

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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-Liturgy this Week-

Sunday, 21st September <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Deceased relatives of Joon Hopewell</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Bruce Sears-Davies RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>For the intentions of Hilary Gosling</i>
Monday, 22nd September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Harry Campbell RIP</i>
Tuesday, 23rd September <i>Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Marie Therese Nacitas</i>
Wednesday, 24th September <i>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Allan Teissier</i>
Thursday, 25th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Maureen Gibbons</i>
Friday, 26th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am- School Class Mass <i>Bernard Deneher RIP</i> 1:00pm <i>Wedding of Veena McCoolle & Ross Poulley</i>
Saturday, 27th September <i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	9:30am <i>Len Treneman RIP</i>
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>

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Sanctuary: *Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family*

Lady Chapel: *Molony family and friends*



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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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Second Collection - Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

This Sunday, 21 September, a Second Collection will be taken at all Masses for the Home Missions. On this Sunday we pray for the work of evangelisation in our countries and reflect on our response to the Lord's invitation to share our faith. This collection supports the work of the Home Mission desk of the Catholic Bishops' Conference which exists to support evangelisation nationally. The staff advise dioceses, parishes, movements, and Catholic organisations and offer a range of resources.

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 October** 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!***

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 in 2026 (Date to be advised). 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.**

300 Club – August Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the August draw for the Jericho 300 Club. **1st Prize £100 #32 Cole, 2nd Prize £50 #118 Burgess and 3rd Prize £25 #3 Fletcher**. Your cheques are on their way to you.

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/guardian 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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16-18s Fellowship Group

You are warmly invited to an informal gathering this **Sunday, 21 September after the 5:00pm Mass in the Old Priory** to explore ideas or questions about the Catholic faith with Catechists. For more information email:

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SVP Coffee Morning Invitation

We warmly invite you to join us for a coffee morning hosted by the St Vincent de Paul Society on **Thursday, 25 September 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. It's a great opportunity to meet others, ask questions, and learn how you can get involved. We will also have Christmas cards available for purchase, so please bring some cash if you'd like to support us in this way. We look forward to welcoming you!

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:

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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!](#)

Marriage Preparation Weekend – January 2026

Are you engaged and preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage?

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst offers a Residential Marriage Preparation Weekend each January, designed for couples who are committed to their faith and eager to explore the Church's vision for marriage. Rooted in Scripture and Tradition, this enriching weekend includes thoughtful reflection and learning, time for prayer and spiritual growth, opportunities to connect with other like-minded couples, and a peaceful retreat setting to deepen your relationship. More information is here:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>

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>

World Peace Day, Sunday 21 September

It is important to speak up against war and violence. In Cheltenham, a number of events are taking place, including six different walks. One, led by Martin Davis, is around Town Centre places of worship: it starts from the porch of **St Gregory's at 2pm** on Sunday, ending at the War Memorial in the Promenade. There, at 4pm, there will be a Peace Vigil for all those taking part. For more details go to the following link:

<https://www.cheltenhaminterfaith.org.uk/up-coming-events/>

Of your charity, pray for repose of the souls of *Eric Baldwin, David Downing, Marlene Huber & George Joseph Martin* who have recently died. **May they rest in peace.**

Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: Patrick Holland, Patricia Meyrick, Mary Palmer, Wilfred McGrea, Malachy Balltine, Anthony Cassidy, Alison McAlary, Richard Ford, Mary Adlam and Mary Snape.

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

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.

Sunday 21 September 2025
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?'

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 113 (112)

R: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blest
both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who dwells on high,
who lowers himself to look down
upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap he raises the poor,
to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

Second reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

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 16:10-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Or:

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.