



St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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Parish Priest: Rev. Canon David Mills *vr* **Permanent Deacon:** Rev. John Andrews

Parish Administrator: Michael Burnell

Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time - Week 10	
Sunday, 7th June <i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i> (Corpus Christi)	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Deceased of the Cody Family</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>John, Anne & Stan Bevan</i> 5:00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 8th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Deceased of the Skelton family</i>
Tuesday, 9th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Desmond, Matthew & May Millet RIP</i>
Wednesday, 10th 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, 11th June <i>Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle</i>	9:30am <i>Patrick & Eileen O'Hanlon RIP</i>
Friday, 12th June <i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9:30am <i>Holy Souls</i> 2:00pm <i>Marriage of Agnieszka Omnietek & Andrew Bishop</i>
Saturday, 13th June <i>Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30am <i>People of the Parish</i> First Holy Communion Mass <i>No confessions or Exposition</i>
Sunday, 14th June <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Collection: Day for Life</i>	9:30am (Children's Mass) <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>
Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of: Sanctuary: Deceased family and friends of the Teesdale family Our Lady Chapel: Intentions of the Stratford family	



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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

Next 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. Meetings run from April to August on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in The Old Priory. 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?"*.

St Gregory's Childcare Educational Trust

St Gregory's Childcare Trust is looking for a qualified Early Years Educator. If you know someone who might be interested, please let us know! childcare@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk. Full job advert is available on Indeed, Pata or Glos jobs

First Holy Communion 2026

We will celebrate the First Holy Communion Masses for the young members of our parish on **Saturday, 13 June, and Saturday, 20 June. Please note that there will be no confessions or exposition on either of these dates.** We ask you to continue praying for the children as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion.

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.

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 next **Sunday, 14 June**.

A Feather on the Breath of God

Organised by Herefordshire and Cheltenham Inter Faith groups, an exploration of the life, visions and wisdom of Hildegard of Bingen through songs, meditations, dance, stories, poetry and food. From 10:00am to 4:30pm on **27 June 2026 at Bethesda Methodist Church, Great Norwood Street GL50 2AP**. Lunch will be provided at a cost of £15 to £30 (based on what you can afford). Booking for this event is essential: info@cheltenhaminterfaith.org.uk

Listening to Christ in the Scriptures

St Francis Parish, Nailsea, is delighted to welcome **Fr Łukasz Popko OP**, who will be offering a series of talks. He will speak on **Saturday 20 June**, preach at the **Sunday 21 June** Masses, and lead a **Day of Recollection on Monday 22 June**. The sessions on Saturday and Monday will begin after the 9.15am Mass. Please bring a packed lunch on these days; refreshments will be available. Fr Łukasz is a Polish Dominican friar and a distinguished biblical scholar based at the École Biblique et Archéologique Française de Jérusalem (EBAF). His research centres on the Old Testament and biblical poetry. Among his notable publications is *Questioning God*, co-authored with Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, which explores biblical dialogues as a path to deepening one's relationship with God. He is also a frequent contributor to international biblical conferences and takes part in interdisciplinary conversations on faith and literature. **For further information, please contact Fr Frank at Nailsea on 01275 851530.**

St Gregory's School – Governing Body Vacancies

Could you help shape our children's future? The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great is seeking committed individuals to join our Governing Body, including an opportunity to serve as Chair of Governors. Serving our school community is both a calling and a rewarding way to support our staff, families, and—most importantly—our children. If you feel called to offer your skills, faith, and experience in this way, we would be delighted to hear from you. For further information or to express an interest, contact: clerk@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk.

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 Wednesday, 17 June at The Papal Basilica of St Paul, Outside of the Walls, Rome.

St James Chapel – Parish Pilgrimage

We will be having another parish pilgrimage to St James Chapel, Postlip. on **Saturday, 25 July**. *Further details will be announced in the newsletter and will be available on the parish website.*

The Book Club

The Book Club meets on the first and third Monday evenings of each month at 19:00. 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!

Clifton Diocese Trustee

The Diocese is currently looking for an individual to join the Board of the Trustees to enhance the skills of the Board. Suitable applicants should have a detailed understanding of governance, and experience in change management and transformation activities. This is a voluntary role with the commitment to one 4-hour meeting approximately eight times per year on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol, along with membership of at least one sub-committee which would meet six times per year. Time to prepare for the various meetings is also required. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 8 hours per month plus travelling time. Trustee training and travel expenses will be provided. *Expressions of interest in the role, together with a recommendation from your Parish Priest, should be submitted to the Bishop's Office via Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW. or contact Alessia by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com by 30 June 2026.*

Peoples Emergency Briefing Film

A private screening of this new 50-minute documentary will be held in the Old Priory on **Tuesday 30 June at 7pm**. A panel-led discussion will follow, including Cheltenham Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency. Bishop John Arnold, lead bishop for the environment, says the film "lays bare how serious the climate and nature crisis is... and the need to come together to respond to this emergency... We will be encouraging as many parishes to screen the People's Emergency Briefing as possible." Free admission; suitable for ages 16+. Places are limited so please reserve your place at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peoples-emergency-briefing-film-and-discussion-tickets-1989118243211> For more information contact: Martin Davis 01242 244182 or cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com.

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: George Cullen, Susan Skellon, Sheila Willcox, Lucy Costello, Walid Cotta, Dorothea Ellis and Edward Kuszniarski

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, 7 June 2026

Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi

Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading **Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a**

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Do not forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps: 147

℟: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

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O Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you. **℟**

He established peace on your borders;
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command. **℟**

He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements. **℟**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Sequence

Sung by Choir at 11:15am Mass

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever.