



St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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Parish Priest: Rev. Canon David Mills *vf*

Permanent Deacon: Rev. John Andrews

Parish Administrator: Michael Burnell

Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time - Week 15	
Sunday, 12th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Collection: Stella Maris (Sea Sunday)</i>	9:30am (<i>Children's Mass</i>) <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Martine du Chatenet RIP</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Cynthia Orji RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 13th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>
Tuesday, 14th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Patricia & Michael Knowles RIP</i>
Wednesday, 15th July <i>Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>No morning Mass</i> 9:30am <i>Morning prayer</i>
Thursday, 16th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Deceased of the Kinmond and Parker Family</i>
Friday, 17th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am (<i>Whole School Mass</i>) <i>Patrick Devery RIP</i>
Saturday, 18th July <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> <i>(No Confessions or Exposition)</i>	11:00am <i>Canon David Ryans Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass</i>
Sunday, 19th July <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Deceased of the Cody Family</i> 11:15am <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Mick Slevin RIP</i> 5:00pm <i>Paul Lynch RIP</i>
<i>Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of:</i> <i>Sanctuary:</i> Fr David McDonald RIP <i>Our Lady Chapel:</i> Deceased family and friends of the Teesdale family	

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
10:00am - 10:30am

Arranging a Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your baby.
In the first instance you will need to speak
with Canon Mills after Mass. Parents need
to attend a preparation course prior to
the Baptism.

Arranging a Wedding

Congratulations on your engagement.
To arrange a wedding speak with Canon
Mills 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.

Sacrament of the Sick

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one is
admitted to either Cheltenham General, or
Gloucester Royal hospital and would like
to receive the Sacrament of the Sick,
please ask for the hospital chaplaincy
team on 0300 422 2222. The Sacrament
of the Sick brings strength, peace and
comfort, making present Christ's healing
love for those who are unwell.

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Second Collection – Stella Maris

This Sunday is *Sea Sunday*, and a second collection will be taken at all Masses. Stella Maris (SM) in England and Wales is part of an international network of agencies working in 89 countries to support the people of the sea. SM is an agency of the Catholic Church whose outreach involves spiritual and pastoral, practical and welfare, education and campaigning work in support of all seafarers, regardless of their nationality, colour or creed. SM supports seafarers through a network of chaplains and ship visitors; lay and ordained, paid and volunteer, who proactively visit seafarers on their ships offering the hand of friendship and, run ecumenical drop-in centres in ports where seafarers can relax and contact their families by phone or email; and accompany seafarers on their voyages as seagoing chaplains. <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/>

Deacon Martyn Jones

We are pleased to welcome 'Deacon' Martyn Jones back to the parish for his summer placement. Deacon Martyn assisted at his first Masses last weekend in the parish. Please do say hello when you see him around and about the parish.

55 Club

This Thursday, 16 July, come and meet Cheltenham's answer to Monty Don – Chris from Dundry Nurseries! Chris runs a thriving garden nursery and has turned his passion for nature into something truly special. Inspired by a dream to share the joy of gardening with everyone, he created the Butterfly Garden – a welcoming space where people of all abilities, particularly those with disabilities and special needs, can discover the wonders of growing plants and working together. The Butterfly Garden is about much more than sowing seeds. Through gardening, arts and crafts, friendship and teamwork blossom too. Supported by dedicated volunteers, it has become a unique and inspiring community project. ***Join us at the Old Priory for coffee and cake from 10.00am, with Chris's talk beginning at 10.45am.*** For more information, please contact Stella on 01242 511371.

The Faithful Fellowship (16-18Yrs)

Our Faithful Fellowship group welcomes A-level, college, and university students who want to pray together, explore meaningful conversations, and occasionally take part in charitable projects. Join us for our next bring-and-share gathering of food, prayer, and conversation on **Sunday, 19 July**. We begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm with the meeting finishing at 8:30pm.

