

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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Parish Priest: Rev. David Mills

Permanent Deacon: Rev. John Andrews

Parish Administrator: Michael Burnell

Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time - Week 4

Sunday, 1st February

*Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

9:30am

Family Mass

Agnes des Dorides RIP

11:15am

Solemn Sung Mass

Jim Fitzgerald RIP

5:00pm

People of the Parish



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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.

Monday, 2nd February
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

9:30am

Des, Matthew & May Millet RIP

Tuesday, 3rd February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am

Private Intention

Wednesday, 4th February
Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am

Morning prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

Thursday, 5th February
Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

9:30am

The Sanctity of Life

Friday, 6th February
Memorial of Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

9:30am

Private Intention

Saturday, 7th February
Our Lady on Saturday

9:30am

Cynthia Orji RIP

Sunday, 8th February
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am

Family Mass

Erid du Reau RIP

11:15am

Solemn Sung Mass

Private Intention

5:00pm

Nell & George Spence RIP

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Sanctuary: Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family.

Our Lady Chapel: Deceased Brothers, family & friends of the Catenians

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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.*

Coach to Fr David's Installation as Canon

There are still seats available on the coach on **Wednesday, 11 February**. If you would like to reserve a seat on the coach, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Timings for the coach will follow next week.

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.

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.

Explained Mass

At the 9:30am Mass on **Saturday, 7 February**, Fr David will celebrate Mass and offer a detailed explanation of each part of the liturgy for those preparing for their First Holy Communion. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend if you would like to deepen your understanding of the structure of the Mass, which lies at the heart of our Catholic faith.

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.

The Book Club

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 2 February** and the reading for Lectio Divina will be **Luke 2:22-40**. We start at 7:00pm in The Old Priory. All are welcome to attend.

Encounter Group

This month's video talk by Fr Chris Thomas is titled *"God is Love."* We will meet in the Lampley Room at Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings on **Thursday 5 February at 7.00pm**. All are warmly welcome.

Organ Recital with Dr August Guan

We are delighted to share that the programme for the upcoming organ recital by our parish organist is now complete. Titled ***Classical Favourites — but it's 1826***, this imaginative selection highlights works that were popular and celebrated two centuries ago. Join us on **Saturday 7 February at 2:00pm** for an afternoon of vibrant early-19th-century music performed on the historic Willis organ. ***The programme includes** C. M. von Weber's Overture to Oberon (arr. A. L. Peace), selections from Louis Spohr's Notturmo, Op. 34 (arr. W. T. Best), and Giovanni Morandi's Raccolta di suonate, Op. 22.*

55Club – AGM & Fish and Chip Lunch

Join us on **Thursday, 5 February at 10:00am** as we review the past year and look ahead to our plans for 2026. We are seeking new committee members, as well as ideas for activities, trips, and guest speakers—so do come ready to share your suggestions! Lunch is £5, and pre-booking is essential. New members and guests are very warmly welcome. For more information or to reserve your place, please contact Stella Kinmond on 01242 511371.

Jericho 300 Club Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the December draw of the Jericho 300 Club. ***1st Prize £100 Vials (15), 2nd Prize £50 Pett (73) & 3rd Prize £35 Wheeler (67).*** The additional bonus Christmas draw has also taken place and the winners were ***1st Prize £100 Dinwiddy (124), 2nd Prize £50 Andrews (73) & 3rd Prize £25 Fletcher (03)*** Your Prize Cheques are on their way to you!

Newman Association

Our next talk will take place on **Tuesday 3 February at 2.30pm** in the lounge of **Sacred Hearts' Hall**, Charlton Kings. Fr Alan, well known to many of us and now retired in Weston-Super-Mare, will speak about his **experiences in the Falklands**. All are welcome. **Admission:** £3 cash (members & students free) **Enquiries:** Stephanie Jamison – 01242 539810

Sale of Hand-Crafted Children's Knitwear

On sale this Sunday, 1 February, in the Old Priory after the 9:30am Mass. Parishioner Annie Craig has lovingly knitted a beautiful selection of children's cardigans and jumpers in various colours and sizes, from newborn up to 4 years old. All items are machine-washable and tumble-dryable and are excellent value at £5 each. Cash only, please. All proceeds will go towards funding vestments for Martyn Jones, who will be ordained Deacon later this year and Priest in 2027. We are proud of Martyn and invite you to continue to keep him in your prayers.

Meet & Eat- Monthly Youth Evening

We invite all teenagers aged 13 and over to join us for our monthly Meet and Eat evening on **Saturday, 7 February in the Old Priory, starting at 6.30pm**. Come along, spend time with friends, and enjoy a fun and relaxed evening together.

SVP Update

A new email address has been created for the SVP: **svpcheltenham26@gmail.com**. Please feel free to contact us there for any enquiries or requests for support. We would also like to remind parishioners that donations for the food cage are still very much needed. All items received will continue to be delivered to **Open Door, Cheltenham**, to support those in our local community.

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.

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. Their work—rooted in compassion and service—makes a real and positive difference in people's lives. 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**.

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: *Ronald Filmer, Manuela Hooker, Diane & Monica Keating, Deceased of the Keating family, Joseph Evans, Sean McGeary, Elisabeth Willson, Josephine Hennessy, Des Bolger, John Heslin and Nigel Banister*

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

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Collect

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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 **Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 146(145)**

℟: Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. *℟*

The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. *℟*

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age. *℟*

Second reading **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence

of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Or:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord.