



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 3

Sunday, 19th April

*Third Sunday
of Easter*

9:30am

Family Mass

Patrick & Christopher Wallace RIP

11:15am

Solemn Sung Mass

Private Intention

5:00pm

People of the Parish

Monday, 20th April

Weekday of Easter

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, 21st April

Weekday of Easter

No Morning Mass

9:30am

*Liturgy of the word, exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Wednesday, 22nd April

Weekday of Easter

9:30am

Private Intention

Thursday, 23rd April

*Solemnity of St George,
Patron of England*

9:30am

Private Intention

Friday, 24th April

Weekday of Easter

9:30am- Whole School Mass

Private Intention

12:00noon

Requiem Mass for Maria Tucker

Saturday, 25th April

*Feast of St Mark,
Evangelist*

9:30am

George & Lilian Brown RIP

Sunday, 26th April

*Third Sunday
of Easter*

Vocations Sunday

Collection: Clergy Training

9:30am

Family Mass

Pat & Joe Cassidy RIP

11:15am

Solemn Sung Mass

Michael McClafferty RIP

5:00pm

Private Intention

Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of:

Sanctuary: Deceased family and friends of the Teesdale Family

Our Lady Chapel: Philomena Gillespie RIP



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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

Next 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

Next Sunday, 26 April, is Vocations Sunday. We are delighted to welcome a Carmelite friar to celebrate the morning Masses, along with a sister from the Monastery of St Bernard, Brownhill, who will offer a reflection on vocations.

The County of Gloucestershire Catenians

After the morning Masses on this Sunday, members of the local Catenian group will be present in the Old Priory. Do come and find out more about this Association of Catholic men who meet regularly in friendship to socialise and work together to support our Catholic Faith and community.

Parish Administration Assistant

We are delighted to welcome Nick Hart to our parish office team. Nick will be working alongside Michael, supporting with some of the administrative work of our parish and, later in the year, that of Sacred Hearts', Charlton Kings. We wish Nick every success in his new role.

55 Club

Louise and Clare Cody will be joining us at our next meeting on **Thursday, 23 April** to share their experiences of teaching English to students from other countries. Have you ever wondered how this is possible when you don't speak Chinese, Arabic or Swahili? The meeting begins at 10am with coffee, cake and a chance to chat. New members and visitors are very welcome. For further information, please contact Stella on **07824 427400**.

Stitch and Pray

We meet again next week on **Saturday 25 April**. Everyone is warmly invited to join us at The Old Priory, from 1pm - 4 pm, for a peaceful afternoon of stitching and prayer.

Headteacher Vacancy – St Catharine's Primary

St Catharine's Catholic Primary School, Chipping Campden, part of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust, is seeking a committed and inspirational Catholic Headteacher to lead our happy, nurturing school. Guided by the mission "*Let Your Light Shine*", we support children to grow academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally. We are looking for a practising Catholic leader who will uphold our strong ethos and build on our successes. The role includes a teaching commitment of up to two days per week, with the option to take on the SENDCo role instead if suitably qualified. Full details and the application pack are available at: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/150342/EDV-2026-SCCPS-66518>

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.

Diocesan Day – The Joy of Love

Bishop Bosco warmly invites everyone to join him on **Saturday 4 July** for our Diocesan Day celebration, *The Joy of Love*, at Downside School & Abbey. Our keynote speaker will be Patti Boulaye OBE, and there will also be a full programme for children and young people. Arrivals and refreshments begin from 10am. A hot lunch will be provided (with lunch boxes for children). The celebration of Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3.30pm, and the day will conclude around 4.30pm. Booking is essential for catering and safeguarding purposes. To take part, please register for your free ticket via Eventbrite: <https://joyoflove.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Retreat Day at Prinknash Abbey

A Day of Refreshing, Renewing and Healing in the Holy Spirit: Join us on **Saturday, 25 April** for a grace-filled day led by Catholic evangelist and international speaker Ros Powell. Come and be renewed in faith, hope, and your God-given mission. Prinknash Meeting Room, Cranham, Glos, GL4 8EX

Organ Recital – Upcoming Event

The next Organ recital by Dr August Guan will be at 2:00pm on **Saturday, 2 May**. Details to follow.

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, 21 April - 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**

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**.

Clifton Diocese - Curia Newsletter

The diocese has re-introduced a quarterly Curia Newsletter since its first launch back in 2017. The aim is to keep our parishes up to date with diocesan information to guide and support you. To view please use the following link or see the copy on the parish notice board. [Click Here](#)

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.

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: Stefano Fulvio, Paul Benfield, John Frank Martin, Pope Francis, Sylvia Anita Chambers, Sir Herbert Duthie and Edna Groom.

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, 19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ‘For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16(15)

℟: *O Lord, you will show me the path of life.*

*Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord.’
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot. ℟*

*I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ℟*

*And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption. ℟*

*You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever. ℟*

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world

but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’ And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ And he said to them, ‘What things?’ And they said to him, ‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.’ And he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.