



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 8	
Sunday, 24th May <i>Solemnity of Pentecost</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Gertrude Margaret Barlow RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Private Intention</i> 5:00pm <i>John Jordan RIP</i>
Monday, 25th May <i>Bank Holiday</i> <i>Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	No Mass
Tuesday, 26th May <i>Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest</i>	9:30am <i>Elizabeth & James Common RIP</i> 2:00pm <i>Funeral Service for Elizabeth Brown</i>
Wednesday, 27th May <i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	No morning Mass 9:30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>
Thursday, 28th May <i>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest</i>	9:30am <i>Mary Costello RIP & Peggy Wigall RIP</i>
Friday, 29th May <i>Weekday of Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Jean Gompertz RIP</i>
Saturday, 30th May <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30am <i>For Lyn who is ill</i>
Sunday, 31st May <i>Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Intentions of Alex Smith</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Private Intention</i> 5:00pm <i>Intentions of Alex Smith</i>
Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of: Sanctuary: Ben McDonald RIP Our Lady Chapel: Deceased family and friends of the Teesdale 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.

St Gregory's is a *Drive simply* Parish

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Second Collection – Priests Retirement Fund

Thank you to all that donated to the priest's retirement fund last Sunday. £1,814.54 was donated and has been transferred to the fund.

CYAN – Youn Adults (18-35)

Are you between 18 and 35? Why not join CYAN (Catholic Young Adults Nourished) to meet others, build friendships and grow in faith together. Our May gathering will be a *"bring and share"* social on **Saturday 30 May at 6:30pm in St Thomas More Parish Hall**. Parking is available on site, and the venue is easily accessible by public transport. Come along to meet fellow young Catholics, enjoy a relaxed evening, and take part in this month's faith discussion on *"Pentecost and the Holy Spirit."* To help us plan catering, please let us know if you are able to attend: **cyangloucestershire@gmail.com** or message us on Instagram (**@cyan_glos**). Do include any dietary requirements when you reply. We look forward to welcoming you!

Food Donations Needed

St Gregory's School is appealing for food donations to support families in need, as supplies are currently running low. Long-life foods and household essentials such as pasta, sauces, biscuits, lunchbox snacks, toiletries and washing powder would be very gratefully received. Any donation, big or small, will make a real difference. ***Please take your donations to the school for this appeal.***

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**.

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

Stitch and Pray

We meet again on **Saturday, 30 May**. Everyone is warmly invited to join us at The Old Priory, from 1pm until 4pm, for a peaceful afternoon of stitching and prayer.

Iericho 300 Club

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 300 Club. Your prize cheques are on their way to you and our apologies for delay sending out these to you.

January 2026	
1st Prize £100	<i>McKenna (95)</i>
2nd Prize £50	<i>Brooke (39)</i>
3rd Prize £25	<i>Molony (110)</i>
February 2026	
1st Prize £100	<i>Andrews (102)</i>
2nd Prize £50	<i>Bruce-Smith (76)</i>
3rd Prize £25	<i>Bryant (63)</i>
March 2026	
1st Prize £100	<i>Hext (7)</i>
2nd Prize £50	<i>Bevan (63)</i>
3rd Prize £25	<i>Roger (115)</i>
April 2026	
1st Prize £100	<i>Roger (35)</i>
2nd Prize £50	<i>Meigh (64)</i>
3rd Prize £25	<i>Groves (106)</i>

Parking at St Gregory's School

Parishioners are reminded that parking in the school grounds, including the staff car park on Knapp Road, is not permitted at any time during the week. Parking is only allowed when attending Sunday morning Mass.

Parish Choir – New Members Welcome

Do you enjoy singing? Our parish Choir warmly welcomes enquiries from new members. We are a friendly, non-auditioned choir who rehearse on Friday evenings from 7.00–8.00pm in Church. The choir sings at the 11:15am Mass Sunday and plays an important part in the worship on Feast Days and celebration Masses throughout the year. If you would like to find out more, please speak to our Choir director, Rebecca after the 11:15am Mass or by email: music.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com

Laudato Si' Week Book Swap

Join us for coffee after the 9.30 Mass this Sunday, 24 May and check out our Book Swap table! Bring along up to three books to swap with others, or simply donate something you've enjoyed for someone else to discover. There'll also be a craft table where you can design your own bookmark. From hope to action!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place each Sunday during the 9:30am Mass. Children are warmly invited to go to the Old Priory at the start of Mass to hear God's Word in an age-appropriate setting. They return at the time of the Offertory to join the congregation for the remainder of the Mass.

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.**

Fundraising Appeal

C. Turner will be taking part in a Yr Wyddfa Snowdon Sunrise Hike on 13th June to raise money for The Passage, a Catholic homeless charity in London. To sponsor her, look out for her after Mass or go to: https://www.justgiving.com/page/c-turner-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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.

St Gregorys School – Volunteer Required!

St Gregory's Primary School are looking for a garden maintenance volunteer to help keep the school space thriving. If you enjoy being outdoors, don't mind a bit of weeding or pruning, and want to make a positive difference locally, they would love to hear from you. The time commitment is flexible, and all experience levels are welcome. Please get in touch with the school if you're interested in volunteering. Thank you!

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: Teresa Costello, Joseph Falcon, Cathy Andrews, Sean O'Kelly, Baby Gabriel George Hopkins and John Joseph Flood.

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, 24 May 2026
Solemnity of Pentecost (A(II))

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104(103)

℟: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures. ℟*

*You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. ℟*

*May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD. ℟*

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Sequence – Veni, sancte Spiritus

(Sung at 11:15am Mass by choir)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

