

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time Week 33

Sunday, 16th November

*Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

9:30am
Family Mass
Holy Souls
11:15am
Solemn Sung Mass
Holy Souls
5:00pm
Holy Souls

Monday, 17th November

*Memorial of St Hugh of
Lincoln, Bishop*

9:30am
Holy Souls

Tuesday, 18th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:00am
*Requiem Mass for Veronica (Nicky)
Stillman*

Wednesday, 19th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am
*Morning Prayer & Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament with Benediction*

Thursday, 20th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am
Holy Souls

Friday, 21st November

*Memorial of the Presentation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:30am (School Class Mass)
Holy Souls

Saturday, 22nd November

*Memorial of St Cecilia,
Virgin, Martyr*

9:30am
Holy Souls

Sunday, 23rd November

*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe*

Youth Sunday

Collection: Catholic Youth

9:30am
Family Mass
Holy Souls
11:15am
Solemn Sung Mass
Holy Souls
5:00pm
Holy Souls

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Sanctuary: Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family

Lady Chapel: Ossie & Hilda Day 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 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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Catholic Youth Service – Second Collection

Next Sunday, 23 November a second collection will be taken at all Mass for the Catholic Youth Service. This national collection helps fund initiatives that support young people in our parishes. It also contributes to the work of the Diocese's youth ministry team, including staff and coordinators dedicated to engaging and nurturing youth across our communities.

Learn more at: www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/the_bishops_work/youth

Stitch & Pray

Our next meeting will be in The Old Priory on **Saturday, 29 November from 1pm to 4pm**. All welcome to join us for quiet conversation and peaceful prayer as we stitch away the afternoon.

RCIA – A Journey in Faith

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith group will take place on **Thursday, 27 November at 7:00pm** in The Old Priory. We are pleased to welcome John Huntriss, who will speak to the group about how to read the Old Testament. Journey in Faith is a process of exploration and discernment for adults considering joining the Church at Easter next year. If you're interested in taking part, please fill out the contact form available on the Parish website.

Upcoming Event – Organ Recital

Don't forget – next **Saturday, 22 November** our parish organist, Dr August Guan, will be performing from 2:00pm in Church. The programme of music by J S Bach will be played on the Blank organ, with the final fugue from "The Art of Fugue" as the finale. Free entry with a retiring collection.

St Gregory's School – Food Bank

The school provides food parcels to support some of our families in need. We are currently running low on several essential items and would be very grateful for any donations of the following: Pasta sauces, Coffee, Rice & Pasta, Biscuits, Lunchbox items, Washing liquid/powder, Toiletries, Jam & spreads, Crisps & snacks. Thank you for your generosity and support.

The Book Club

We will meet on **Monday, 17 November at 7:00pm** to read and discuss the Pope's Homily celebrating the declaration of St John Henry Newman as a Doctor of the Church. Members are encouraged to read the homily in advance, available here: [Homily](#) **Please note: there will be no Book Club meetings during Advent.** Instead, we invite you to participate in the Laudato Si' study sessions.

November – Month of Holy Souls

Mass offering envelopes

During the month of November, we pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory. We also remember those dear to us who have died, family and friends, and the deceased of our parish. Remember that purgatory is on the threshold of heaven, it is where we encounter the healing fire of God's boundless love and mercy. It prepares us for the fullness of life with God. Holy Souls envelopes are available in the church. Please place the names of your deceased relatives or friends as well as the Mass offering you might wish to make and return to the Presbytery. Alternatively, place your envelope in the Sunday collection. ***Please do not leave your envelope in church.*** Intentions will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November.

The Gospel of Matthew

On **Saturday, 22 November** at Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings, John Huntriss will be leading a one-day workshop on how to read and understand the Gospel of Matthew. The day is part of the ongoing formation for Permanent Deacons who will be attending from across the diocese, but also of interest to all - who are most welcome. ***Further details and a signing up form are on the Parish Website by Wednesday, 19 November.***

Handmade Christmas Card Sale

We welcome back Rachel of Carousel Cards who will be selling handmade Christmas cards after the morning Masses on **Sunday, 30 November**. Rachel kindly donates to the Jericho Appeal with the proceeds of the sale.

Advent Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Join us for a beautiful service of Nine Lessons and Carols at **7:00pm on Friday, 19 December**. This cherished tradition offers a chance to reflect on the Advent season through Scripture readings, beloved carols, and inspiring music from the choir and organ—a perfect way to prepare for Christmas.

SVP Coffee Morning Invitation

We warmly invite you to join us for the next coffee morning hosted by the St Vincent de Paul Society on **Thursday, 22 November at 10:00am**. Come along for a friendly cup of tea or coffee and discover more about the work we do and the support we offer within the community.

St Gregory's School – Vacancy

The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust are pleased to be able to invite applications for the Deputy Headteacher role at St Gregory's Primary School. The closing date for applications is 9:00am on Wednesday 26 November 2025. If you would like further information about the role, please contact Charlotte Blanch, CEO of the Trust at c.blanch@lwcet.co.uk. We would also encourage you to visit the school and see what a super place it is! Details and the recruitment pack can be found here: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/150345/EDV-2025-CSSGG-71004>

Advent Series: Exploring Laudato Si'

Beginning **Monday 1 December**, join us for a four-week evening series at the Old Priory, running from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. This mini-series offers an introduction to the Catholic Church's teaching on Laudato Si': ***On Care for Our Common Home***.

Together, we'll reflect on key questions:

- *What is happening to our planet?*
- *How does Catholic Social Teaching guide our response?*
- *What is ecological conversion?*
- *How can we live out our faith through action?*

To learn more or to register, please contact cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com or call 01242 244182. Facilitated by Martin Davis, Laudato Si' Coordinator.

Starting School?

If you have a child born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2026** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Gloucestershire County Council. ***If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school.*** Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2026**.

Clifton Diocese Liturgical Diary & Directory 2026

These are now available to purchase via the Clifton Diocese website. **Please note that we do not hold a stock of these in the parish office.**

Of your charity, pray for the souls of Angela Wolfe & Marueen Warren-Green who have recently died. May they rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: Patrick McCormack, Roger Davies, John Devery, Mary Cheal, Anna Gargiulo, Patrica O'Loughlin, Rosanna Quigley, David Pett, Christopher Sheeran and Mary Ryder

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

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, 16 November 2025
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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

Malachi 4:1-2a

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98(97)

R. The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the Lord. **R**

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands. **R**

The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth. **R**

He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness. **R**

Second reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Or:

Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.