Marriage Support

Retrouvaille offers hope and support for couples facing difficulties in their marriage. Next programme is from 2–4 October. Tel: 07887 296983 [LINK](#)

Clifton Diocese Trustee

The Diocese is seeking a new Trustee to strengthen the Board's skills. Applicants should have strong governance knowledge and experience in change management or transformation. This voluntary role involves one 4-hour Board meeting about eight times a year on Wednesdays at 9.30 am in Bristol, plus membership of at least one sub-committee meeting six times a year. Preparation time is required, and Trustees typically give around 8 hours per month plus travel. Training and travel expenses are provided. Expressions of interest, with a recommendation from your Parish Priest, should be sent to the Bishop's Office via Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW, or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com by **30 June 2026**.

Sunday refreshments -Volunteers needed

We hope that everyone enjoys coming through to the Old Priory for refreshments, but we need more helpers at both the 9.30am and 11:15am Sunday Masses. One of our regular 9.30am teams will be stepping down in August. It is not a difficult task and contributes to the life of the Parish. Please consider helping - For more information, please contact the office or email: jjze.willson@blueyonder.co.uk. ***Please note that refreshments will currently not be available during August after the 11:15am Mass***

Foundation Governor Vacancy

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is seeking new Foundation Governors. Working as part of a committed governing body, Foundation Governors help ensure that pupils receive a high-quality education rooted in the mission and values of the Catholic Church. Our governors are drawn from all three Cheltenham parishes and bring a wide range of experience and perspectives. For more information, please visit: www.st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk/our-governors or contact Cathy Hipkiss, Chair of Governors, at chair@st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk.

CYAN- Catholic Young Adults Nourished (18-35Yrs)

Young adults aged 18–35 are warmly invited to an evening of faith, friendship and food at **St Thomas More Church on Saturday, 25 July**. The evening begins with a bring-and-share supper at 6:30pm, followed by a short faith talk at 7:00pm and time to socialise. Whether you are a regular attendee or joining for the first time, you will be made very welcome. Feel free to bring a friend. To let us know you are coming, contact @cyan_glos on Instagram or email cyangloucestershire@gmail.com.

Canon David Ryans, Golden Jubilee

We are delighted to be hosting a special Mass in the parish for Canon David Ryan's Golden Jubilee next **Saturday, 18 July at 11:00am. Please note that there will be no 9:30am Mass, Confessions, or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on this day.**

RCIA – Journey in Faith

The RCIA Journey in Faith programme offers monthly sessions for those wishing to grow in their faith or consider becoming part of the Catholic Church, with adult reception typically taking place at Easter. Feel free to join us and invite someone who might like to come. Our next session will be held **on Thursday, 16 July at 6:30pm** and we will be discussing 'Creation – God in the World' All are welcome!

Book Club

The Book Club meets at 7:00 pm on the first and third Mondays of each month. At the next meeting on **Monday, 20 July**, we will discuss Pope Leo's homily delivered at the Basilica of the Sagrada Família on 20 June (<https://tinyurl.com/5ed3rb8m>), which participants are asked to read in advance. **All are very welcome!**

St James Chapel – Pilgrimage Walk

Following the great success of last year's pilgrimage, it will be held again on **Saturday, 25 July**, the Feast of St James. Full details, along with the (essential) registration form, can be found on the Parish website. Mass will be celebrated at St James at midday, following a three-hour walk from St Gregory's (with shorter route options also available).

St Gregorys School – Volunteer Required!

St Gregory's Primary School are looking for a garden maintenance volunteer to help keep the school space thriving. The area is their Eco Hub – a space where children can learn about nature, develop an understanding of the environment, and connect with the outdoors through hands-on experiences. They are looking for someone who would be happy to give a little of their time to help keep the area looking its best by weeding, planting, growing vegetables, flowers or herbs in the raised beds, and generally tidying and maintaining the space. The children use the area throughout the year as part of their learning, so having it well cared for would make a real difference. If you are interested, please contact the school directly.

Of your charity, pray for the souls of Vincenzo Fulvio, Joan Frois and Audrey McCausland who have recently died. May they rest in Peace.

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week: Kathleen Janetta, Patrick Kelly, May Evelyn Francis, Kathleen McMillan, Daniel Harrington, Lina Marcello, Diane Harper, Joseph Canavan and Julianna Tierney.

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.

**Solemn Mass
Credo III - No 503**

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, 12 July 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:

‘For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65(64)

℟: Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

*You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God’s ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. ℟*

*And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. ℟*

*You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy. ℟*

*The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! ℟*

Second reading Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: 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

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.’

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Or:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.