

# St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

A parish in the Catholic Diocese of Clifton

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**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. John Andrews

**Parish Administrator:** Michael Burnell

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

<b>Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>  <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Mae &amp; Pat Wallace</i> <b>11:15am</b> <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Bridget &amp; James Anthony Kerr RIP</i> <b>5:00pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>The Szymanek Family</i>
<b>Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b> <i>Feast of St Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Deceased members of the Maduka family</i>
<b>Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Our priests and new Vocations</i>
<b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Feast of St James, Apostle</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Charlie Harkin RIP</i>
<b>Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>(No Confessions or Exposition today)</i> <i>Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>Pilgrimage to St James Chapel, Postlip. Mass will be celebrated at the chapel at 12:00noon</b>
<b>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>  <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Patrick Wallace Junior RIP</i> <b>11:15am</b> <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>George Henry Elizabeth John RIP</i> <b>5:00pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>

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

***Sanctuary:*** Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family

***Lady Chapel:*** Joyce Fletcher 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](mailto:psr.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@cliftondiocese.com).

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### **Second Collection – This Sunday**

There will be a second collection taken at all Masses **this Sunday, 20 July** for the Bishop's Charitable fund. The annual collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund enables the Bishop to respond to the many charitable causes that appeal to him. This money, in a way, is 'us' reaching out to the little causes we never hear about. It enables the Bishop to be charitable on behalf of the Diocese and to respond both immediately and at his discretion to those who seek his help.

### **This Saturday - 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.**



### **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.

### **We Believe Festival**

A Catholic summer festival for all the family packed with worship, talks, and fellowship, offering a transformative weekend experience will take place from 25-28th July 2025, at the stunning St. Mary's College, Oscott. Camp on site or stay in local accommodation. For more information email: [webelievefestival.com](mailto:webelievefestival.com)

### **Sisters of Mercy – Mission Appeal**

Each diocese in England and Wales is assigned a missionary congregation to make a parish mission appeal. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ have been assigned to Clifton Diocese. **Next Sunday, 27 July** the sisters will be making a Mission Appeal at both Sunday Morning masses. A collection will be taken at all Masses to support the mission of the sisters.

### **Sunday 11:15am Mass - Tea and Coffees**

Due to the limited volunteers available there will be no Tea and Coffees after the 11:15am Masses during August. The last group will be on Sunday 27 July. ***Tea and Coffees after the 9:30am Mass will continue as usual.*** If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis to support our team, please contact the parish office.

### **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.***

### **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.***

### **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.

### **Junior Choir Director, Clifton Diocese**

The Diocese Music department are seeking to expand the team by appointing a full-time, term-time colleague to initiate the National Schools Singing Programme and be committed to both schools and choral music. The aim is to introduce pupils aged 7 years upwards in schools to formal sung choral music, enabling opportunities to join Diocesan events and contribute to singing of the mass and other liturgies. The role will also include directing the Cathedral Junior Choir, including performances at 9.30am Sunday family mass six times per year, combining with existing musical groups or on their own.

The Director will be based at the Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Paul, Clifton, Bristol and importantly, travel to schools across our large diocese. Reporting to the Director of Schools and Colleges, candidates will require an enhanced DBS check and current UK driving license with access to a car.

For more information visit [Working for us | Clifton Diocese](#) or email [music@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:music@cliftondiocese.com)

***Closing date for applications: 31 July 2025***

### **St Vincent de Paul – Cheltenham Conference**

The Cheltenham SVP Conference is here to support anyone in need—whether it's you or someone you know. We offer practical help, a listening ear, and compassionate support, all in complete confidence. Please feel free to phone on 07552819177 or email [svpcheltenham@gmail.com](mailto:svpcheltenham@gmail.com)

***Of your Charity***, pray for the soul of Michael Benyon who has recently died. **May he rest in peace.**

***Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: Stefano Fulvio, Gerard McCarney, Giovanna Collins and Fay Nicholson***

### **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

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

### First reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15(14)

#### *O Lord, who may abide in your tent?*

Whoever walks without fault;  
who does what is righteous,  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
whoever does not slander with his tongue. **R**

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,  
who casts no slur on a friend,  
who looks with scorn on the wicked,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

Who lends no money at interest,  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a one shall never be shaken. **R**

### Second reading

Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God  
in an honest and good heart,  
and bear fruit with patience.  
Alleluia.

### Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

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

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'