

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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>
Monday, 4th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	NO MASS <i>(Church Closed)</i>
Tuesday, 5th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Aleksandra Jennings</i>
Wednesday, 6th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Moirra Jones RIP</i>
Thursday, 7th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Paul Mason RIP</i> 2.30pm <i>Requiem Mass for John Christopher Lordan RIP</i>
Friday, 8th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>For the Repose of the Soul of Diana Gosling RIP</i>
Saturday, 9th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am <i>Michael Jennings RIP</i>
Sunday, 10th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> Laetare Sunday	9.30am (Children's Mass) <i>Malcolm Vicary RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Muriel O'Connell RIP</i> 4.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 5.00pm <i>People of the Parish</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: David McDonald RIP

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: 157 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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EASTER OFFERING

Traditionally the Easter Collection, along with that at Christmas, are the only collections given to the Priest during the year and is an important way in which the parishes support the unsalaried priests of the diocese. Envelopes, into which offerings may be placed, are located on the tables at the exits of the Church. Donations can also be made via the dona machines, or the parish website. Thank you.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC AT 11.15AM

We continue our series of the Eucharistic hymns of St Thomas Aquinas (ca 1225-74) in honour of the 750th anniversary of his death on 7th March 1274. Today the choir will sing O Salutaris Hostia, the final two verses of St Thomas' hymn Verbum supernum prodiens, nec Patris (written as the Office Hymn for Lauds of the feast of Corpus Christi), set to music by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921). The Latin text, with an English translation, may be found in the Laudate hymn books, No. 655.

ST KENELM PASTORAL AREA PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Lenten penitential service will take place at **7.00pm at St Thomas More Church on Tuesday, 19 March**. The Church asks that everybody participates in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lent period to prepare for their Easter Communion. This is a golden opportunity to fulfil this requirement in the context of a communal celebration. 5 or 6 priests will be available on the night to hear confessions.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY - ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL

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.

THE CHRISM MASS – CLIFTON CATHEDRAL

This will be on **Wednesday, 27 March 2024 @ 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.

IERICHO 300 CLUB – JANUARY WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the 300 club for January 2024. **1st Prize £100 Hopewell (114), 2nd Prize £50 Dinwiddy (124) and 3rd Prize £25 Thomas (41)**. Your prize cheques are on their way to you. If you have not yet joined, please pick up a membership form from the back of the church and return to the parish office.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Thank you for your generous donations for the CAFOD Lent fast day. **£1,013.55** was collected for this appeal. You are still able to donate via their website. <https://cafod.org.uk/>

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 THOMAS 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

VACANCY FOR MIDDAY SUPERVISOR, ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL

The School wish to appoint a Midday Supervisor and Play Leader to join our committed and talented lunchtime staff team at The Catholic School of Saint Gregory the Great. Our Midday Supervisors are important and valued members of our school team. Previous experience is not essential, but the successful applicant must be prepared to undertake suitable training as required and be able to think on their feet and interact well with children. Application forms are available by emailing:- sbm@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk

Closing date: 9:00am 12th March. Shortlisting: 12th March 2024 Interview date: 13th & 14th March 2024.

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Bernard Anderson, Alice Lawson, Kathleen Corrigan, Patrick Cunneen, Susan Miles, Baby Luke Carroll, David Andrews, Frances Wiseman, Winifred Walsh, Catherine Crosbie.