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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<p>Sunday, 9th June</p> <p><i>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>9.30am (Children's Mass) <i>The Mander Family</i></p> <p>11.15am <i>People of the Parish</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Margaret & John Morrissey RIP</i></p>
<p>Monday, 10th June</p> <p><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>NO MASS <i>(Church Closed)</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, 11th June</p> <p><i>Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle</i></p>	<p>9.30am <i>Patrick & Eileen O'Hanlon RIP</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, 12th June</p> <p><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>NO MASS</p>
<p>Thursday, 13th June</p> <p><i>Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p>9.30am <i>Cathryn Upton RIP</i></p>
<p>Friday, 14th June</p> <p><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>9.30am <i>Frederick & Elizabeth O'Hanlon RIP</i></p>
<p>Saturday, 15th June</p> <p><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>9.30am First Holy Communion Mass <i>Teresa Young RIP</i></p>
<p>Sunday, 16th June</p> <p><i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>9.30am <i>Jane & Sarah Murray RIP</i></p> <p>11.15am <i>George Henry & Elizabeth John RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>People of the Parish</i></p>

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.

Saturday Mornings

Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 - 10:30am



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Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning for:
Main Altar: Deceased Members of the Teesdale Family
Lady Chapel: The Stratford Family

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FUNERAL SERVICE

Priests' Retirement Fund

Next Sunday, 16 June, we will have a retiring collection to help ensure that the priests of our Diocese can enjoy a dignified retirement. Our priests rely on this support after devoting their lives to furthering the mission of the church and bringing people closer to Christ. There are gift aid envelopes & leaflets at the back of the church.

2024 Appointments

Bishop Bosco has reappointed Mgr. Liam Slattery and Canon Colin Mason as Vicars General of Clifton Diocese. We wish them well and pray for them.

First Holy Communion 2024

Congratulations to the 85 children who will celebrate their First Holy Communion this month. We keep them in our prayers, encourage them along their journey of faith, and in their participation in the life of our parish family.

Diocesan Day

The annual Diocesan Day will take place on Saturday 6th July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol. The focus of the day will be on Hope – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. We will look at where our hopes lie, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025. The day will start at 9.30am with refreshments and will include Mass as a central part of our day. Please bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome but places are limited, so please book early! To register for the day please click the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftondiocesanday.eventbrite.co.uk>.

The Permanent Diaconate

Following on from Deacon John's homily on Vocations Sunday, here is some more information about the discernment program. We have four sessions (including vocation, prayer, discernment and what it is to be a deacon) starting formally in September, but it has some pre-work beforehand – for that reason **applications and discussions for the coming year enquirers programme close on 30th June**. If you are considering whether you might have a vocation to the diaconate you need to talk with Fr David and /or Deacon

John before 20th June to be considered for this year's program.

Open Day at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud

Take time out to pause and reflect. The Bernadine Cistercian sisters cordially invite you to enjoy the peace and beauty of their monastery at an Open Day on **Saturday 15th June**. There will be two sessions: Morning **10.30am -12.30pm** or Afternoon **2.00pm-4.00pm**. See the poster in the Old Priory or check out their website. www.brownhill.org

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Égalité Absolue is a registered charity based in Cheltenham, that organises assisted pilgrimages for everyone and also caters for those needing assistance, the sick, disabled, infirm and terminally ill. It takes place on the **12-21 September 2024**. The coach will be leaving St Thomas More Church, Cheltenham at 10am. If you are interested in going as a pilgrim or a carer, and want more information, please contact me, paul.mckenna27@icloud.com or 07833746282.

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 invited 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.

Jubilee Year 2025

The Pope has designated the motto for the upcoming Jubilee Year as "Pilgrims of Hope". The chosen words – pilgrims and hope – both represent key themes of Pope Francis' pontificate. The forthcoming Jubilee will take place in line with the norm of leaving a 25-year gap between each one, the last jubilee year being in the year 2000. *In Spes non confundit*, Pope Francis announces that the Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, 2024. Later, on 29th December, the Pope will open the Holy Door of the Archbasilica of St John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome. On the same day, every Cathedral throughout the world will have Mass celebrated by the local Bishop to mark the opening of the Jubilee. The Jubilee Year will draw to a close in Rome on the Solemnity of Epiphany, 6th January 2026.

Leaving a legacy to the Church

Leaving a legacy to a charity is a very popular way of helping others when you have gone. By leaving a gift to St Gregory's in your will, you will make an important long-term contribution to the work of the Church. It will be free of inheritance tax, so all you need to do is tell your solicitor or will writer that you would like to leave a legacy to us. Suggested wording for your will or codicil can be requested from the parish office.

The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust (LWCET).

Our local collaboration of Catholic schools working together, are looking for a Chief Financial Officer to join the team and work alongside the CEO to drive the Trust strategy forward. Details can be found here: <https://lwcet.co.uk/work-for-us/> and the closing date is 12th June. If you would like an informal conversation about the position to find out more, please do call Charlotte Blanch on 01242 513659 option 2.s.

Your prayers are asked for those you have recently died: Joe Cheetham & Bridget (Bridie) Garvey RIP.

Remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Sheila Wilcox, Maureen Meyer-Dyhrenfurth, Dorothea Ellis, Edward Kusznierski, Raymond Walters, Natalie Burnett, Pauline Copley, Ninetta Diponeo, Brenda Thorn.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people
of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy
on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive
our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First reading

Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe

and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'