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THE GREAT

Parish Priest: Rev. David Mills

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<p>Sunday, 11th February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>World Day for the Sick</p>	<p>9.30am (CHILDREN'S MASS) <i>Pat Bell RIP</i></p> <p>11.15am <i>Bridie Quinlan RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>People of the Parish</i></p>
<p>Monday, 12th February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>NO MASS <i>(Church Closed)</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, 13th February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>1.00pm <i>Requiem Mass for Krystyna Maria Oleszek RIP</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i></p>	<p>9.30am <i>Joseph Lin RIP</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Peter Joyce RIP</i></p>
<p>Thursday, 15th February <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i></p>	<p>9.30am <i>Winifred Wren RIP</i></p>
<p>Friday, 16th February <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i></p>	<p>9.30am <i>Khalid & Madelaine Ayar RIP</i></p>
<p>Saturday, 17th February <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i></p>	<p>9.30am <i>Martin Francis Ward RIP</i></p>
<p>Sunday, 18th February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>Prayer for Candidates For the Sacraments</p>	<p>9.30am <i>Neil & George Spence RIP</i></p> <p>11.15am <i>Brian Dunlea RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>People of the Parish</i></p>
<p>Saturday Mornings Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 - 10:30am</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.

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Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:
Main Altar: Deceased Family & Friends of the Teesdale Family
Our Lady Chapel: Mary Quinn

LENT STUDY COURSE BASED ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

'We dare to say' which has been published by Clifton Diocese as part of our preparation for the Jubilee year, 2025, will be held at St Thomas More, Princess Elizabeth Way from 7.00-8.30pm on **Tuesday evenings during Lent**. The sessions will include a time of prayer and reflection on the scriptures. All welcome. Please email pastoral.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@Cliftondiocese.com If you would like to order a 'We dare to say' booklet. This would be a great way to begin the Year of Prayer and prepare for the Jubilee Year.

MARRIAGE WEEK

To mark marriage week (7-14 February) we are holding an informal supper, conversation, and prayer time in the Old Priory, **at 7pm on 13 February**. All couples welcome especially those married in recent years, together with those planning to marry. Please bring something ready to eat for the meal and be prepared to share your joys, hopes and questions. Please let Deacon John know by email if you will be coming: john.andrews@cliftondiocese.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Deacon John will lead Stations of the Cross in church each **Sunday during Lent at 4:00pm**

LENTEN RETREAT

Clifton Diocese, in partnership with 'Light of Truth', is offering a Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love' in six online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at **7.30pm** on a Tuesday evening: **20 February, 27 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March**. To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration](#) on the Diocesan website.

SCHOOLS HALF-TERM BREAK

We wish all staff, children, and parents a good half-term holiday. Please remember them in your prayers.

55 CLUB

Please join us for our meeting in the Old Priory on **Thursday, 15 February 2024 at 10am**. Joanna Vials will be telling us about St Gregory's refurbishment project "5 Years On." Joanna and her husband Chris Bentall will be leaving our parish later this month. They have served our parish well for many years in various roles. Chris as Caretaker of the Old Priory, Gardener and Welcomer at funerals, Joanna as Sacristan, Gardener and Leader of the Church Cleaning Team. They have been researching our church history, and Joanna has published several books following this research. Please come along for cake and coffee and to wish Joanna and Chris well for their future. Guests and visitors very welcome. Tel Stella 01242 511371.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT AMAZON WISH LIST

We are constantly asked by parishioners what they can do to support the school. To help answer that question, we have set up an Amazon Wish List for books and additional resources for each year group. If you would like to help the children and families in your Parish school, please visit the link below and buy a book for one of our year groups. Please remember to add a note saying who it is from and which Parish so that we can pop your name in the front cover as a way of thanking you: <https://the-catholic-school-of-st-gregory-the-great.secure-primariesite.net/year-groups/> Thank you for your support to help us in our mission to instil the love of reading in our children.

ST GREGORY'S CHILDCARE TRUST

St. Gregory's Childcare Trust is an outstanding early-years childcare facility that shares the school site with St Gregory's Primary School. The setting provides high quality care and education for children starting from the academic year they turn 3. As a not-for-profit nursery and pre-school, you will find that the cost of childcare at our setting is much lower than local child-care businesses so that we can support working families, within the Parish, to make the pennies stretch a little further, making excellent care accessible to all. We still have a few places available for September 2024 and would like to make Parish families aware of this. If you would like to schedule a tour of the setting, please contact the Manager, Claire on 01242 515387.

WHY PILGRIMAGE?

A discussion hosted by the Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle and led by a veteran of the Compostela Way: **Monday, 19 February, 7.00-8.30pm** in the Garden Room, St Andrew's Church, Montpellier St, GL50 1SP. Further details: Martin Davis 01242 244182 or cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - CRIB OFFERINGS

Thank you for your Crib offerings this year following the appeal from The Friends of the Holy Land, **£730.97** was collected which has been sent off to the charity to support those affected.

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: (David) Philip Hawkins, John Lynch, Margaret Smy, Joan Short, Baby Emily Nemo Sanborn, Bruce Francis, Julia (Sheila) Cooper, Mary Philopena (May) Temple, Denis Probert, Mary Vick, Natalie Gale, Shirley McNulty, Jean Spicer, Maureen McCabe.