

# 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, 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>
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Deceased members of the Maduka family</i>
<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Alina &amp; Mieczyslaw Pastorczyk RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	<b>9:30am (CORRECTION)</b> <i>Morning prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i>
<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Michael Macfarlane RIP</i>
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of St Dominic, Priest</i>	<b>10:00am</b> <i>Requiem Mass for Janet Budden</i>
<b>Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Rita Peelo RIP</i>
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>  <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <i>Family Mass (Children's Mass)</i> <i>Mary Moore RIP</i> <b>11:15am</b> <i>Solemn Sung Mass</i> <i>Intentions of Mathew Winter</i> <b>5:00pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:</b>  <b>Sanctuary:</b> Deceased family & friends of the Teesdale family <b>Lady Chapel:</b> Fr David 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.  
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### **Mission Appeal – Thank you**

The Sisters of the Holy Family of the Needy extend their heartfelt thanks to our parish community for the warm and generous welcome they received during their mission appeal last weekend. A total of **£1,125.80** was collected and has been sent to support their mission. The Sisters are deeply grateful for your support and prayers. They would also like to offer a special word of thanks to the parish family who graciously hosted them during their stay in Cheltenham.

### **St James Pilgrimage**

Fr Joby extends his thanks to all the pilgrims who attended last weekend's pilgrimage and donated around £200 following the Mass. This contribution will go directly towards the ongoing maintenance of the chapel. A full report and photographs from the pilgrimage are now available on our website—just click the 'Pilgrimage' button to view. It is hoped to make the pilgrimage an annual event and Fr Joby warmly encourages further visits to the chapel by parish and school groups from across the pastoral area. ***These visits are welcome by appointment.*** Everyone is also invited to attend our regular Mass, held on the first Friday of every summer month at 11:00am.

### **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 Coffee Update**

Please note that due to a shortage of volunteers, there will be no Tea and Coffee after the 11:15am Masses during August. *Refreshments after the 9:30am Mass will continue as usual.* If you would be willing to volunteer regularly to support our hospitality team, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office.

### **Lectio Divina – A Time for Prayerful Reflection**

Join us for our next Lectio Divina gathering—a peaceful and prayerful reading of Holy Scripture in a small group setting on **Monday, 4 August at 7:00pm**. This ancient practice invites us to listen deeply to God's Word, reflect on its meaning, and share insights in a spirit of faith and fellowship. All are welcome. ***The scripture will be Ecclesiastes: Chapter 1***

### **Come and See!**

"Come and See" is an informal and welcoming evening designed for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Whether you're just beginning to explore or consider joining the Church, this is a gentle first step. **Thursday, 28 August at 6:30pm in The Old Priory**. Later in the year, participants may wish to continue their journey through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program, a path of discernment and discovery. For more information click the Journey in faith button on the website or speak to Fr David or Deacon John. ***Bring a friend and come and see!***

### **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.

### **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.***

### **Gift Aid- Make your Giving Go Further**

Many of our parishioners give generously to support the life and mission of our parish. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can make your donation go even further—**at no extra cost to you**—by signing up for Gift Aid. Through Gift Aid, we can claim an additional **25p for every £1** you donate from the Government. However, Gift Aid is only available to those who pay income tax and/or capital gains tax. Your donations will qualify as long as they are not more than four times the amount of tax you've paid in the tax year.

- If you already Gift Aid your donations, please review your tax status to ensure you remain eligible.
- If you don't currently Gift Aid, please consider doing so if your circumstances allow.

For more information or to set up a new Gift Aid declaration, please contact the parish office.

### **SVP Food Cage Appeal**

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is supporting the Cheltenham charity Open Door, which provides vital assistance to those in need in our community. We kindly invite you to consider donating an item to help. Please place your donation in the food cage located through the glass doors at the back of the church. Items especially needed include: Instant coffee, Tinned goods: meat, vegetables, fish, fruit, soup, Ready meals in tins: chili, curry, spaghetti Bolognese, Dry pasta and sauce sachets, Biscuits. Your generosity makes a real difference.

### **DBS Renewals & Safeguarding Training**

Several parish ministry volunteers are due for DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) renewals or need to complete safeguarding training in the coming months. If your DBS certificate is approaching its renewal date, or if your safeguarding training is due, the parish office will contact you directly with the necessary documentation and instructions. Staying up to date with these requirements is essential for continuing your valued volunteer ministry within the parish. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for all. *If you have any questions, please contact a member of the parish safeguarding team.*

***Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: Brian Newman, Zillah Gates, John Stimpson, Deirdre Turner, Patricia Wilde and Marguerita Peelo.***

### **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

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

#### Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

#### Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### First Reading

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

#### Responsorial Psalm

***R: O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.***

You turn man back to dust,  
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
or like a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep them away like a dream,  
like grass which is fresh in the morning.  
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;  
by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Then teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Turn back, O Lord! How long?  
Show pity to your servants. **R**

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;  
give success to the work of our hands.  
O give success to the work of our hands. **R**

#### Second reading

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off

the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

#### Gospel

**Luke 12:13-21**

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

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' " But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

#### Prayer after Communion

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.