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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Sunday, 25th February <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> | 9.30am <i>Bill Cody RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Paul Towey RIP</i> 4.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 5.00pm <i>Intentions of the Jones Family</i> |
| Monday, 26th February <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | NO MASS <i>(Church Closed)</i> |
| Tuesday, 27th February <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | 9.30am <i>Monica Wren RIP</i> |
| Wednesday, 28th February <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | 9.30am <i>Dec'd Members of the Hegarty & Bolger Families</i> |
| Thursday, 29th February <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | 9.30am <i>For the intention of Grace Hopewell</i> |
| Friday, 1st March <i>Feast of Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</i> | 9.30am (Class School Mass) <i>Steven Anthony Gerard Thorn RIP</i> |
| Saturday, 2nd March <i>Weekday of Lent</i> | 9.30am <i>Diana Gosling RIP</i> |
| Sunday, 3rd March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> | 9.30am <i>Sylvester Frois RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Fogarty RIP</i> 4.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 5.00pm <i>The O'Hanlon Family</i> |
| Saturday Mornings Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 - 10:30am | |

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Main Altar: Donnelly & McQuid Families

Our Lady Chapel: Deceased Family & Friends of the Teesdale Family

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.

Page: 151 in the Parish Mass Book

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.



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SPECIAL COLLECTION – CAFOD

Today, Sunday, 25 February, there will be a second collection for CAFOD after all Masses. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church, via the Dona machines or, give online at cafod.org.uk.

HEADTEACHER - ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL: 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

Due to the appointment of the current Headteacher to the CEO role within the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust, St Gregory's Primary School, Cheltenham are now seeking to appoint a new Headteacher. This person should be an inspirational teacher, servant leader, a practising Catholic and excited to take the school on the next stage of its journey. If you would like to know more about the role, a full recruitment pack can be found here: <https://lwcet.co.uk/work-for-us/> Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact c.blanch@lwcet.co.uk for further information.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC AT 11.15am

We continue our series of the Eucharistic hymns of St Thomas Aquinas (ca1225-74) in honour of the 750th anniversary of his death. During Communion the choir will sing *Ecce panis angelorum* (part of the longer text *Lauda Sion* which St Thomas wrote as the Sequence Hymn for the feast of Corpus Christi) set to a traditional Portuguese melody. (Observant worshippers will notice that a slightly-altered version of this text can be seen above the chancel arch in St Gregory's.) *Ecce panis angelorum, factus cibus viatorum, vere panis filiorum, non mittendus canibus. In figuris præsignatur, cum Isaac immolator, Agnus Paschæ deputatur, datur manna patribus.* (Behold the bread of angels, given as food for our journey, bread meant for God's true children and not to be given to dogs. Oft it was prefigured in ancient signs: in Isaac bound on the altar, in the food miraculously given to our fathers in the wilderness.)

MEET AND EAT

We are inviting all teenagers for the monthly 'Meet and Eat' evening on **Saturday, 2 March at 6.30pm** in the **Old Priory**. Come along, meet new friends, have a fun and good time together."

THE CHRISM MASS – CLIFTON CATHEDRAL, WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH @ 11.00am

Bishop Declan will be the main Celebrant and will bless the three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and holy chrism.

AWAY DAY FOCUSING ON THE EUCHARIST FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS: SATURDAY, 27 APRIL 2024

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Catechist of any description, an adult altar server or anybody who requires a DBS check to function as a volunteer in the parish, you are warmly invited, and indeed encouraged, to attend an away day at **Sacred Hearts Parish, Saturday, 27 April**. The morning will commence with Mass at 10.a.m in the Church. This will be followed by two 45-minute sessions in the hall presented by Fr David on Jesus, the Passover and the Eucharist, followed by a lunch break. Please bring your own lunch; tea and coffee etc for the day will be provided. In the afternoon Janice Pearson, the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator will give a 45-minute training session on Safeguarding. The Catholic Church, as part of its serious commitment to safeguarding, has made it a requirement that all volunteers in parishes receive some safeguarding training. Janice's session will fulfil this requirement for anybody who requires a DBS check to function in a parish and would be a great opportunity to do this training with other volunteers on a face-to-face basis rather than on-line. It is envisaged that the day will end shortly after 2pm. Please attend both the retreat day on the Eucharist and the safeguarding session.

LENT STUDY COURSE BASED ON THE LORD'S PRAYER AT ST HOMAS MORE

'We dare to say' which has been published by Clifton Diocese as part of our preparation for the Jubilee year, 2025, will be held from **7.00-8.30pm** on **Tuesday evenings** during Lent. These sessions will include prayer and reflection on the scriptures. Email pastoral.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@Cliftondiocese.com for the Jubilee Year.

LENTEN RETREAT

Clifton Diocese is offering this retreat: 'Transformed by Love' in online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. Tuesday's: **27 February, 5, 12, 19 and 26 March, 7.30pm**. To sign up, click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration](#) on the Diocesan website.

Your prayers are asked for those who have recently died: John Christopher Lordan and Joannah Dorman RIP.

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Gerard Keenan, Deirdre Brady, Edmund O'Riordan, Francis (Frank) Hill, John Stack, Patricia Lodge, Jenny Dabrowska, Richard Smith, Margaret Welch, Steven Thorn, Dr Michael Gompertz, Bridget Teresa Curry.