



St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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Parish Administrator: Michael Burnell

Liturgy this Week Easter Week 6

Sunday, 10th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am- Children's Mass <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Bernard Wren RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Ros Sarch RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>Scarlett Henry RIP</i>
Monday, 11th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Peter Cremins RIP</i>
Tuesday, 12th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Liz McKinnley</i>
Wednesday, 13th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Liturgy of the word with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i>
Thursday, 14th May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9:30am <i>Shibu Thomas RIP</i> 1:00pm Mass at St Thomas More 7:00pm <i>George Tulloch RIP</i>
Friday, 15th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Alex Smith</i> 2:00pm <i>Wedding of Laura Mackey & Oliver Green</i>
Saturday, 16th May <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Alex Smith</i>
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>
Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of: Sanctuary: Anne Lander 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.

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Second Collection – Priests Retirement Fund

Next Sunday, 17 May 2026 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 on **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.

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 **Sunday, 17 May**, beginning with Mass at 5:00pm followed by our meeting in the Old Priory.

Theology & Philosophy Reading Group

All are warmly invited to our new Theology & Philosophy Group, which meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm in The Old Priory library. Our next meeting takes place on **Tuesday 12 May**, when we will reflect on *The Idea of a University* by John Henry Newman. No advance reading is required, though copies of the text can be provided—please contact the eleni.thwaites@gmail.com or Deacon John if you would like one. **All are very welcome.**

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.

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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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.

55 Club

All aboard for a journey around the British Isles as Graham and Maggie Wheeler share stories from their sea-faring cruise adventures on **Thursday, 14 May**. We begin at 10am with homemade cake, coffee and friendly conversation. New members and guests are always welcome. For more details, contact Stella on 07824 427400.

Vocations

Following on from the visit of the Carmelites two weeks ago and the Bishop's letter last week, we hope and pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life. If you believe that Jesus is calling you to any of these vocations, please speak with Father David or Deacon John, who will be able to guide you further or visit the Clifton Diocese page: <https://cliftondiocese.com/vocations/>

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Bosco will visit the parish to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation Mass **on Saturday, 23 May at 11:00am**. Please continue to keep those preparing for this important step in your prayers.

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/>

Canon David Ryan's Golden Jubilee

Canon David Ryan, a retired priest living in our parish, invites parishioners to join him for Mass to celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the priesthood on **Saturday 18th July at 11:00am**. Bishop Bosco will celebrate the Mass, and refreshments will be served afterwards. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Mandy Baker (who is coordinating the arrangements) by **18 May** at mandybaker@live.co.uk.

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

Leaving a lasting legacy to the Church

Leaving a gift to charity in your will is a meaningful way to make a lasting difference. By including St Gregory's Church in your will, you can help support the long-term mission and ministry of our parish community. Legacy gifts to the Church are exempt from inheritance tax, making them a tax-efficient way to give. To leave a legacy, simply inform your solicitor or will writer of your intention to include a gift to St Gregory's. If you would like suggested wording for your will or codicil, please contact the parish office—we'll be happy to assist you.

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: Terence Loughlin, Teresa Johnson, Peter Cremins, Rosa Oliveri, Angela Pockett, Dame Josephine Spreckley OSB and Lucia D'Avanzo.

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, 10 May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 8:5-8, 14-17

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city. Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(32)

℟: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' *℟*

'Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God:
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. *℟*

He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. *℟*

Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love. *℟*

Second reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.