



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 Easter Week 7

Sunday, 17th May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Collection: Priest Retirement Fund</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Deceased of the Cody family</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Cynthia Orji RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>Intentions of Alex Smith</i>
Monday, 18th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Alex Smith</i>
Tuesday, 19th May <i>Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop</i>	9:30am <i>Joyce Snelling RIP</i>
Wednesday, 20th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Liturgy of the word with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i>
Thursday, 21st May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Alex Smith</i>
Friday, 22nd May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Alex Smith</i>
Saturday, 23rd May <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> <i>No confessions or Exposition today</i>	11:00am <i>Confirmation Mass</i> <i>Celebrant +Bosco Macdonald</i> <i>Intentions of Alex Smith</i>
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>
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: Margaret McDonald RIP</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 – Priests Retirement Fund

This Sunday a second collection will be taken at all Masses for the Priests' retirement fund. This fund provides retirement grants and housing, including care home accommodation, to the priests who have served our Diocese faithfully during their years of active priestly ministry. This money supports them in their retirement and offers them security in their later years. Our gift to them through this fund shows them something of our gratitude and our support.

Knights of the Holy Sepulchre

Adrian Gamble KHS, President of the Western Section of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, will speak at the end of the 9.30am and 11.15am Masses this **Sunday 17 May**. He will share about the mission, spirituality and practical work of the Knights in supporting Christians in the Holy Land and will be available after Mass to answer any questions.

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.

Cheltenham Laudato Si'

Laudato Si' Week 2026: From Hope to Action - In celebration of the 11th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical, the Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle hosts a Garden Gathering, 6 - 7.15pm on **Thursday 21 May** at Garden Flat, 24 Warden Hill Road GL51 3AW. All welcome. Details cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com.

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 Faithful Fellowship

Our Faithful Fellowship group is open to A-level, college, and university students who want to pray together, discuss meaningful topics, and occasionally take on charitable projects. Our next gathering is on this **Sunday, 17 May**, beginning with Mass at 5:00pm followed by our meeting in the Old Priory.

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.

55 Club

Join us for coffee, cake and friendly conversation at on **Thursday, 21 May from 10.00am in the Old Priory**. Pat Hemming will guide us through "*The 20th Century Remembered*"—a fascinating look back at events you may recall, along with a few surprises! New members and visitors are always warmly welcome. For more information, please contact Stella on 07824 427400.

The Book Club

The book club meets twice a month to explore Scripture and selected papal writings. Our next meeting is **Monday, 18 May, 7pm – 8:30pm** in The Old Priory, focusing on Acts 2:1–11. Please contact Deacon John for details.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Bosco will visit the parish to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation Mass **next Saturday, 23 May at 11:00am**. Please continue to keep those preparing for this important step in your prayers. ***Please note there will be no confessions or exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this day.***

From Hope to Action: Laudato Si' Week 2026

The 11th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'* will be celebrated with a global week of events from 17–24 May. This year's theme, "From Hope to Action," calls us to move beyond reflection and embrace real, transformative steps to care for our common home. You can explore inspiring ideas, practical tools, and helpful resources here: <https://laudatosiweek.org/resources/>

Encounter 2026 – From Eastertide to Pentecost.

"Mission: How the Holy Spirit Guides Me in My Vocation" Join us for a series of inspiring evenings exploring how the Holy Spirit calls, guides and sends each of us on mission. Clifton Cathedral (or livestream) **Tuesdays, until 19 May, 7:00–9:00pm**. The series concludes with "Fire from Heaven" – a Pentecost Encounter Day and All-Night Vigil on 23 May (11:00am – 7:00am). For more information: **Encounter@cliftondiocese.com**. There is an opportunity to watch the recordings on the Thursday evenings following the talks, followed by refectio and prayer at **7.00pm in the Lampley Room at Sacred Hearts** - all are welcome.

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.

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 Mass or by email: music.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com

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.

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.

Of your charity, pray for the souls of Jean Gompertz and John Jordan who have recently died. **May they rest in peace.**

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: Jill Maryszcak, Thomas Ferbrache, Helena Holland, Chris Connerty and Bridget Anne Garvey.

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

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Collect
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Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(32)

*℟: I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? ℟*

*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,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to enquire at his temple. ℟*

*O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' ℟*

Second reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 17:1-11a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.