

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time Week 32

Sunday, 9th November <i>Feast of the Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</i> Remembrance Sunday	9:30am (<i>Children's Mass</i>) <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Holy Souls</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Requiem Mass</i> <i>The War Dead</i> 5:00pm <i>Holy Souls</i>
Monday, 10th November <i>Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tuesday, 11th November <i>Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>	9:30am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday, 12th November <i>Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr</i>	9:30am <i>Morning Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction</i>
Thursday, 13th November <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday, 14th November <i>Memorial of the Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese</i>	9:30am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday, 15th November <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday, 16th November <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Holy Souls</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Holy Souls</i> 5:00pm <i>Holy Souls</i>

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Sanctuary: Ben McDonald RIP

Lady Chapel: Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family



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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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Remembrance Sunday

A solemn requiem will be celebrated at the **11:15am Mass this Sunday, 9 November**. This mass is offered for all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice during times of conflict and War. Deacon John will be representing the parish at the town's annual service of remembrance at the War memorial.

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**.

RCIA - Journey in Faith

The Journey in Faith group will meet next on **Thursday, 13 November at 6:30pm in The Old Priory**. The group will be planning how to make good use of Advent through prayer, liturgies and readings and the meeting is open to anyone who wants to explore that topic. The Journey in Faith is a process of enquiry and discernment for those contemplating joining the church as adults at Easter next year. If you are interested in joining the program, please complete the simple contact form on the Parish website. On **Thursday, 27 November**, John Huntriss will join and will talk to the group about how to read the Old Testament.

55 Club Social

Come along to The Old Priory at 10am on **Thursday, 13 November** for a friendly morning of conversation, coffee, and delicious homemade cake. We're delighted to welcome guest speaker ***Nigel Messenger, who will share the inspiring story of The Poppy Factory*** – a charity established after the First World War that continues to support wounded veterans through meaningful employment and rehabilitation. New faces are always welcome! For more information, contact Stella on 07824 427400.

Upcoming Event – Organ Recital

The next recital by our organist, Dr August Guan, will be at **2pm on Saturday, 22 November**. The programme of music by J S Bach will be played on the Blank organ, with the D Minor Toccata and Fugue as the finale. Free entry with a retiring collection.

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 Book Club

Join us for a reflective session of *Lectio Divina*, the meditative reading of Holy Scripture, on **Thursday, 13 November at 7:00pm in The Old Priory**. This gathering will focus on **Ezekiel 47:1–12**. We will also meet on Sunday, 17 November 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.

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.***

Aid to the Church in Need - Red Wednesday

Join **Bishop Bosco on Wednesday, 19 November at 6:45pm at Clifton Cathedral** for a special Mass, dedicated to persecuted Christians around the world, in a world where the suffering of Christians often goes unnoticed. Red Wednesday is a powerful opportunity for Catholics and fellow Christians to stand together in prayerful solidarity. Bishop Bosco will lead this Mass as a sign of unity with our brothers and sisters who face oppression for their faith. All are

warmly welcome to attend and show support through prayer and presence.

World Youth Sunday 2025

Celebrating the Jubilee Year, schools and parishes across England and Wales are invited to take part in World Youth Sunday 2025, a special three-day event from **21st- 23rd November**, marking the Jubilee Year. This year's programme includes a World Youth Sunday Livestream for schools, Social Saturday, and celebrations in parishes for World Youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King. Designed to support youth ministry and Catholic formation, the event offers a meaningful way to highlight the role of young people in the Church. Developed in partnership with the Jubilee for Schools project, CAFOD, CSAN, and CES, and aligned with the Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI) Framework, it's a valuable opportunity to strengthen links between schools, parishes, and the wider Church. For more information and registration head to <https://cymfed.org.uk/wys/>

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.

Join Our Parish Cleaning Team!

We are looking for additional volunteers to help keep our church clean and welcoming. If you can spare about an hour each week, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office to get involved.

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of Nicky Stillman who has recently died. **May she rest in peace.**

Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: Monica Keating, Pauline Crosbie, Mary Cohen, Betty Boyle, Martin Kelly, William Patrick Ogle, Kevin Rush, James Askew, Josephine Dunleavy and Pearl Jefferies

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, 9 November 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Entrance Antiphon

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

Collect

O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. 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

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46(45)

***R. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.***

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea. **R**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken;
God will help her at the dawning of the day. **R**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the Lord,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth. **R**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here and grant that by it those who seek your favour may receive in this place the power of the Sacraments and the answer to their prayers. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us the heavenly Jerusalem through the sign of your Church on earth, grant, we pray, that, by our partaking of this Sacrament, we may be made the temple of your grace and may enter the dwelling place of your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth, who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church, make you abound in heavenly blessings. **Amen.**

And may he who has willed that all his scattered children should be gathered together in his Son, grant that you may become his temple and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

And so, when you are thoroughly cleansed, may God dwell within you and grant you to possess with all the Saints the inheritance of eternal happiness. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit ✠, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Sunday, 9 November - Mass for The War Dead

Entrance Antiphon

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, life of all that is mortal and joy of the Saints, we humbly pray to you for your servants that, freed from the bonds of mortality, they may possess your Kingdom in everlasting glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

2 Maccabees 12:43-45

In those days: Judas, the leader of Israel took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin of offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130(129)

R. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings. **R**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered. **R**

I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak. **R**

More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities. **R**

Second reading

Romans 8:14-23

Brothers and sisters: All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs of Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For

the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:39

Alleluia, alleluia. This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 11:32-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: When Mary, the sister of Lazarus, came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and deeply troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, in your kindness the sacrificial offering we make for your departed servants, and for all who sleep in Christ, that, set free from the bonds of death by this singular sacrifice, that they may merit eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

We await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified body.

Prayer after Communion

As we participate in the divine mysteries we pray, almighty God, that they may advance our salvation and bring pardon to the souls of your servants, for whom we implore your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.