

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church



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Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time - Week 2	
Sunday, 18th January <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Krystyna Maria Oleszek RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>For Unarmed and Disarming Peace</i> 5:00pm <i>Brendan & Kathleen Barrett RIP</i>
Monday, 19th January <i>Memorial of St Wulstan, Bishop</i>	9:30am <i>Winifred Wren RIP</i>
Tuesday, 20th January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Monica Wren RIP</i>
Wednesday, 21st January <i>Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>	10:30am <i>Requiem Mass for Tony Barrett</i>
Thursday, 22nd January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday, 23rd January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Rosanna Skelton RIP</i>
Saturday, 24th January <i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30am <i>Column Gillmore RIP</i>
Sunday, 25th January <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Sunday of the word of God</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Gilles de Bodard RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Helen Byrne RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
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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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.

55 Club Social

You are warmly invited to our meeting on **Thursday, 22 January**, where parishioner and author Francis Etheredge will speak on *"Restlessness and Pilgrimage."* Pilgrimages give us a precious chance to draw closer to God—walking in the footsteps of saints, visiting holy places and shrines, and finding nourishment for the soul. We begin with coffee and cake at 10:00am. New members and visitors are most welcome. For more information, please contact Stella on 01242 511371.

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: **cyangloucestershire@gmail.com**

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**.

Mass Intentions 2026

A reminder that it is best to book any Mass intentions for a specific date as soon as possible. The suggested offering remains at £15.00 per Mass.

Faithful Fellowship

Our next meeting will this evening, **Sunday 18 January**, following the 5:00pm Mass. Sixth-form, college, and university students are warmly invited to join us for fellowship, faith conversations, and Catholic social action.

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.

Advance Notice: Confessions 24 January

The children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this year will be making their first confessions on Saturday 24 January. ***Please note the children will receive the Sacrament of Confession before other parishioners in the Church.*** Thank you for your understanding and continue to keep the children in your prayers.

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**.

Book Club

Please be advised that the Book club will not take place this month. Future dates will be communicated via the newsletter in due course.

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, 22 January** in **The Old Priory**. The session starts at 7:00pm and topic for discussion will be: **“Synodality”**. 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.

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, and you are warmly welcome to attend whichever celebration best suits you.

New to our Parish?

A warm welcome to all who have recently joined our parish community! We invite you to enjoy tea and coffee in The Old Priory after the Sunday morning Masses. If you haven’t already done so, please take a moment to complete a new parishioner registration form—available at the back of the church—and return it to the parish office.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Each Sunday during the 9:30am Mass, children are warmly invited to take part in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word in the Old Priory. They leave at the beginning of Mass to hear God’s Word in a way suited to them and return at the Offertory, ready to join the rest of the community for the second part of the Mass

Of your Charity, pray for the repose of the souls of, Maragret Askew and Jean Pearce who have recently died. May they rest in peace.

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: Gerald Clarke, Agnes Schofield, Kysytyna Oleszek, Mary Roison, Nicolas Di Mambro, Kathleen Barrett, Trudie Seddon, Margaret Bourke, Leslie Gardiner, Mai Lucia Upton, Paul Mason, Thomas Simoney, John Dormer, Brendan Barrett, Rosana Skelton & John Turner

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, 18 January 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
And now the Lord says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him —
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength —
he says:
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39)

℟: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **℟**

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' **℟**

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.' **℟**

Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **℟**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:29 - 34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Or:

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

