

# St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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THE GREAT

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## ***ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

<p><b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Jane &amp; Sarah Murray RIP</i> <b>11.15am</b> <i>George Henry &amp; Elizabeth John RIP</i> <b>5.00pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i></p>
<p><b>Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>NO MASS</b> <i>(Church Closed)</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>11.00am</b> <i>Requiem Mass for Bridget (Bridie) Garvey RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Frank Hill RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Thomas Moore RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Khalid &amp; Madelaine Ayar RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <i>Feast of Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <b>First Holy Communion Mass</b> <i>Bruce Francis RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <i>Audrey Dias Alemida RIP</i> <b>11.15am</b> <i>Peggy Wiggall RIP</i> <b>5.00pm</b> <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. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.*

### **Saturday Mornings**

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



### **Donate Here**

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

***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

Today, 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.

### Blessing of the new Organ

The newly installed Willis organ in the loft has finally been fully installed. It was hoped that our Bishop would come to the Mass on the 23 June to bless the organ.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, Bishop Bosco is unable to be present with us. He has however firmly promised to visit us later in the year, hopefully for the completion of the new roof on the Old Priory. The money collected for Bishop Bosco's present will be used at that point. The organ blessing and commissioning will nevertheless go ahead so that it can be brought into use. The service, with an absolute feast of music, will thus take place at 11.15 a.m. on the 23 June. There will not be a catered event in the Old priory as previously planned as this will be held off until Bishop Bosco's visit. Please do make every effort however to come along to the blessing and hear the organ being played at Mass for the first time at St Greory's Church. The newly installed organ will be a great asset in the liturgy and worship in our parish.

### 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 programme.

### Clean Air Superhero

**Are you under the age of 11 and want to help air quality?** Design a Clean Air Superhero! The best Air Quality Superhero will win a £150 Halfords voucher! Your Clean Air Superhero can be drawn, written (a short story), or physically made from recycled materials and photographed. You must list your Superhero's powers and how these help protect people and the planet from poor air quality. Please send your Clean Air Superhero to [glosclimate@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:glosclimate@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or post to Sustainability, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG. Final entries must be received by 12:30pm on the 20th of June 2024. <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/cleanairday>

### 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](mailto:paul.mckenna27@icloud.com) or 07833746282.

### 55 Club - Thursday, 20 June @ 10am (OP)

Portrait of You! Sheila Bryant, a talented local artist, will create a portrait in front of your very eyes! Watch as she captures the personality, expression and likeness of the sitter. Members are invited to bring in their own art materials and have a go themselves, or to simply look on in wonder! One lucky person will be chosen as the sitter, and Sheila will present them with their portrait at the end of the session. This is a session to remember! Guests and visitors most welcome. Tel: Stella on 01242 511371.

### Music Group - 9:30am Sunday Family Mass

The parish music group always welcomes singers and musicians to come and contribute to the worship in church. If you can sing, play an instrument or even both, do make yourself known to the existing group at any 9:30am Mass. The group typically meets at 9:00am to learn that Sunday's Psalm and rehearse the hymns. Just come and make yourself known to

Tom (the group's musical director), and he will let you know how you can join.

### **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.

### **300 Club – April & May Winners**

Congratulations to the following parishioners for April & May. Your Prize cheques are on their way to you.

**April:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 Roger (115), 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 Gibbons (23) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25 Summerfield (83) **May:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 Crickmore(8), 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 Fletcher (3) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25 Thomas (41).

***Remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:*** Kathleen O'Halloran, Mary Lee, Thomas Chandy, Hannah Sanders, Michael Steed, Freda Gunn, Fr Dick Twomey, Norman Herbert, Diane Diver, Enid Banner, Annunziata Bolton, Margaret Walsh.

#### **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

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First reading** Ezekiel 17:22-24  
***I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of Israel***

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its  
branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord,  
am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the withered  
green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16**

***It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.***

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

**Second reading** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
***We want to be exiled from the body and make  
our home with the Lord***

We are always full of confidence when we  
remember that to live in the body means to be

exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and  
not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and  
actually want to be exiled from the body and make  
our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in  
the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing  
him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in  
the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what  
he deserves for the things he did in the body, good  
or bad.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 4:26-34  
***The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing  
into the biggest shrub of all***

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom  
of God is like. A man throws seed on the land.  
Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake,  
the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does  
not know. Of its own accord the land produces first  
the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the  
ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time:  
he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of  
God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is  
like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing  
in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;  
yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of  
them all and puts out big branches so that the  
birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the  
word to them, so far as they were capable of  
except in parables, but he explained everything to  
his disciples when they were alone.