we shall be making an 8-day Pilgrimage to The Holy Land from 23rd to 30th October 2019. The price indicator is £1329/person and at this stage we want to encourage you to book early so that the group can begin to make final arrangements. All meetings will be required to attend a marriage preparation course & be in contact with your parish priest. PLEASE NOTE: A minimum of 3 months notice will be required along with regular attendance at mass.

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.

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

MARRIAGE: If you are thinking of getting married, you will be required to attend a marriage preparation course & 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.

HEALING PRAYER: This month the prayer group will join the parish Holy Hour that is taking place on 3rd September at 7.30 pm.

PLEASE place your prayer requests in the box in the church porch. ALL the requests that have been received will be placed at the foot of the Altar during the Holy Hour. The monthly meetings are open to everybody, please feel free to come along to any of the meetings.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: The next meeting takes place on 6th September in the Hall Lounge at 2.00 pm. The speaker is Adele Owen, the Director of Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers ( GARAS ) Everyone is very welcome to hear the latest on the Syrian Refugee Housing situation.

CHARLTON KINGS FILM SOCIETY – Season Four
CKFS is pleased to announce the start of its fourth film season on Friday 14th September. You are warmly invited to join us in Sacred Hearts Hall at 7.45pm, doors open at 7pm, for the showing of our first film, Victoria and Abdul. This Oscar nominated film depicts the unlikely friendship between Queen Victoria, Judy Dench, and a young Indian clerk, Ali Fazal. Tickets £5 on the door or season tickets available. For our full season listings see our website ckfilmsociety.org or pick up a brochure. We look forward to seeing you soon.

GDPR REGULATIONS: Please be aware that names of people who are alive can no longer be announced or placed in the newsletter without their consent and any mass intentions for people who are sick will appear in the newsletter as: For the donor’s intention

ARE YOU STILL REGISTERED WITH THE PARISH? – IN LINE WITH THE GDPR GUIDELINES ALL OLD RECORD WILL BE DESTROYED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2018. If you have not already completed the new parish census form, please can I ask you to complete the new census form as a matter of urgency. This can be found in the letter rack with the newsletters. Please return to the parish office. Thank you.

EMERGENCY EXITS: Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the nearest exit.

In case of an emergency please leave all belongings and move immediately to the fire points which are:

1. On the field away from the building and 2. At the far end of the car park