

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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Parish Priest: Rev. Canon David Mills *vf*

Permanent Deacon: Rev. John Andrews

Parish Administrator: Michael Burnell

Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time - Week 14	
Sunday, 5th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Bill Craig RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> 5:00pm <i>Repose of the soul of A C Mathew</i>
Monday, 6th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>William Cremins RIP</i>
Tuesday, 7th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Molly McKittrick RIP</i>
Wednesday, 8th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>No morning Mass</i> 11:00am <i>Requiem Mass for Francis Smith</i>
Thursday, 9th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>No morning Mass</i> 11:00am <i>Requiem Mass for Michael Slevin</i>
Friday, 10th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>John McKenna and Joan Rutherford RIP</i>
Saturday, 11th July <i>Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe</i>	9:30am <i>Margo Kinmond RIP</i>
Sunday, 12th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Collection: Stella Maris (Sea Sunday)</i>	9:30am (<i>Children's Mass</i>) <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Martine du Chatenet RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Cynthia Orji RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of: <i>Sanctuary: Laurence & Joyce Fletcher RIP</i> <i>Our Lady Chapel: Deceased family and friends of the Teesdale family</i>	



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Holy Rosary

The holy rosary is prayed in Church each Friday evening at 5:00pm

Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Saturday morning after Mass from 10:00am - 10:30am

Arranging a Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your baby.

In the first instance you will need to speak with Canon Mills after Mass. Parents need to attend a preparation course prior to the Baptism.

Arranging a Wedding

Congratulations on your engagement.

To arrange a wedding speak with Canon Mills after Mass. Couples need to give at least six months' notice of their intention to get married.

Safeguarding

Our parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance, and both National and Diocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Owen Holbrook** and, can be contacted at: psr.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com.

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Second Collection – Stella Maris

Next Sunday, is *Sea Sunday* and a second collection will be taken at all Masses. Stella Maris (SM) in England and Wales is part of an international network of agencies working in 89 countries to support the people of the sea. SM is an agency of the Catholic Church whose outreach involves spiritual and pastoral, practical and welfare, education and campaigning work in support of all seafarers, regardless of their nationality, colour or creed. SM supports seafarers through a network of chaplains and ship visitors; lay and ordained, paid and volunteer, who proactively visit seafarers on their ships offering the hand of friendship and, run ecumenical drop-in centres in ports where seafarers can relax and contact their families by phone or email; and accompany seafarers on their voyages as seagoing chaplains.

<https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/>

St Gregory's Choral Scholarships 2026/2027

The parish is offering choral scholarships for young Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses (ages 14–18). Scholars will sing with the 11.15am Mass choir, joining at least eight services and weekly Friday rehearsals each term, plus a small number of additional performances. Recent highlights include Fauré's *Requiem*, Allegri's *Miserere*, and a traditional Nine Lessons and Carols. The scholarship is £200 per term (£600 total) and provides excellent experience for developing singers, especially those considering future choral scholarships. Awards run for all three terms, subject to commitment and attendance. Applicants need not be Catholic but should be respectful of the parish's liturgy. **How to apply:** Complete the online form via the link on the home page of the parish website by **Friday 10 July**. Shortlisted candidates will audition on **Saturday 25 July**, performing a solo piece, a short sight-reading test, and an informal chat with the Director of Music. For more information, contact Rebecca German, Director of Music: [Click Here](#). A form can also be requested via the parish office.

Safeguarding Volunteer role

The **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee** is seeking a dedicated and experienced volunteer with a background in social work to join the Risk Allegation Review Meeting panel. This is a vital role contributing to the safeguarding and wellbeing of individuals within our Diocesan community. More information about the role is available on the Diocesan website:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

Organ Recital – Classical Masterpieces in Film

Dr August Guan's next organ recital takes place on **Saturday 11 July at 2:30pm**, featuring music from *Melancholia*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, and other cinematic masterpieces. Free entry, with a retiring collection.

Clifton Diocese Trustee

The Diocese is seeking a new Trustee to strengthen the Board's skills. Applicants should have strong governance knowledge and experience in change management or transformation. This voluntary role involves one 4-hour Board meeting about eight times a year on Wednesdays at 9.30 am in Bristol, plus membership of at least one sub-committee meeting six times a year. Preparation time is required, and Trustees typically give around 8 hours per month plus travel. Training and travel expenses are provided. Expressions of interest, with a recommendation from your Parish Priest, should be sent to the Bishop's Office via Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW, or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com by **30 June 2026**.

