

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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Parish Priest: Rev. Canon David Mills *vr* **Permanent Deacon:** Rev. John Andrews

Parish Administrator: Michael Burnell

Liturgy this Week

Lent - Week 2

Sunday, 1st March	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Bridget Garvey RIP</i>
Second Sunday of Lent <i>Collection: CAFOD Lent Fast Day</i>	11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Michael Gompertz RIP</i>
Monday, 2nd March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	5:00pm <i>Steven Anthony Thorn RIP</i>
Tuesday, 3rd March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9:30am <i>Hilary Gosling RIP</i>
Wednesday, 4th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9:30am <i>Shay McCaffery RIP</i>
Thursday, 5th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday, 6th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i> <i>Lent Fast Day</i>	9:30am <i>Requiem Mass for Michael Byrne</i>
Saturday, 7th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9:30am <i>John & Peter Griffiths and, deceased family members</i>
Sunday, 8th March Third Sunday of Lent Relics of St Carlo Acutis	6:00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of: Sanctuary: Deceased family & 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 10:00 - 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 session 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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EASTER OFFERING

Traditionally the Easter collection, along with that at Christmas, are the only collections given to the priest during the year and is an important way in which the parishes support the unsalaried priests of the Diocese. Envelopes, into which offerings may be placed, are on the tables at the back of church. Donations can also be made via the Dona machines.

Thank you

Second Collection – CAFOD

A second collection will take place at all Masses this Sunday for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Envelopes are available for those who are able to gift aid their donations.

Newman Association Talk

A talk will take place on **Tuesday 3 March at 2.30pm** in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings. Chris Hawkins, a Prison Officer with 26 years' experience, began his career in a high-security prison and now works in an open prison—a very different setting with its own challenges. He will give a talk entitled "Prisons Today." All are warmly invited. Admission: £3 in cash (members and students free). Enquiries: Stephanie Jamison, 01242 539810.

Headteacher Vacancy - St Joseph's Primary School

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, part of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust in the Clifton Diocese, is seeking to appoint a committed, faith-filled and inspirational Headteacher following the retirement of our current Head. At St Joseph's, our Catholic mission is central to all we do. We strive to form children who know they are created in God's image, are loved unconditionally, and are called to grow in faith, wisdom and service. Our school is a joyful and nurturing community where prayer, Gospel values and high aspirations shape daily life.

This is a rare and wonderful opportunity to lead a thriving Catholic school and continue its strong tradition of faith and excellence, supported by the Trust and the retiring Headteacher during transition.

For further information, please view online at:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/150343/EDV-2026-SJCPS-02942>

Gold Cup Day Mass

A Gold Cup Day Mass will be celebrated at the Ellenborough Park Hotel chapel on **Friday 13 March at 9:00am**. Celebrant Canon David Ryan. All are welcome to join the Cheltenham racegoers!

Stations of the Cross

Deacon John will lead the stations of the cross in church at **6:00pm each Friday evening during Lent**.

Parish Vacancy – Administration Assistant

We are seeking a friendly, organised person to support the office at St Gregory's parish and that of Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings, from May 2026. Duties include welcoming visitors, handling enquiries, and general admin. Applicants should be confident with Microsoft Office and have a warm manner. This is a 2-year fixed-term role, starting at 6 hours per week and increasing to 18 hours from May 2026. **To apply, collect an application form from the parish office or email michael.burnell@cliftondiocese.com**. Closing date for applications is Friday, 13 March 2026.

SVP – Sale of Children's Clothing

The SVP are holding a sale of children's clothes and toys in the Old Priory after the morning Masses this Sunday.

Stations of the Cross

Deacon John will lead the stations of the cross in church at **6:00pm each Friday evening during Lent**.

Encounter Group

We start with praise and worship and then 'Releasing the Spirit: The Sacrifice of Christ & Our Sacrifice' is the title of the next video talk given by Ralph Martin, a well-known Catholic evangelist. We meet in the Lampley room at Sacred Hearts on **Thursday 5 March at 7.00pm**.

*Of your Charity, pray for the repose of the souls of Martin Gill, Rosemary O'Neill, Adrian Blay and Carol Wilde who have recently died. **May they rest in peace.***

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: Margaret Welch, Steven Thorn, Dr Michael Gompertz, Bernard Anderson, Kathleen Corrigan, Patrick Cunneen, Baby Luke Carroll, Kevin Costelloe, Michael Macfarlane, David Andrew and Francis Wiseman.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God
the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
**(Bow) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**
suffered under Pontius Pilot,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

Sunday, 1 March 2026
Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face,
O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your
beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly
by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to
behold your glory. 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

Genesis 12:1-4a

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your
country and your kindred and your father's house to the
land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great
nation, and I will bless you and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless
you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you
all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram
went, as the Lord had told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(32)

**℟: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in
you, O Lord.**

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. **℟**

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **℟**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord. **℟**

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the
power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy
calling not because of our works, but because of his own
purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus
before the ages began, and which now has been
manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ
Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and
immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From
a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my
beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ,
Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and
John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by
themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and
his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became
white as light. And behold, there appeared to them
Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to
Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will
make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses
and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold,
a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the
cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this,
they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came
and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And
when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus
only. And as they were coming down the mountain,
Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the
Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our
faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the
celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our
Lord.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make
thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on
earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that
endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of
your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire
and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in
his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through
Christ our Lord.