



# 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-

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| <b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><br><i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>  | <b>9:30am</b><br><i>Family Mass (Children's Mass)</i><br><i>Mary Moore RIP</i><br><b>11:15am</b><br><i>Solemn Sung Mass</i><br><i>Intentions of Mathew Winter</i><br><b>5:00pm</b><br><i>Maria Angela Galetti Petrolini RIP</i>   |
| <b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Memorial of St Clare, Virgin</i>  | <b>9:30am</b><br><i>Private Intention</i>   |
| <b>Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>   | <b>9:30am</b><br><i>Patrick (Paddy) McHale RIP</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>   | <b>9:30am</b><br><i>Jan Melkus RIP</i>  |
| <b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</i>   | <b>No Mass</b><br><br><b>7:00pm – Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of The Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br><i>Intentions of Angela Parr</i>  |
| <b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  | <b>9:30am</b><br><i>Jan Melkus Junior - for Healing</i>   |
| <b>Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>  | <b>9:30am</b><br><i>Hugh Greenhalf RIP</i>  |
| <b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><br><i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>   | <b>9:30am</b><br><i>Family Mass (Children's Mass)</i><br><i>Wallace &amp; Kelly Families RIP</i><br><b>11:15am</b><br><i>Solemn Sung Mass</i><br><i>Legion of Mary</i><br><i>1000<sup>th</sup> meeting celebration</i><br><b>5:00pm</b><br><i>Khalid &amp; Madelaine Ayar RIP</i> |
| <b>Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:</b><br><br><b>Sanctuary:</b> William Cremins RIP<br><b>Lady Chapel:</b> 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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### **55 Club – How to Stay Scam-Safe!**

Join us at The Old Priory this **Thursday, 14 August at 10:00am** for an important talk on avoiding scams. Wendy Jones from Yorkshire Building Society will share practical tips to help you protect your money and spot the warning signs. Enjoy coffee and cakes, and a warm welcome. New faces always welcome! For more info, call Stella on 01242 511371.

### **Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle – Next Meeting**

Join us on **Monday, 18 August at 6:30pm** at the promenade War Memorial for a gentle walk through Cheltenham's town centre gardens as we explore the Borough Council's new planting policy. The Council's aim: to create sustainable, pollinator-friendly spaces with year-round interest and enhanced biodiversity—all part of the response to the climate emergency. For more details, contact Marin Davis on 01242 244182 or [cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com](mailto:cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com). All are welcome.

### **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.

### **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.***

### **The Bells May Soon Ring Again!**

Following a recent Finance Committee meeting, we're beginning to explore the possibility of reinstating the sanctuary bells at St Gregory's. These cherished bells would once again ring out during the consecration at Mass and for the daily midday Angelus. It's a beautiful tradition that many will remember fondly, and we're excited about the potential to bring it back to life. We'll be looking into both the practical and financial aspects in the coming weeks—so watch this space for updates!

### **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.*

### **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, and biscuits. Your generosity makes a real difference.

***Of your charity***, pray for the soul of *Maria Angela Galetti Petrolini RIP who has recently died. May she rest in peace.*

***Remember in your prayers those whose Anniversaries occur this week: Margaret McDonald, Esther O'Sullivan, Jean Harris, Patrick Francis McHale, Michael Wilson, Hugh Greenhalf, Reena Young, Simon Paul McDonnell and Mary Patricia Moore***

### **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**

### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

#### **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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**

**Wisdom 18:6-9**

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

***R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.***

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting from the upright.  
Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his heritage. **R**

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their soul from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
He is our help and our shield.  
May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O Lord. **R**

#### **Second reading**

**Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12**

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.  
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went

out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia

#### **Gospel**

**Luke 12:35-40**

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

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.