



St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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-Liturgy this Week-

Sunday, 14th September <i>Feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i> <i>Education Sunday</i>	9:30am (<i>Children's Mass</i>) <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Arthur Campbell RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Cynthia Orji RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>Intentions of Fred Ner</i>
Monday, 15th September <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9:30am <i>Phyllis Cremins RIP</i>
Tuesday, 16th September <i>Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	9:30am <i>Intentions of Simon Hopewell</i>
Wednesday, 17th September <i>Memorial of St Edith of Wilton, Virgin</i>	9:30am <i>Morning Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction</i>
Thursday, 18th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>The Sanctity of Life</i>
Friday, 19th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Myung Ja Chung RIP</i>
Saturday, 20th September <i>Memorial of Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha- sang and Companions, Martyrs</i>	9:30am <i>Dr Michael Gompertz RIP</i>
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>

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Sanctuary: Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family

Lady Chapel: Margaret McDonald 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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Second Collection – Education Sunday

A second collection will be taken at all Masses this **Sunday, 14 September** for the Catholic Education Service in England & Wales (CESEW) which supports our Catholic schools in so many ways. CESEW negotiates on behalf of our bishops with governments and other national bodies on legal, administrative, and religious education matters to promote and safeguard Catholic interests in education, and contributes to Christian perspectives within educational debate at national level.

Second Collection - Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

A Second Collection will be taken at all Masses next **Sunday 21 September** for 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.

First Holy Communion Programme 2025-2026

Children in school year 3 or above who wish to make their First Holy Communion in June 2025 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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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!](#)

Cheltenham Laudato Si Circle

Where is Africa on care for creation?

Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle Zoom meeting on **Monday, 15 September at 8pm** with guest Gabriel Dinda from Kenya, open to all. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86006435477?pwd=R0Z5a3BsZkxMVFN0NUUyNzV0QzZ2UT09> Meeting ID: 860 0643 5477 Passcode: 518210.

55 Club

Come along for coffee and cake on **Thursday, 18 September at 10:00am in the Old Priory**. We are delighted to welcome Rachael Kelly from Planet Cheltenham, who will be speaking on *"The Impact of Climate Change."* New faces and visitors are always welcome! For more information, contact Stella on 07824 427400

Stitch&Pray

Our next meeting is on **Saturday 20 September** in the Old Priory from 1pm to 4.30pm. All are welcome to pop in for a Prayer or a stitch or two or just a cuppa and to see how we are progressing with our 'Hug Rug for Care Leavers' project. An added joy: Music While We Work from the Organ Recital!

Cheltenham Half Marathon – Travel Reminder

The annual Cheltenham Half Marathon takes place this year next **Sunday, 21 September**. Please be aware that road closures and traffic delays are expected throughout the morning. We kindly ask all parishioners to plan your journey to Mass accordingly to avoid any disruption.

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!

Upcoming Event- Organ Recital

The next in the series of organ recitals by our organist Dr August Guan will be at 2pm next **Saturday 20 September**. He will be playing both organs. The recital entitled "Classical Favourites" will feature - **Dandrieu**: Variations on O filii et filiae on the Blank; **JSB**: Chaconne from Violin Partita in D minor, BWV 1004 (arr. W T Best) on the Blank; **Wagner**: Siegfried-Idyll (arr. Lemare) on the Willis; and **Widor**: Toccata from Symphony 5 on the Willis. *As usual entry is free with a retiring collection.*

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>

Do you have questions about practising your Faith in a secular culture?

Those recently confirmed up to university or working age are warmly invited to join a monthly gathering in the Old Priory on the third Sunday of each month after the 5pm Mass. ***Upcoming dates: 21 September, 19 October, 16 November and 21 December.*** This group offers an informal and stimulating space to explore ideas, Catholicism, and personal development with catechists. There's also time to relax and connect over refreshments. For more information email:
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Stay Connected with our Parish on Facebook

Looking for an easy way to stay up to date with parish news, events, and community life? Then follow our official St Gregory's Facebook page!

Why follow us? Get reminders for Mass times and special services, see photos and updates from parish events, learn about upcoming organ recitals, events and more! Join us online and be part of our growing digital community! ***Just search for Parish of St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham on Facebook and click "Follow."*** Let's stay connected—both in spirit and online!

Of your charity, pray for repose of the soul of **George Joseph Martin** who has recently died. **May he rest in peace.**

Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: Nigel John Leslie Meyrick, Leslie Shortland, Martin Coady, George Patrick Bermingham, Fr Basil Postlethwaite, Phyllis Cremins, Phillip Elliot and Raymond Joseph Goodhead.

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 14 September 2025
Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Collect

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in 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

Numbers 21:4b-9

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 78(77)

R: Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and utter hidden lessons of the past. **R**

When he slew them, then they sought him,
repented and earnestly sought God.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **R**

Yet they deceived him with their mouths;
they lied to him with their tongues.
For their hearts were not steadfast towards him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R**

Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger,
and did not stir up all his rage. **R**

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord, which on the altar of the Cross cancelled the offence of the whole world, cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having been nourished by your holy banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring those you have redeemed by the wood of your life-giving Cross to the glory of the resurrection. Who live and reign for ever and ever.