

# St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<p><b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p><b>PEACE SUNDAY</b></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Nell &amp; George Spence RIP</i></p> <p><b>11.15am</b> <i>Davy Gibbons RIP</i></p> <p><b>5.00pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i></p>
<p><b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>NO MASS</b> <i>(Church Closed)</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Artie Toner RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot</i></p>	<p><b>NO MASS</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>NO MASS</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Wulstan, Bishop</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Maria Chen RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Maria Young RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Davy Gibbons RIP</i></p> <p><b>11.15am</b> <i>Moira Jones RIP</i></p> <p><b>5.00pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday Mornings</b> <b>Confessions &amp; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 - 10:30am</b></p>	

## Readings for today's Mass



Scan the code on your smart phone or tablet and this will take you to the readings. This works for any day, not just Sundays.

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## ARRANGING A WEDDING

***Congratulations on your engagement!***

*To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr David is necessary so that the canonical and civil processes can be explained and correctly followed. Couples need to give at least six months' notice.*

## ARRANGING A BAPTISM

***Congratulations on the birth of your baby!***

*First, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr David in person at a Sunday Mass. He can check a few simple facts. After this an appointment can be made to fill in a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through other members of the family, but in person with the parents. They need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.*

***Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:***

***Main Altar: Deceased Family & Friends of the Teesdale Family***

***Our Lady Chapel: David McDonald RIP***

## Donate Here!



Scan the code to support our parish. If you add gift aid your donation can mean more to us.

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### **THE ORGAN PROGRESS**

You may have noticed that there has been some progress in the construction of the “new” Willis organ in the gallery. In fact, there has been much more progress than can be observed from ground level, and it is fascinating to see how the multitude of parts, both wood and metal, are beginning to fit together. Work is also being done by Cooke Organs in their workshop. It is hoped that the instrument will be playable in time for Easter Day. It is planned that our organist, David McConkey, will demonstrate the organ’s qualities on Easter Day, and a recital is planned for late April. More details will follow. Sadly, it isn’t possible for parishioners to visit the gallery during the works, because there are a number of Health and Safety issues!

### **CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Each Sunday as part of the 9.30am Mass. Do feel you can send your children to listen to God’s word in the Old Priory? They will be sent out at the start of Mass and will return at the time of the Offertory so that they can celebrate the ‘second part’ of the Mass with us. All children are welcome to join us!

### **55 CLUB**

Ever wondered about what happens to our rubbish? Karen Watson from Cheltenham Borough Council will be coming along to our meeting on **Thursday, 18 January** to give a talk on Recycling. It will be a general overview of the waste and recycling that takes place in Cheltenham. Meeting starts at 10am in the Old Priory with coffee and homemade cakes. New members and guests always welcome. Tel. Stella on 01242 511371.

### **NEW TO OUR PARISH**

If you are new to the parish, you are so welcome, and it is good to have you here. If you are newly arrived, do say hello. It is good to have you as part of our parish community, and please join us for tea and coffee after one of the Sunday morning Masses in the Old Priory. Please also remember to complete a new parishioner registration form and hand it in to the parish office.

### **MASS INTENTIONS 2024**

It is advisable for Mass intentions to be booked well in advance as they are taken up quickly, and bookings for 2024 are filling up fast. If you would like to book a Mass intention, please do so with the parish office as soon as possible.

### **SPONSOR A SANCTUARY LAMP**

It is great to see the lamps being sponsored weekly in memory of loved ones. There are still some spaces available for 2024. If you would like to sponsor a lamp on either the Sanctuary or the Chapel of Our Lady, please complete one of the forms at the back of the church, and hand it in to the parish office with your offering.

### **A REMINDER AND MORE HELP NEEDED**

Sheila Mander is organising tree planting in the grounds of the Ellenborough Park Hotel, Southam Rd, GL52 3NJ on **Sunday, 21 January at 11.30am**. Please wear Wellies/Boots and bring a spade.

### **PEACE SUNDAY**

Today, 14 January is **Peace Sunday**, and Pope Francis’s message this year asks how we can ensure that artificial intelligence (A.I.) serves peace and not war. He writes that, ‘It is not the responsibility of the few, but of the entire human family... May Christian believers... and men and women of good will work together in harmony to embrace the opportunities and confront the challenges posed by the digital revolution and thus hand on to future generations a world of greater solidarity, justice, and peace. To follow Peace Sunday, Cheltenham Laudato Si’ Circle invites all to join a Zoom meeting tomorrow, Monday 15 at 8pm with Andrew Jackson, Chief Executive of Pax Christi England & Wales: ‘Peace in all its aspects’ Join via this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86006435477?pwd=R0Z5a3BsZkxMVFN0NUyNzV0QzZ2UT09#success> Meeting ID 860 0643 5477, passcode: 518210.

### **DATES FOR 2024**

*Ash Wednesday - 14 February*

*Easter Sunday - 31 March*

*Ascension Day - 9 May*

*Pentecost Sunday - 19 May*

*Corpus Christi - 2 June*

*First Sunday of Advent - 1 December*

***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Nancy O’Connor, Michael Perehiner, Daphne Garman, Irene Nash, Wanda Woulfe, Stephen Togher, Gordon Hackwell, Concetta Licata, Bridget Boardman, Philip McAlary, Tania Johnson, Gerald Clarke, Agnes (Alison) Schofield, Mary Roison, Nicolas di Mambro, Kathleen Barrett, Trudie Seddon, Margaret Bourke.***