

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time Week 26

Sunday, 28th September <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Wallace & Aston Families RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>John Machin RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>Khalid & Madelaine Ayar RIP</i>
Monday, 29th September <i>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	9:30am <i>Ben Cannon RIP</i> 12noon <i>Funeral Service for David Downing</i>
Tuesday, 30th September <i>Memorial of St Jerome, Priest Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday, 1st October <i>Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday, 2nd October <i>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Wesley Winter</i>
Friday, 3rd October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i> 1:00pm <i>Wedding of Megan Downey & Thomas Ladlon</i>
Saturday, 4th October <i>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi</i>	9:30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday, 5th October <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Eric Baldwin RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Cynthia Orji RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>Private Intention</i>

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Sanctuary: Deceased Brothers, family & friends of the Catenians
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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CAFOD – Harvest Fast Day

Harvest Fast Day takes place this year on Friday, 3 October. A second collection will be taken at all Masses **next Sunday, 5 October** to support the CAFOD appeal. CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is the official overseas development and relief agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

The Book Club

The club meets on the first Monday evening each month for Lectio Divina and on the third Monday for study of the writings of the Popes, in the Old Priory at 7:00pm. October's Lectio Text is 2 Timothy Chapter 1, and the Popes' writing is Pope Leos' [Homily for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#). The upcoming dates are **Monday, 6 October and Monday, 20 October**. All are welcome.

Journey in Faith - RCIA

The conversation this week will be about the Love of God - the love that is at the core of the Trinity, and which draws us towards him. RCIA meets on **Thursday, 25 September** in the Old Priory gathering with refreshments at **6:30pm and the seminar begins at 7:00pm**. RCIA is for all those seeking to deepen their Faith and knowledge of the Catholic Church and can lead to baptism, confirmation and full reception into the church at Easter. *All are welcome!*

Teen Meet and Eat (13yo+)

Calling all teenagers aged 13 and up! Join us for our monthly Meet and Eat evening on **Saturday, 4 October 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!

St Thomas More Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz Night

Join us for an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition! **Friday 24 October from 7:00pm at St Thomas More Hall**. Enjoy a delicious fish & chip supper followed by a lively quiz — all for just £12. Tickets are available after STM Mass or by contacting Helen on 01242 582394. Bring your friends and test your trivia skills — we would love to see you there!

Harvest Festival Food Collection

During the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 5 October, the Children's Liturgy group will be gathering food donations at the church entrance. If you're able to contribute, please consider bringing non-perishable items such as tins, jars, rice, or dried pasta. All donations will be distributed locally by the parish's Saint Vincent de Paul Society to support those in need.

First Holy Communion Programme 2025-2026

Children in school year 3 or above who wish to make their First Holy Communion in June 2026 are invited to join the parish preparation programme starting in early November 2025. The parent information meeting will be on **Tuesday, 21 October at 6:00pm at St Gregory's School**. Parents/guardians are invited to register their child using the online form available on the parish website. For further information about the programme email:

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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 Sunday's after 9:30am Mass beginning in January. **Please read more and then register for this using the 'Confirmation' button on the website.**

Invitation to Catechists

All catechists within our pastoral area who are involved in Sacramental preparation or the Children's Liturgy of the Word are warmly invited to a Day of Reflection at **Sacred Hearts Church, Charlton Kings**. The event will take place on **Saturday 18 October**, beginning with Mass at 9:15am and concluding by 3:15pm. The day will include a talk by Fr David on the Eucharist. For more information contact: pastoral.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com

Thinking of Becoming a Catechist?

The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph are offering a series of three weekly online sessions exploring the foundations of catechesis:

- *What is catechesis?*
- *What sources should we use in catechesis?*
- *How can we prepare an effective catechetical session?*

These sessions begin on **Saturday 6 December**, running from **9:00am to 12:00pm**. [Register Here!](#)

St Francis of Assisi Day Picnic

Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle are meeting for an outdoor picnic at Garden Flat, 24 Warden Hill Rd, Cheltenham GL51 3AW on the feast of St Francis of Assisi, **Saturday 4 October, from 12noon till 2.30pm**. Bring food (local, organic, animal friendly and/or fairly traded) to share. For further details (and arrangements if wet) on 01242 244182. Cheltenhamlaudatosicircle@gmail.com

55 Club Social

A morning of lively entertainment awaits! Join us at the Old Priory this **Thursday, 2 October 2025** for a delightful performance by England's Glory Ladies Morris Dancers, showcasing traditional folk dances in full costume. Let the vibrant music and spirited steps lift your mood and get your toes tapping to tunes that have echoed through the ages. Come early for coffee and cake at 10am, with the dancing spectacle running from 10.45am to 11.30am. All are welcome – new faces and visitors alike! For more details, contact Stella on 07824 427400.

Newman Association Talk

Join us for a special talk hosted by the Newman Association on **Tuesday, 7 October at 2:30pm**, taking place in the lounge at **Sacred Hearts' Hall**, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Our guest speaker will be Hope Price, who served as a Marie Curie nurse for 35 years and continues to care for terminally ill patients in their homes. Hope is also a published author, known for her writings on angels. She was featured on *Songs of Praise* last December, with the BBC filming at her home church in Fairford. Her talk will focus on the theme: Angels.

Clifton Diocese Annual Formation Day 2025

The Diocesan Annual Formation Day will take place on **Saturday, 11 October** at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Brislington, with Mgr. John Armitage as our keynote speaker. He will be reflecting on the theme of 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'. There will also be several workshop options to attend where you can choose one for the morning and another for the afternoon when booking a ticket. More details and to register for the day, go to:

<https://diocesanformationday.eventbrite.co.uk>

Of your charity, pray for repose of the souls of *Margaret Allen, Eric Baldwin, David Downing, Marlene Huber, George Martin, Doreen Kirby and Thomas Dolan* who have recently died. **May they rest in peace.**

Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: *Mary Adlam, Mary Snape, Betty Chitechy, Fr Piet Wyngaard O.Carm, Dermot McHugh, Patrick Kemple, Judith Callaghan, Fr Timothy Kelly OSB, Sheila Williams, Paulina Underlich-Wesolowska, Caroline Stankovich, Kathleen Spence and Muriel Grieve.*

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

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Sunday 28 September 2025
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145)

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who does justice
to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **R**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age. **R**

Second reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free

from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Or:

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.