



S. GREGORY
THE GREAT

St Gregory The Great

10 St James Square, Cheltenham GL50 3PR
Clifton Diocese Registered Charity No. 1170168

Parish Priest: Fr David Mills

Parish Secretary: Mary Challis **Parish Treasurer: Ann Greenwood** **Property Manager: Mike Raftree**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Psalter 1

Sunday 6th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am <i>Bill & Kitty Cody RIP</i> 11.15am <i>People of the Parish</i> 6.00pm <i>Diana Gosling RIP</i>
Monday 7th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	No 9.30am MASS 12noon Requiem Mass for Mary (May) Temple RIP
Tuesday 8th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>The O'Hanlon Family</i>
Wednesday 9th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Thomas Carroll RIP</i>
Thursday 10th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Malcolm Vicary RIP</i>
Friday 11th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Pauline Jones RIP</i>
Saturday 12th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 13th March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am <i>George & Mary Castleton RIP</i> 11.15am <i>James Prosser RIP</i> 6.00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>

The Word – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
First Reading (Deuteronomy 26:4-10)
The creed of the chosen people.
Responsorial Psalm
Be with me, O Lord, in my distress
Second Reading (Romans 10:8-13)
The creed of the Christian.
Gospel (Luke 4: 1-13)
Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

Confessions

Saturday Mornings: 10-10.30am

Baptisms & Weddings

Arrangements with Father David Mills via the Parish Secretary

St Thomas More Catholic Church

Address: Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham, GL51 7RA

Priest: Fr Joby Lukose

Telephone: 01684 293273

Email: tewkesbury.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com

Parish Website:

www.saintthomasmorecheltenham.org.uk

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Address: Moorend Rd, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Moran

Telephone: 01242 524932

Email: cheltenham.sacredhearts@cliftondiocese.com

Parish Website: www.sacredhearts.org.uk

Office: 01242 523737 (Monday-Friday 9am-12pm)

Email: cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com

Parish Website: www.stgregorys.org.uk

Boiler and Heating

As I am sure you are acutely aware, there has been an ongoing problem with the boiler that powers the underfloor/perimeter heating in the Church. It will be necessary to replace the boiler in the not-too-distant future. Quotes are currently being sought for more Eco friendly boilers which have the capacity for hydrogen adaptation when this becomes available. Fund raising will however be necessary to cover this extensive machine replacement and plumbing etc. To this end the Dona machines have an option to contribute to the work and there is now the facility to gift-aid your donation. Please do so if you possibly can. There are also ad-hoc envelopes available in the church, which can be used for your donation and Gift Aid details. This would help enormously as we can then claim the tax back which greatly enhances the donation. I am sure the parish will respond in the generous way that it always has in the past, when such needs arise. Thank you.

CAFOD - Lenten Fast Day Collection

There will be a second collection taken at all Sunday Masses next weekend (13th March). CAFOD is the official overseas development and relief agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales and plays a vital role in the world's largest network of relief and development organisations. The generous support from the Catholic Community makes it possible for CAFOD to help many thousands of people transform their lives. Please use an envelope for your donation and, if you are a UK taxpayer please consider giving by Gift Aid.

Lenten Alms

One of the ancient practices of the Church during Lent is giving alms, that is helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Bishop Declan stresses the need for this in his pastoral letter. I would suggest that contributing to our parish projects would be a great way of doing this. The most obvious cause is that of the people of the Ukraine during their time of need. Any money given during Lent via the parish project envelopes marked **Aid to the Church in Need** will be given to help those suffering as a result of the invasion of their home land. Another worthy cause would be to support Monze which assists the Parish of Our Lady of the Wayside. The parish there wants to create a large pond to grow Tilapia (which some regard as the fish that St. Peter caught with a shekel in its mouth). This project is expected to produce a significant income. 100 Tilapia fingerlings cost about £5 and, when they are sold could raise about £50. Donations should be placed in the Parish Projects envelopes, marked **Monze**.

Synod Report

The parish Synod Report is now available on the website, and has been submitted to the Diocese.

Laudato Si

The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is offering a six-part series on *Laudato Si*, the Papal Encyclical promulgated by Pope Francis in 2015. Jason Charewicz, the Caritas and Environmental Officer, will lead the sessions. The first three parts, called *Laudato Si: Into the Wilderness*, take place in Lent. The final three, called *Laudato Si: A New Creation*, take place during Eastertide. Each session will focus on a single chapter of *Laudato Si'* tied in with the liturgical season, providing an overview and invitation to dive deeper into the sections which call to you specifically. The encyclical will act as a focus for prayer and reflection to help discern the Lord's call in your life. This series is perfect whether you have never read *Laudato Si'* and want a prayerful introduction, or if you have read the document many times and seek a spiritual refreshment and refocus. Please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com to register your interest.

Stations of the Cross in Lent

Stations will be said in Church at 5pm every Sunday evening in Lent. For those unable to attend in person, these will also be available streamed on the Parish Website. If you would like to help with reading, serving or streaming please contact john.andrews@cliftondiocese.com or call 07403 697251.

Our Church App.

We now have an app suited to most mobile phones, and free to install and use. It contains daily Mass reflections, parish news, and quick access to live streams of our 9.30am Mass on Sundays. Instructions are on our webpage.

55 Club

Our friendly Parish Social Club is open again! Mike Merrett will give a talk on Pets this Thursday, 10th March at 10am in the Old Priory. Please join us for coffee and chat. New members welcome. (Stella Kinmond on 511371)

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Deceased: Dr Michael Gompertz, Mary (May) Temple and Myung Chung RIP.

Anniversaries: Joseph Smotrycky, Winifred Walsh, Elsie Bartlett, Cartherine Crosbie, Stephen McDonough, Mary Jones, Patrick Walsh, Malcolm Vicary, Philip Tartaglia, Dennis Conlon.