



St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time - Week 11	
Sunday, 14th June <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Collection: Day for Life</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Cynthia Orji RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Eileen Margaret Hunt RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>Frederick & Elizabeth Hanlon RIP</i>
Monday, 15th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Mick Slevin RIP</i>
Tuesday, 16th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Mick Slevin RIP</i>
Wednesday, 17th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>No morning Mass</i> 9:30am <i>Liturgy of the word, Exposition of the blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i>
Thursday, 18th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>No morning Mass</i> 9:30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>
Friday, 19th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Sarah Harrington RIP</i>
Saturday, 20th June <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30am <i>Mick Slevin RIP</i> <i>First Holy Communion Mass</i> <i>No confessions or Exposition</i>
Sunday, 21st June <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Audrey Almeida RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Mrs. F Cintra - In Thanksgiving</i> 5:00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of: <i>Sanctuary: Deceased family and friends of the Teesdale family</i> <i>Our Lady Chapel: Intentions of the Stratford 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 – Day for Life

This Sunday a second collection will be taken at all Masses for the Day for Life. Day for Life – the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death. The collection assists The Anscombe Bioethics Centre for Healthcare and Ethics in Oxford (formerly the Linacre Centre) and other pro-Life groups. The Centre exists to help Catholics and others to explore the Church's position on bioethical issues. Its perspective is informed by Catholic moral teaching, but in defending such teaching it seeks also to enable dialogue with those of no religious faith. www.dayforlife.org

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. The next session is on **Thursday, 18 June** to discuss *"Who is Jesus?"*.

First Holy Communion 2026

We will celebrate the second First Holy Communion Mass for the young members of our parish on **Saturday, 20 June**. **Please note that there will be no confessions or exposition on this date.** We ask you to continue praying for the children as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion.

St Peters Catholic High School. Gloucester

We are delighted to welcome Mr Daniel Leiblic, who will be joining St Peter's Catholic High School, Gloucester, as Headteacher this September. He is keen to connect with the local community and will offer a brief introduction at the end of our 9:30am Mass this **Sunday, 14 June**.

Martyn Jones - Diaconate Ordination

Please keep Martyn Jones, the seminarian from our parish, in your prayers as he prepares to be ordained into the Diaconate on this *coming Wednesday* at The Papal Basilica of St Paul, Outside of the Walls, Rome

Sitch and Pray

We meet again on **Saturday, 27 June**. Everyone is warmly invited to join us in The Old Priory, from 1pm until 4pm, for a peaceful afternoon of stitching and prayer.

Upcoming Event – Organ Recital

The next recital by our organist Dr August Guan, will be at 2pm on **Saturday 27 June** and will feature a programme of music exclusively by J S Bach. As usual entry is free with a retiring collection.

Vocations Sunday, Permanent Diaconate

This Sunday, 14 June, our diocese marks a dedicated Vocations Sunday for the Permanent Diaconate. In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus looks out at the crowds — harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd — and his heart is moved with compassion. He turns to his disciples and says: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers."* Then he sends them.

This is the heart of the permanent diaconate. Deacons are generally married men, often with children, who work in the world and who are called from the midst of the people and sent back to the people — to proclaim the Gospel, to serve at the altar, and to bring the compassion of Christ to the poor, the forgotten, and the overlooked. Bishop Bosco hopes that by 2035 every parish in our diocese will have a deacon available to them.

On Sunday 21 June, we welcome Deacon Lawrence McCarthy to preach at 9:30am and 11:15am Masses. Deacon Laurence will be available to chat about life as a Permanent Deacon after Mass. If you are a man of prayer who feels drawn to serve the Church more deeply — or if you know someone who might — please speak to your parish Clergy or Deacon Steve Boughton at diaconal.formation@cliftondiocese.com or visit www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations.

St Gregory's Choral Scholarships

We are planning to inaugurate 4 choral scholarships for talented young singers to bolster our choir. There will be a modest financial award to assist them in their study commitments. Details of the online application process will be published shortly.

The Faithful Fellowship

Our Faithful Fellowship group welcomes A-level, college, and university students who want to pray together, explore meaningful conversations, and occasionally take part in charitable projects. Join us for our next bring-and-share gathering of food, prayer, and conversation on **Sunday, 21 June**, right after the 5:00pm Mass, finishing at 8:30pm.

Beware of Scam Emails!

We want to alert everyone to recent scam emails purporting to be from Canon David Mills or the parish office. These messages may use familiar names and ask for urgent help, gift cards, money, or personal information. *Please remember: our clergy and staff will never request financial assistance or sensitive details.* **Please Delete the message.** If you're unsure, contact the parish office directly.

The Book Club

*The Book Club meets on the first and third Monday evenings of each month at 7:00pm. On the first Monday we do Lectio Divina - the prayerful reading of scripture, a quiet and reflective time to ponder on The Word, and then to discuss. The Third Monday, we read, ponder and discuss the writings of the Popes. This month on **Monday, 15 June at 7:00pm** we will study the introduction to Magnifica Humanitas which you should read before coming. It is at <http://bit.ly/43K6RDX> and note - read just the introduction, not the entire encyclical!*

CYAN – Young Adults Gathering

Young adults aged 18–35 are warmly invited to a special CYAN gathering on **Saturday, 27 June**, following the Parishes Patronal Feast Day Mass celebrated by Bishop Bosco at St Thomas More Parish Hall. After the 5pm Mass, there will be a bring-and-share meal, followed by an informal discussion and an opportunity to ask Bishop Bosco questions about faith, vocation, and life in the Church. All are welcome, whether you are already part of CYAN or attending for the first time. Please do join us for what promises to be a memorable and uplifting evening.

55 Club

2026 is a Year of Pilgrimage, inviting us not only to visit holy places but to deepen our spiritual journey and encounter God. At our next meeting on **Thursday, 18 June** Edward Kaminski will be giving a talk on the Medieval Pilgrimage Sites of Gloucestershire—come along to learn more. We meet at 10am in the Old Priory, beginning with coffee, cake, and conversation. New members and guests are warmly welcome. For more information, please contact Stella on 07824 427400.

People's Emergency Briefing Film

A free 50-minute documentary screening will take place in the Old Priory on **Tuesday 30 June at 7pm**, followed by a panel discussion including Cheltenham Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency. Bishop John Arnold says the film "lays bare how serious the climate and nature crisis is... and the need to come together to respond." Suitable for ages 16+. For more information contact: Martin Davis 01242 244182 or by email at: cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com. **Booking essential:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peoples-emergency-briefing-film-and-discussion-tickets-1989118243211>

Of your charity, pray for the souls of Michael Slevin and Francis Smith who have recently died. May they rest in Peace.

***Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Natalia Burnett, Pauline Copley, Brenda Thorn, Kathleen O'Halloran, Mary Lee, Thomas Chandy, Hannah Sanders, Michael Steed, Freda Gunn, Fr Dick Twomey and Norman Herbert*

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

Solemn Mass
Credo III - No 503

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

Sunday, 14 June 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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

Exodus 19:2-6a

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps: 147

℟: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. ℟

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us; we belong to him.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. ℟

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. ℟

Second reading

Romans 5:6-11

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies

we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Or:

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.