

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time Week 30

Sunday, 26th October

**Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



*Clocks go back one hour as
British Summertime ends*

9:30am
Family Mass
Jane Donnelly RIP
11:15am
Solemn Sung Mass
Private Intention
5:00pm
Khalid & Madelaine Ayar RIP

Monday, 27th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am
Private Intention
12noon
Funeral Service for Rosario Ricote

Tuesday, 28th October
*Feast of Ss Simon and Jude,
Apostles*

9:30am
George Henry & Elizabeth John RIP

Wednesday, 29th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am
Hugh McPartland RIP

Thursday, 30th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:30am
Requiem Mass for Hilary Gosling

Friday, 31st October
Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am
Kevin Heaney RIP

Saturday, 1st November
Our Lady on Saturday

9:30am
Deceased members of the Burnell family

Sunday, 2nd November

**Solemnity of
All Saints**

Collection: Cathedral Appeal

9:30am
Family Mass
Desmond, Mathew and May Millet RIP
11:15am
Solemn Sung Mass
May Rhodes RIP
5:00pm
Khalid and Madelaine Ayar RIP

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Sanctuary: Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family
Lady Chapel: Philomena Gillespie 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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Annual Cathedral Appeal

Next Sunday, 2 November, a second collection will be taken at all Masses for the annual Cathedral appeal. This is an opportunity to contribute towards the significant upkeep costs of the Mother Church of our Diocese.

Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle

Join us on **Monday, 27 October at 7:00pm** in The Old Priory. This month's topic, 'Faith and ecology – like peaches and cream?' All are welcome.

Enquires: cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com

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**.

Fauré Requiem

On **Monday, 3 November** there will be a **Solemn Black Requiem Mass at 7:00pm** for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). The choir will sing Fauré's Requiem. This will be a memorable occasion and a fitting setting for the Mass on All Souls' Day.

Newman Association Talk

Join us for a thought-provoking talk on **Tuesday, 4 November at 2:30pm, at Sacred Hearts' Hall, Charlton Kings**. Our speaker, Rev'd Brian Woollaston, brings a wealth of experience from a diverse career. Rev'd Brian will explore the compelling question: *"Can War Ever Be Justified Through Christian Ethics?"* Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission: £3 (Free for members and students) For enquiries, please contact Stephanie Jamison at 01242 539810.

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.*

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.

Teen Meet and Eat (13yo+)

Calling all teenagers aged 13 and up! Join us for our monthly Meet and Eat evening on **Saturday, 1 November at Old Priory, starting at 6:30pm**. Come along to connect with friends, enjoy good food, and have a great time together. We can't wait to see you there! ***Over 16s, and their parents (if they wish) can stay for***

St Carlo Acutis – A Teenager for Teenagers (16s+)

Join us in The Old Priory for an inspiring illustrated talk about Saint Carlo Acutis on **Saturday, 1 November from 7:30pm** — a modern teenager whose faith and life continue to touch hearts around the world. The talk will be presented from 7:45pm by Corinna Turner, who attended the canonisation of Carlo and Pier Giorgio. *Corinna will have books available for purchase (£10–£20 cash recommended).*

55 Club Social

At our next meeting on **Thursday, 30 October**, Michael Andrews will be considering the significance of hometowns, and reflecting on his early life in Ipswich, in his forthcoming talk entitled "Hometowns: Made in Ipswich". Before retiring, Michael was a Theatre Director. He gave us a wonderful talk last year about his American Road Trip. Please join us in the Old Priory at 10am. Coffee, chat and homemade cakes. New members and visitors welcome. Tel: Stella on 07824 427400.

Would you like to receive a copy of the parish newsletter by email? Register your email address via the link on the home page of the parish website.

Baptisms

We welcome with joy into our community the following who have been baptised in September and October: ***Oskar, Athena, Maximilian, Eloise, Aria, and Myles***. We wish them and their families every grace and blessing as they begin their Christian life.

Chaplaincy & Youth Ministry Member

The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust are very excited to recruit Chaplaincy and Youth Ministry team members to support the primary schools within our Trust with chaplaincy and youth ministry. We are at the start of our journey into developing a team of youth ministers to work within our Trust schools. These roles will be to work across six primary schools in the first instance and so a willingness to travel between those schools (across Gloucestershire) either by own transport or using public transport or lift shares is necessary. For more information contact <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com>

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.

Confirmation 2026

The Confirmation programme is for those at Secondary school, who wish to explore their faith and who may want to go on to formally accept their baptismal promises in the Sacrament of Confirmation with the Bishop visiting us on Saturday, 23 May 2026 at 11:00am. The group will meet on Sundays after 9:30am Mass beginning in January. **Please read more and then register for this using the 'Confirmation' button on the website.**

Of your charity, pray for repose of the souls of *Debra Cruse and Pauline Murphy* who have recently died. **May they rest in peace.**

Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: *Alison McAlary, Sheila Jaynes, Angela Godding, Elizabeth Rowan, Barbara Simms, David Badger, Partick O'Reilly, Nicole Davis & Janet Sheeran*

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, 26 October 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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

Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33)

R. The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the Lord hears,
and rescues him in all his distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Or:

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.