

# St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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**Parish Priest:** Rev. David Mills

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. John Andrews

**Parish Administrator:** Michael Burnell

## ***-Liturgy this Week-***

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July**

*Sea Sunday*

*Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

**9:30am**

*Deceased members of the Cody family*

**11:15am**

*Carol Winston-Jones RIP*

**5:00pm**

*Michael Burnell's Intentions*

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

**9:30am**

*Timothy Francis Dwyer RIP*

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July**

*Memorial of St Bonaventure,  
Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

**9:30am**

*Lucy Costello RIP*

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

**9:30am**

*Morning Prayer with Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

**9:30am**

*The Sanctity of Life*

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

**9:30am**

*Whole School Mass  
St Gregory's School Community*

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July**

*Our Lady on Saturday*

**9:30am**

*Holy Souls*

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July**

*Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

**9:30am**

*Mae & Pat Wallace RIP*

**11:15am**

*Bridget & James Anthony Kerr RIP*

**5:00pm**

*People of the Parish*

***Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:***

***Sanctuary:*** Laurence Fletcher RIP

***Lady Chapel:*** Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family



### **Donate Here**

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

### **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](mailto:psr.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com).

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## **Second Collection – Stella Maris**

***This Sunday, 13 July*** is *Sea Sunday*, and a second collection will be taken at a Masses. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

## **Pastoral Area Pilgrimage to St James Chapel**

St James is a not well enough known gem of our Diocese. Near to Winchcombe, this church dates back to 12th Century and has never been anything other than a Catholic Church - which makes it one of the oldest Catholic Churches in the country! As one of our Pastoral Pilgrimages this holy year, we are making a pilgrimage walk on **Saturday, 26 July** from St Gregory the Great in Cheltenham to St James Chapel, a walk of about 8 miles and involving the ascent of Cleeve Hill. On arrival we will Celebrate Mass. Please click on or scan the QR code for more information and to sign up - ***registration is essential for this pilgrimage.***



## **55 CLUB**

***London, Paris, New York, Rome, Milan ... Cheltenham!!*** Join us for our Nigerian FASHION SHOW on **Thursday, 17 July at 10am** in the Old Priory. Anne Graham will be bringing along a selection of Nigerian outfits which will be modelled along the catwalk! Anne lived in Nigeria for many years and will be talking about the occasions on which the outfits were worn. Home-made cakes and coffee served. Visitors welcome! Tel: Stella on 01242 511371.

## **Jericho 300 Club – June Winners**

Congratulations to the winners of the 300-club draw for June 2025. **1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 Ratcliffe (#62), 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 Meigh (#64) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25 Smith (#81).** Your prize cheques are in the post to you. If you are not a member and would like to join please complete one of the membership forms at the back of church and return to the office. The 300 Club supports our Jericho appeal with the chance of winning a monthly cash prize – ***Remember you must be in it to win it!***

## **Glastonbury Pilgrimage**

The Diocese annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury, will take place this year on **Sunday 7 September**. The theme for this year's Pilgrimage is "Mary, Woman of Hope," which aligns with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope". Full details about the Pilgrimage can be found on the Diocesan website here:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/glastonbury-pilgrimage/> and on the Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury's website here:

<https://www.glastonburyshrine.co.uk/pilgrimage> at 7:00pm. Prayerful reading and conversation.

## **Upcoming Event – Organ Recital**

Our parish organist, Dr August Guan, will be giving another recital at 2pm on **Saturday 19 July**. He will play music by Del Buono, Jean-Jaques Beauvarlet-Charpentier, and J.S. Bach. Entry is free with a retiring collection.

## **Gift Aid**

Many of our parishioners give generously to support the parish, and those who are able Gift Aid their donations so that we can claim an extra 25% from the Government at no extra cost to the donor. However, Gift Aid claims are only available to those who pay income and/or capital gains tax. Your donations qualify as long as they are not more than 4 times what you have paid in the tax year. For those who already Gift Aid, please review your tax position to make sure that you continue to be eligible; for those who don't, please consider adding Gift Aid if your tax position allows for it. ***Please contact the parish office with any queries or to set up a new Gift Aid donation.***

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Each Sunday as part of the 9:30am Mass the Children's Liturgy takes place in the Old Priory. Children go out 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.

## **Church Roof Works**

You may have noticed contractors working on the Church roof this week. This is part of our scheduled preventative maintenance to help preserve the building and avoid future issues. The work has involved removing moss from the roof tiles, which, if left untreated, can retain moisture and lead to long-term damage. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation while this essential maintenance is carried out.

### **Children's Mass Books**

We now have a number of new Mass books for children. These are on the window shelf by the Baptistry. Please take a copy for use during Mass – but remember to return them after Mass

### **St Vincent De Paul Society**

Cheltenham SVP Conference exists to help anyone in need. If you could do with a helping hand, or know of someone else who does, we will try to provide support. All requests are treated in confidence within the Conference. Please feel free to email [svpcheltenham@gmail.com](mailto:svpcheltenham@gmail.com) or phone 07552819177.

### **Clifton Diocese – Formation Day**

The annual Formation Day will take place on **Saturday, 11 October** at St Brendan's College, Brislington, with Mgr. John Armitage (Parish Priest, Former Rector of the National Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom) as our keynote speaker. Anyone who has heard Mgr. John speak before knows what an inspiring and gifted priest and speaker he is. He will be reflecting on the theme of 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'. In addition, there will be several workshop options for people to attend. *More information in the Autumn but please put the date in your diary.*

### **Invitation from Canon Alan Finley**

**Canon Alan writes:** "God willing I shall be 50 years Ordained as a priest on 12th July. On Thursday 17 July, I shall offer a Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Bosco and other priests. Some Deacons, Religious Sisters and local parishioners will attend. Mass is in Corpus Christi Church, Weston Super Mare at 7pm. Former parishioners of mine are welcome to come. A Buffet follows in the Parish School Hall adjacent to the Church. Parking is available in the school playground and there are car parks nearby in town. For catering purposes, If attending, please let me know by emailing: [afinley34@gmail.com](mailto:afinley34@gmail.com) or text or phone. 07722408304. Thank you

***Of your Charity***, pray for the soul of Margaret Cottrill who has recently died. **May she rest in peace.**

***Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week:*** Patrick Joseph Kelly, May Evelyn Francis, Kathleen McMillan, Daniel Harrington, Linda Marcello, Diane Harper, Joseph Canavan, Julianna Tierney, Paddy Chronwell and John Tostevin

### **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

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

### First reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses spoke to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

'For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 69(68)

***Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.***

I pray to you, O Lord,  
at an acceptable time.  
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,  
with your faithful salvation.  
Lord, answer, for your mercy is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn toward me. **R**

As for me in my poverty and pain,  
let your salvation, O God, raise me up.  
Then I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad,  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord attends to the needy,  
and does not spurn his own in their chains. **R**

For God will bring salvation to Sion,  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The children of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. **R**

### Second reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were

created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 6:63c, 68c

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.

### Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.'

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'