

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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~ This Week's Liturgy ~

Sunday, 25th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9:30am Frances Ford RIP 11:15am Elizabeth & James Common RIP 5:00pm Alex Mercer RIP
Monday, 26th May Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest	No Mass (Church Closed)
Tuesday, 27th May Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	9:30am Frances Ford RIP
Wednesday, 28th May Weekday of Easter	9:30am Morning prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Thursday, 29th May Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord Holy Day of Obligation	9:30am Paul Benfield RIP 7:00pm George Henry & Elizabeth John RIP
Friday, 30th May Weekday of Easter	9:30am Dariusz Szymanek 5:00pm Holy Rosary
Saturday, 31st May Feast of the visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary	9:30am Desmond, Matthew & May Millet RIP
Sunday, 1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter	9:30am Andrew Mooney RIP 11:15am Peter Burnard RIP 5:00pm People of the Parish
Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of: Main Altar: Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family Lady Chapel: Ben MacDonald RIP	



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Holy Rosary

The holy rosary is prayed in Church each Friday evening at 5:00pm

Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Saturday morning after Mass from 10:00 - 10:30am

Arranging a Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your baby.

In the first instance you will need to speak with Fr David after Mass. Parents need to attend a preparation session prior to the Baptism.

Arranging a Wedding

Congratulations on your engagement.

To arrange a wedding speak with Fr David after Mass. Couples need to give at least six months' notice of their intention to get married.

Safeguarding

Our parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance, and both National and Diocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Owen Holbrook** and, can be contacted at: psr.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com.

Would you like to receive a copy of the parish newsletter by email?

Register your email address via the link on the home page of the parish website. The newsletter will be sent out each Friday morning.

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Second Collection – World Communications

Next Sunday, 1 June, a second collection will be taken at all Mass for the Catholic Communication Network. The Network delivers the bishops' message to the media and to the wider world. It is the media office of the Bishops' Conference and exists primarily to serve the various departments, offices, agencies and consultative bodies of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Stitch and Pray Group

The next stitch and pray session will be on **Saturday, 7 June** from 1:00pm-4:00pm in the Old Priory. All are welcome: bring your own craft or participate in the group quilt project and enjoy stitching, conversation, cake and prayer.

School Governors Needed

There is a current shortage of School Governors for our Catholic schools, and an invitation is being sent out to ask for those of you who might consider volunteering to stand as a School Governor to get in touch with the Diocesan Schools Office. There is a poster in the porch giving contact details and Bishop Bosco has sent a letter to all parishes, which is included with this newsletter. Please do consider this important ministry – supporting our Catholic Schools is such a vital role in the life of the Church today and it needs good, sensible, prudent and interested people to put themselves forward to allow our schools to make use of their skills and professional abilities. *There is also a short video by Bishop Bosco on the home page of the parish website.*

SVP Coffee Morning

The next SVP coffee morning is on **Thursday 29 May at 10am** in the Old Priory. Come along for cake, coffee and a chat. Meet new people and make new friends.

Come and See!!

With these words in John's Gospel, Phillip invited Nathanael to come and meet Jesus. If you, or someone you know, are interested in the church or wants to talk about faith, then come for an informal conversation with Deacon John and others on **Thursday, 29 May at 8:00pm** (after the evening Mass for the Ascension).

A Word of Thanks

We would like to thank Dave Bunting who recently donated funds to purchase a new coffee machine for the old priory. Thank you for your generosity.

Laudato Si' Clifton

On **Saturday 31 May**, Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass at 11am at St Bonaventure's, Bishopston, Bristol at the start of a day's commemoration of the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si'. For full details and to reserve a place, see the poster on our Parish website, or email cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com. This is an opportunity of encounter **from 10.30am until 4.00pm**. There's a chance to explore the mission and the values of LS with plenty of input and opportunity for conversation, too.

Cyan Social Event - 18-35 Year Olds

Following the announcement of our new Pope Leo XIV, let us meet to learn about the papacy. Let us pray for his ministry and explore the roots of the papacy, on **Friday, 30 May at 5:00pm** at St Thomas More Hall, Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham. Please do join us and for more information please email us: cyanloucestershire@gmail.com or alternatively DM us on our Instagram for any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Feast of the Ascension

This feast is celebrated on **Thursday, 29 May** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be 9:30am and Solemn Sung Mass at 7:00pm this day.

Volunteers needed - Sunday 5:00pm Mass

We are looking for volunteers as sacristans, Eucharistic ministers and readers for the Sunday, 5pm Mass. If you are willing to train as a sacristan, a Eucharistic minister or join the reading rota, please contact the parish office.

The Book Club

We meet on the first Monday evening of every month to read a section of the Gospel and using the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, to pray together and learn together. Old Priory, on **Monday 2 June at 7:30pm**.

Missio Red Box Scheme – Local Secretary Role

We are looking for a volunteer to act as Local Secretary for the Missio & Mill Hill Missionaries. The Local secretary is someone who can promote the mission and work of Missio within the parish along with administering the Red Box Scheme and distributing the Mission today magazine to supporters. If you feel you can do this and are interested, please contact the parish office.

Catechists' Formation Course

On **Monday 23rd June, at 7:00pm** there will be a *Teams* online information session on the Vocation of the Catechist. This session is for anyone who would like to find out more about the role, or who may be considering becoming a catechist. A link to the session can be obtained by emailing: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

Details can also be found on the Clifton Diocese website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/the-vocation-of-the-catechist/>

Encounter 2025

The Encounter series continues at the Cathedral on Wednesday evenings and via live stream, and YouTube. <https://cliftondiocese.com/encounter/>.

This Pentecost, there will be a Vigil Mass followed by an all-night Vigil at Clifton Cathedral on **Saturday, 7 June** or you can join via live stream, which is an opportunity to come together as a Diocese to pray for the Holy Spirit to reinvigorate our faith, our parishes and our communities.

Diocesan Jubilee Celebration

Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him at Downside School and Abbey on **Saturday, 19 July** for our Diocesan Jubilee Celebration of Hope. In addition to three keynote speakers, prayer, and reflections, we will be offering an exciting and joyful programme for our children and young people. Arrivals/refreshments from 10am. In addition, a free hot lunch will be provided (a lunch box is provided for children under 11). Our Jubilee Celebration of Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3pm. There will be a maximum of 300 tickets. If you would like to join us for the day, booking through **Eventbrite** is essential. Please register via this link for your ticket:

<https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk>

For the catering, a printed/mobile ticket from Eventbrite is required. **The closing date for tickets is 7 July.**

New to our Parish?

If you are new to our parish - Welcome! Join us for tea and coffee in The Old Priory after the morning masses each Sunday. Please remember to complete a new parishioner registration form at the back of the church and hand it in to the parish office.

Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: Denise Ellis, Teresa Costello, Joseph Falcon, Cathy Andrews. Sean O'Kelly, Baby Gabriel George Hopkins and Francis Augustine Moloney.

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, **(bow)** 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year C

First reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67(66)

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

May God be gracious and bless us
and let his face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation.

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

Second reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'