

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church



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Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time - Week 5	
Sunday, 8th February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Erid du Reau RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Private Intention</i> 5:00pm <i>Nell & George Spence RIP</i>
Monday, 9th February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Diana Gosling RIP</i>
Tuesday, 10th February <i>Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	9:30am <i>Rita McPartland & Anne Wikins RIP</i>
Wednesday, 11th February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Cynthia Orji RIP</i> 7:00pm <i>Fr David's Installation as a Canon Clifton Cathedral</i>
Thursday, 12th February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday, 13th February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday, 14th February <i>Feast of Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Daruisz Szymanek</i>
Sunday, 15th February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Carlos Camacho RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Private Intention</i> 5:00pm <i>Sarah McKenna RIP</i>
Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of: <i>Sanctuary: Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family.</i> <i>Our Lady Chapel: Deceased Brothers, family & friends of the Catenians</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 10:00 - 10:30am

Arranging a Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your baby.

In the first instance you will need to speak with Fr David 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 Fr David 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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Relics of St Carlos Acutis

In March, we will host the relics of St Carlo Acutis at our church over 2 days, during which time we will welcome schools, parishioners and people from our Diocese for veneration. Born in 1991, Carlo is the first millennial saint, and he is celebrated for his profound faith and use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. At just 7 years old, he wished to receive his First Holy Communion and told his parents, "This is my programme of life." Alongside his digital Evangelism, Carlo is revered for his charitable work and great desire to help others. He gave his time towards helping those experiencing homelessness and hunger in Milan, even purchasing sleeping bags and food for them using his own money. Carlo was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

About the Relics: *Relics consist of physical remains of a saint that are venerated after their death, or they could be objects that have been in contact with a saint. We use the relics as a reminder of the saint's life, to inspire our own path to sainthood, and to give praise and glory to God.*

St Carlo Acutis: *This First-Class pilgrim relic is a section of the Saint's pericardium, the membrane that surrounds the heart. This is a sac filled with water that encloses the heart and the great vessels, holding them in place and protecting the body's most important organ. The relic, therefore, is of major importance physiologically. The pericardium is preserved in a reliquary and is carried worldwide by the Diocese of Assisi, as custodian of the relics of Carlo Acutis, and respecting Church guidelines.*

Volunteer Thank you Event

We thank all those who volunteer their time and gifts to the parish and we welcome you to a celebration on **Sunday, 15 February at 12:30pm** in The Old Priory.

Ash Wednesday

This falls on **Wednesday, 18 February** marking the start of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Mass will be celebrated at **9:30am and 7:00pm** with the distribution of Ashes at both Masses. A special collection will be taken for parish projects during Masses on this day.

Stitch & Pray

Join us for our next gathering in The Old Priory on **Saturday 14 February**, from **1pm to 4pm**. Everyone is warmly invited to enjoy an afternoon of crafting, gentle conversation, and peaceful prayer.

Coach to Fr David's Installation

The coach will depart from St Gregory's at 4:30pm on Wednesday, 11 February. Mass will begin at 7:00pm and following there will be a reception with refreshments in the Apostle Room at the Cathedral after which the coach will return to St Gregory's.

Mozzetta & Cassock for Fr David

We are arranging for a new mozzetta & cassock to be made as a gift from the parish for Fr David's installation as a Canon in February. Should you wish to contribute towards this, please place your donation in an envelope and pass it to me in the parish office or via the weekly collection bags. Contributions may also be made via the Dona machines in the church. *Thank you, Michael, Parish Administrator.*

Lent Study - "We dare to Ask"

This year for Lent we shall be studying and praying together using a wonderful new resource book "We Dare to Ask". Meet in the Old Priory at 7.00pm for the five Mondays of Lent, starting on Monday, 23 February. *'The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian... those who let themselves be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in His footsteps'* [Benedict XVI]

RCIA - A Journey in Faith

The RCIA group will meet again on **Thursday, 12 February from 6:30pm**, when we will be joined by John Huntris, who will speak about the four Gospels and their authors and intended audiences.

Rite of Election 2026

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Bishop Bosco in **Clifton Cathedral** on the first Saturday of Lent, **Saturday 21 February, at 11.00am**. Please keep all of our candidates in your prayers. We have 18 from our RCIA group going and we would love to see Parishioners there with them to support them on their journey of faith. Places on the coach can be reserved at £10 per person by contacting Deacon John. Bring a Packed Lunch!

Faith in Action with the SVP

A member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), John Ciereszko, will be speaking briefly at all Masses on **Sunday, 15 February** to invite new members to join our parish SVP group. The SVP is a lay Catholic organisation dedicated to putting faith into action by offering practical help and support to anyone in need. If you would like to learn more following the appeal, you are warmly invited to a short follow-up meeting in The Old Priory with refreshments provided, on **Tuesday 17 February at 6:00pm**.

Stations of the Cross

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

Diocesan Day 2026

Bishop Bosco invites you to our Diocesan Day, "*The Joy of Love*," on **Saturday 4 July at Downside School & Abbey**. Patti Boulaye OBE will be our keynote speaker, with a children's and young people's programme also available. Refreshments begin at 10am, with lunch provided. Mass will be celebrated at 3:30pm, finishing around 4:30pm. Tickets are limited to 400. Please register via **<https://joyoflove.eventbrite.co.uk>**. Booking is essential, with the deadline on 24 June unless places fill earlier.

Liturgies of Reconciliation – Lent 2026

Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to take part in this year's Lenten journey by celebrating God's abundant mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As part of your Lenten Pilgrimage, you are encouraged to join him at one of the five liturgy venues across our diocese:

- **Tuesday 24 February** – *St Mary, Glastonbury*
- **Thursday 5 March** – *Sacred Heart, Tisbury*
- **Tuesday 10 March** – *Immaculate Conception, Devizes*
- **Tuesday 17 March** – *St Joseph, Tewkesbury*
- **Tuesday 24 March** – *Christ the King, Thornbury*

All liturgies begin at 7.00pm. Priests will be available at every venue for sacramental reconciliation.

Gift Aid- Make your Giving Go Further

Many of our parishioners give generously to support the life and mission of our parish. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can make your donation go even further—at **no extra cost to you**—by signing up for Gift Aid. Through Gift Aid, we can claim an additional **25p for every £1** you donate from the Government. However, Gift Aid is only available to those who pay income tax and/or capital gains tax. Your donations will qualify as long as they are not more than four times the amount of tax you've paid in the tax year.

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- *If you don't currently Gift Aid, please consider doing so if your circumstances allow.*

For more information or to set up a new Gift Aid declaration, please contact the parish office.

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: *Edward Casey, Rita Smyth, Maurice Fletcher, [David] Philip Hawkins, John Lynch, Maragret Smy, Joan Short, Anne Marie Wilkins, Bruce Francis, Julia Cooper and Maria Mercati*

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, 8 February 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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

Isaiah 58:6-10

Thus says the Lord:

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112(111)

R: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice. R

He will never be moved;
for ever shall the upright be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord. R

With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His might shall be exalted in glory. R

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Or:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.