



# 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, 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 &amp; Elizabeth John RIP</i> <b>5:00pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Morning prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>
<b>Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Jim Wells RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Morning prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>
<b>Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> July</b> <i>Memorial of St Ignatius Loyola, Priest</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Morning prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Tere Dolan RIP</i>
<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>George Henry &amp; Elizabeth John RIP</i>
<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>  <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Family Mass</i> <i>Julita Almeida RIP</i> <b>11:15am</b> <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Deceased members of the Maduka family</i> <b>5:00pm</b> <i>For One Sick</i>

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

***Sanctuary:*** Tadeusz (Ted) Marczak RIP

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



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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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### **Mission Appeal – This Sunday**

Each diocese in England and Wales is assigned a missionary congregation to make a parish mission appeal during this Jubilee year. **The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy** have been assigned to Clifton Diocese. We welcome Sr MaryLucy who 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.***

This religious institute was founded in Nigeria in 1983 by Rev Fr Denis Mary Joseph Ononujo [CSSP] and has different missions in several parts of the world. In our mission, we dispense God's love among the needy such as the orphans, aged, homeless, lone mothers and run skills acquisitional centres. They also offer spiritual guidance, free counselling and protect the rights of the unborn.

### **55 Club**

Join us after the morning Mass on **Thursday, 31 July** for Nick Hart's presentation 'Chasing Oil'. Nick will illustrate some of the challenges environmental consultants must solve when cleaning up industrial oil and chemical spills into soil and groundwater. Find out more about this valuable, vital specialist work. New members and visitors' welcome. 10:00 – 11:00am in the Old Priory. Tel: Stella on 01242 511371.

### **Come and See!**

"Come and See" is an informal look at the Catholic faith and suitable for anyone who is curious about their relationship with God. Later this year they might then want to join the RCIA program to discern if the Catholic Church is to be their spiritual family for life. If you know anyone who might be interested, please invite them to come with you on **Thursday evening, 31 July** in the Old Priory from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

### **Mass of Creation**

We will celebrate our commitment to recognising our place in God's creative order with a Mass for Creation on **Sunday, 31 August**. Father David will use the same votive Mass adopted by Pope Leo at the Creation Mass he said recently at Castel Gandolfo.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.***

### **Fundraising Event Invitation**

You are cordially invited to a Ceilidh at 7pm on **Saturday, 30 August at Sacred Hearts Parish Hall**, to raise funds to support Enabling Adventure (formerly Egalité Absolue) as they prepare for their pilgrimage to Lourdes in September next year. There will be a live band, a raffle, a licensed bar and a Ploughman's Supper. The venue is fully accessible. Tickets are £15. Further information at [www.enablingadventure.org](http://www.enablingadventure.org)

### **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.

### **Sea Sunday Collection**

Thank you for supporting the collection for Stella Maris. **£400.04** has been transferred to the charity. To find out more about how your support helps who live and work at sea, please visit:

[www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)

### **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**

***Of your Charity***, pray for the souls of Michael Benyon and Janet Budden who have recently died. **May they rest in peace.**

***Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: Pauline Humpsten, Ann O'Connell, Patrick O'Kelly, Baby Leon Tafelski and Maria Bassanino.***

### **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

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# THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

### First reading

Genesis 18:20-32

In those days: The LORD said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138(137)

**R: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name  
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.  
For you have exalted over all

Your name and your promise.  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,  
and the haughty he knows from afar.

You give me life though I walk amid affliction;  
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.

With your right hand you save me;  
the LORD will accomplish this for me.  
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands.

### Second reading

Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

### Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15bc

**Alleluia, alleluia.** You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' **Alleluia.**

### Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from **within**, "**Do** not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'