Sunday refreshments -Volunteers needed

We hope that everyone enjoys coming through to the Old Priory for refreshments, but we need more helpers at both the 9.30am and 11:15am Sunday Masses. One of our regular 9.30am teams will be stepping down in August. It is not a difficult task and contributes to the life of the Parish. Please consider helping - For more information, please contact the office or email: jjze.willson@blueyonder.co.uk

Foundation Governor Vacancy

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is seeking new Foundation Governors. Working as part of a committed governing body, Foundation Governors help ensure that pupils receive a high-quality education rooted in the mission and values of the Catholic Church. Our governors are drawn from all three Cheltenham parishes and bring a wide range of experience and perspectives. For more information, please visit: www.st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk/our-governors or contact Cathy Hipkiss, Chair of Governors, at chair@st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to support **Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am Sunday Mass**. No experience needed—just a willingness to help children grow in their faith. If you are interested, please speak to the team after Mass or contact the parish office. *Even a small commitment can make a big difference.*

Sacrament of the Sick – Hospital Visits

If you or a loved one is admitted to either Cheltenham General, or Gloucester Royal hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please ask for the hospital chaplaincy team on 0300 422 2222. The Sacrament of the Sick brings strength, peace and comfort, making present Christ's healing love for those who are unwell. **Please remember all who are sick in your prayers.**

RCIA – Journey in Faith

The RCIA Journey in Faith programme offers monthly sessions for those wishing to grow in their faith or consider becoming part of the Catholic Church, with adult reception typically taking place at Easter. Feel free to join us and invite someone who might like to come. Our next session will be held **on Thursday, 16 July at 6:30pm** and we will be discussing '*Creation – God in the World*'. All are welcome!

Book Club

The Book Club meets at 7:00 pm on the first and third Mondays of each month. At the next meeting on **Monday, 6 July**, we will gather for *Lectio Divina*, the prayerful reading of Scripture, using Matthew 13:1–23 as our text. On **Monday, 20 July**, we will discuss Pope Leo's homily delivered at the Basilica of the Sagrada Família on 20 June (<https://tinyurl.com/5ed3rb8m>), which participants are asked to read in advance. **All are very welcome!**

St James Chapel – Pilgrimage Walk

Following the great success of last year's pilgrimage, it will be held again on **Saturday, 25 July**, the Feast of St James. Full details, along with the (essential) registration form, can be found on the Parish website. Mass will be celebrated at St James at midday, following a three-hour walk from St Gregory's (with shorter route options also available).

St Gregory's School – Volunteer Required!

St Gregory's Primary School are looking for a garden maintenance volunteer to help keep the school space thriving. The area is their Eco Hub – a space where children can learn about nature, develop an understanding of the environment, and connect with the outdoors through hands-on experiences. They are looking for someone who would be happy to give a little of their time to help keep the area looking its best by weeding, planting, growing vegetables, flowers or herbs in the raised beds, and generally tidying and maintaining the space. The children use the area throughout the year as part of their learning, so having it well cared for would make a real difference. If you are interested, please contact the school directly.

Marriage Support

Retrouvaille offers hope and support for couples facing difficulties in their marriage. Next programme is from 2–4 October. Tel: 07887 296983 [LINK](#)

Of your charity, pray for the souls of Joan Frois and Audrey McCausland who have recently died. May they rest in Peace.

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: Peggy Tostevin, Michael Benyon, Margaret Aubrey, William Cremins, Janet Budden, Margaret Kelly, Evelyn Hannah, Margo Kinmond and Kathleen Janetta

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our

prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, ***(bow)*** and ***by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.***

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

Solemn Mass
Credo III - No 503

Sunday, 5 July 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Collect

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading Zechariah 9:9-10

Thus says the Lord:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145(144)

℟: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

*I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever. ℟*

*The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. ℟*

*All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds. ℟*

*The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
I will bless your name for ever, my God and king. ℟*

Second reading Romans 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Or:

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.