



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 4

Sunday, 26th April <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday</i> <i>Collection: Clergy Training</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Pat & Joe Cassidy RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Michael McClafferty RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>Private Intention</i>
Monday, 27th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>George Henry & Elizabeth John RIP</i>
Tuesday, 28th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday, 29th April <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday, 30th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>The O'Hanlon family</i>
Friday, 1st May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Maria Terese Padillo-Rivademar RIP</i>
Saturday, 2nd May <i>Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30am <i>Janet Holt RIP</i>
Sunday, 3rd May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Deborah Dias RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Private Intention</i> 5:00pm <i>Private Intention</i>
Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of: Sanctuary: Fr David 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.

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Special Collection – Clergy Training Fund

This Sunday a second collection will be taken at all Masses for the Clergy Training Fund. The collection, taken across the Diocese, enables the Bishop to support those who offer themselves for training for the Diocesan priesthood. This fund enables the Bishop to fund their training at seminary and offer them a grant during their years of formation. The fund, at times, is also used to support the on-going formation opportunities for clergy in our Diocese and formation of permanent Deacons.

Our parish currently has Martyn Jones studying in Rome who, God willing, will be ordained a Deacon in June. Please take an envelope home with you and if possible complete the gift aid declaration so our parish can claim back the 25% Gift Aid. This is a very important collection in the life of our Diocese.

Vocations Sunday

Today, is Vocations Sunday. We are delighted to welcome Fr Jerome to celebrate the morning Masses, along with Sister Hilda from the Monastery of St Bernard, Brownhill, who will offer a reflection on vocations.

Meet and Eat for Teenagers (13+)

All teenagers (13+) are invited to our monthly *Meet and Eat* evening on **Saturday 2 May, from 6.30pm** at the Old Priory. Come along to catch up with friends, share food, and enjoy a relaxed and fun time together.

SVP Coffee morning

We warmly invite you to join us for the next coffee morning hosted by the St Vincent de Paul Society on **Thursday, 30 April at 10:00am**. Come along for a friendly cup of tea or coffee and discover more about the work we do and the support we offer within the community.

Fundraising Ceilidh

A special fundraising ceilidh will take place on **Friday 8 May 2026 from 7–10pm at St Thomas More's Parish Hall on Princess Elizabeth Way**. This event will raise vital funds for St Thomas More's Roof Fund and Enabling Adventure's 2026 Pilgrimage. The evening will include a fully accessible ceilidh with live music, a raffle, and a ploughman's supper, which is included in the ticket price. Guests are invited to bring their own drinks. Tickets are priced at £15 per person and can be purchased at enablingadventure.org. For further information, please email info@enablingadventure.org. We hope you will join us for an enjoyable evening in support of these important initiatives.

The Newman Association

A talk will be held on **Tuesday 5 May at 2.30pm** in the lounge of **Sacred Hearts' Hall**, Charlton Kings. Tony Comer OBE, former GCHQ Departmental Historian, will speak on ***"What happened next? Liturgical change in the first half of the twentieth century."*** All welcome. Admission £3 (cash); members and students free. Enquiries: **Stephanie Jamison** – 01242 539810.

Creation Walk

On **Monday 27 April**, the Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle invites you to join a gentle evening walk celebrating the beauty of God's creation at Easter. **We'll meet at 6:15pm at Uplands, Malvern Rd, Cheltenham GL50 2JH**, and follow an accessible one-mile route with pauses along the way. Limited off-road parking is available. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is 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**

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. The next session is **Thursday, 30 April**. Feel free to join us and invite someone who might like to come.

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.

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.

Organ Recital – Change of Date

The recital with Dr August Guan will now take place on **Saturday, 9 May at 2:00pm**.

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.

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.

Foundation Governor Vacancy

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is seeking new Foundation Governors. Working as part of a committed governing body, Foundation Governors help ensure that pupils receive a high-quality education rooted in the mission and values of the Catholic Church. Our governors are drawn from all three Cheltenham parishes and bring a wide range of experience and perspectives.

For further information, please visit: www.st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk/our-governors or contact Cathy Hipkiss, Chair of Governors, at chair@st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk.

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.

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Of your Charity, pray for the soul of James Moran who has recently died. **May he rest in peace.**

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: Vic Roger, Edward McKean, Michael Mullahy, Guy Louis Roisin De Gastell, Therese Ann Gillespie, Raymond Davis, Marie Flippance and Margaret Fricker.

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, 26 April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22)

℟: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. ℟*

*He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. ℟*

*You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ℟*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. ℟*

Second reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.