

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time - Week 3

Sunday, 25th January

*Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Sunday of the word of God

9:30am

Family Mass

Gilles de Bodard RIP

11:15am

Solemn Sung Mass

Helen Byrne RIP

5:00pm

People of the Parish

Monday, 26th January

*Memorial of Ss Timothy and
Titus*

9:30am

Des, Matthew & May Millet RIP

Tuesday, 27th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am

*Deceased members of the
Burnell family*

Wednesday, 28th January

*Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas,
Priest, Doctor of the Church*

9:30am

Private intention

Thursday, 29th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am

Des, Matthew & May Millet RIP

12:30pm

*Funeral Service for Margaret
Askew*

Friday, 30th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:30am

Requiem Mass for Jean Pearce

Saturday, 31st January

Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest

9:30am

Lillian, Allin & Julie Martin RIP

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

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Sanctuary: Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family.

Our Lady Chapel: Deceased members and Beneficiaries of the SVP



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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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Congratulations Fr David!

We are pleased to share that Fr David will be installed as a Canon of the Clifton Cathedral Chapter on **Wednesday, 11 February 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral**. Everyone is warmly invited to attend, and the parish will provide a coach for travel to and from the Cathedral. If you would like to reserve a seat on the coach, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. ***Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis – there will be no charge for your seat!*** *The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bosco*

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. This will also be an opportunity to celebrate Fr David's installation as a Canon of the Cathedral chapter.

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.

CYAN – Young Adults Social (Ages 18-35)

If you're between 18 and 35, we'd love to welcome you to CYAN (Catholic Young Adults Nourished) — a space to meet new people and grow together in faith. Our January social will be a Curry Night on **Saturday, 31 January from 7:00 pm** onwards at St Thomas More, Princess Elizabeth Way. Come along for a delicious home-cooked meal and faith-centred conversation with fellow young Catholics. On-site parking is available. To help us plan catering, please let us know you are able to come sending us a DM on Instagram at @cyan_glos or by email at: **cyanloucestershire@gmail.com**

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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Enabling Adventure invites parishioners to join our pilgrimage/holiday to Lourdes from **10–19 September 2026**. Guests needing assistance, those wishing to travel with a group, and healthcare workers willing to volunteer as helpers are warmly encouraged to get in touch. Please contact **maryclare.23@icloud.com** by **31 January 2026**.

Marriage Mass – February 2026

Join Bishop Bosco at the Cathedral on **Saturday, 14 February at 12noon** for a special Mass celebrating family life and honouring couples with significant anniversaries in **2026**. If you or someone you know will celebrate a milestone anniversary next year, please email **adult.education@cliftondiocese.com** with names, address, and years married so a personal invitation can be sent. All are warmly welcome to this joyful diocesan celebration!

RCIA – A journey in Faith

Our next session will be held on **Thursday, 29 January** in **The Old Priory**. The session starts at 7:00pm. Fr David will join us and lead the topic for discussion which will be: ***"The Creed"*** If you are curious about the Catholic faith or would like to deepen your understanding, you are warmly invited to join us for any of our RCIA sessions.

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.***

Bring and Share 'Peace meal'

The Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle warmly invites parishioners to a bring-and-share gathering, followed by a discussion on Pope Leo's call for us to journey "towards an unarmed and disarming peace." The event will take place in the Old Priory at 7:00pm on **Monday, 26 January**. For more information, please contact Martin Davis on 01242 244182 or email **cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com**.

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.

- *If you already Gift Aid your donations, please review your tax status to ensure you remain eligible.*
- *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.

Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

This Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Bosco MacDonald with the Catholic Association of Lourdes UK. Friday 21 – Friday 28 August 2026. Including Airport transfers from Bristol to Birmingham Airport, Flights to Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées Airport, hotel transfers. Full pilgrimage programme, including visits to the Grotto of the Apparitions, Mass each day, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Sacrament of Reconciliation, visits to sites related to St Bernadette, Open air Mass in the Cite-San- Pierre, Water Gesture, Station of the Cross... Diocesan Day Trip to Bartres (extra charge). Please email **lourdes@cliftondiocese.com** to declare an interest

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: *Flora Berghella, Oi Lin Hiew (Ursula), Paul Bedford, Margaret Rose Wood, James Henry, Mary Blumer, John Morrissey, Rev. Kenneth Wray, Brian & Frank Keating, Thomas Lineham, Margaret Haley, James Jenkins, Clive Deedie, James Fitzgerald, Margaret Crossman, Margaret Rabjons, Patrick Foran, Eileen Morgan, Michael Ayers, Dorothy McGeary and Myung Chung*

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, 25 January 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday of the Word of God

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and
honour in his holy place.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to
your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works. 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 9:1b-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land
of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time
he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond
the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked
in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a
land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have
multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they
rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are
glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you
have broken as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26)

℟: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **℟**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to enquire at his temple. **℟**

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord!
The Lord is my light and my salvation. ℟

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no
divisions among you, but that you be united in the same
mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to
me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you,
my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of
you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow
Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul
crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of
Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach

the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest
the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the
kingdom and healed every affliction among the people.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he
withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and
lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun
and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet
Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land
of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee
of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have
seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and
shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that
time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting
a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to
them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'
Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And
going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the
son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with
Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called
them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and
followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their
synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and
healing every disease and every affliction among the
people.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying
them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through
Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be
abashed.

Or:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows
me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in
your gift. Through Christ our Lord.