



S. GREGORY
THE GREAT

St Gregory The Great

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Psalter 3

Sunday 20th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am <i>Kate Durkin RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Deceased Members of the Wren Family</i> 6.00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 21st March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	No 9.30am MASS
Tuesday 22nd March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Tessie Stanton RIP</i>
Wednesday 23rd March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	No 9.30am MASS 6-6.45pm Prayers for Ukraine
Thursday 24th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Brian McKendry RIP</i> 7.00pm PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Friday 25th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Josef & Vāclav Melkus RIP</i>
Saturday 26th March <i>Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord</i>	9.30am <i>Sarah McKenna RIP</i>
Sunday 27th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 'Laetare Sunday'	9.30am <i>Jack & Marjorie Castleton RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Tony & Brenda Thorn (60th Wedding Anniversary)</i> 6.00pm <i>Khalid & Madelaine Ayar RIP</i>

The Word –THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading (Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15)

I Am has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians) 10.1-6, 10-12

The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us.

Gospel (Luke 13.1-9)

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Confessions

Saturday Mornings: 10-10.30am

Baptisms & Weddings

Arrangements with Father David Mills via the Parish Secretary

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Priestly Ordination of Joseph Meigh

Bishop Declan has confirmed that Joseph Meigh's ordination as a priest will take place during Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 9th July, at 11am. Joseph grew up in this parish, and extends a heartfelt invitation to anybody who would like to come. He will also be offering the Masses at St Gregory's on the following morning, Sunday 10th July. Please keep him in your prayers during these final weeks of preparation.

Prayers for Ukraine

The Church will be open on Wednesday evenings between 6-6.45pm during Lent, for prayers for the situation in Ukraine and the refugee crisis.

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.

Offertory Envelopes

The Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes for 2022/2023 are available for collection from the table at the back of Church. Please take your box home with you and use them from **Sunday, 10th April 2022**. Thank You.

UKRAINE

The Chief Rabbi of Ukraine has asked for Christians to recite Psalm 31 aloud.

Psalm 31 21-24; 21 Praise be to the Lord, for he showed me the wonders of his love when I was in a city under siege. **22** In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!" Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help. **23** Love the Lord, all his faithful people! The Lord preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he repays in full. **24** Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Aid to the Church in Need

Thank you to all of you who had donated so very generously to the Aid to the Church in Need. I have been moved by your response to my Appeal for funds for Ukraine and so far, you have raised £755.00. There are so many of you and I cannot write to you individually, but please rest assured that I deeply appreciate your kindness. Thank you.

Boiler and Heating

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. Fund raising will 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. **The Dona machine at the side entrance is set for the boiler appeal**, whereas that at the back door location, is for normal offertory giving. This will hopefully ease congestion at the doors. There are also ad-hoc envelopes available in the church, which can be used for your donation and Gift Aid details. Thank you.

Property Management Officer

An exciting opportunity has arisen in the Property Services Team at Clifton Diocese. The role is focussed on supporting the Head of Property Services in managing the Curia property assets. Clifton Diocese own a large diverse property portfolio and the successful postholder will be integral to the running of the Property Department. The role is a full-time position based in Alexander House, in Bristol. The key responsibilities will be undertaking administrative responsibilities to ensure the smooth operation of the Property Services Department. The post holder will assist the Head of Property Services in the operation of the Property Services Department, ensuring that buildings and land within the Diocesan property portfolio are managed and maintained in good order. The post holder will also oversee the running of Holy Souls Cemetery as the Cemetery Co-ordinator. The postholder will need to be self-motivated and well organised with good timekeeping and record keeping abilities. Further information regarding the role is available on the diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> For an informal discussion about this role please contact Jo Long, Head of Property Services. The Job Description, application form and personal specification documents will be linked to the main Clifton Diocese website.

55 Club Thank You

Donations generously offered for devotional items belonging to the late Fr David McDonald raised £300 for Aid to the Church in Need Ukraine Appeal.

CLOCKS "Spring Forward"

A gentle reminder to adjust your clocks next Saturday night, **26th March** to British Summertime GMT time, 1 hour forward.

Working with Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Garas have a vacancy for a full-time support worker. For an informal chat please contact Ismail (07565 808605) or Linda (07845 012101). To request an application pack, please e-mail: admin@garas.org.uk or telephone: 01452 550528. Closing date is **Monday, 28th March**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Anniversaries: Peter Wixey, Daphne Keeling, Marta Wegrzyn, Philomena Palmer, Bridget Steger, Sarah McKenna, Janet Bonnar.