

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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Liturgy this Week Ordinary Time – Week 28	
Sunday, 11th October *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** ***(Children's Mass)*** ***Family Mass*** *Intentions of Helen Maduka* ***11:15am*** ***Solemn Sung Mass*** *Cynthia Orji RIP* ***5:00pm*** *George, Henry & Elizabeth John RIP*
Monday, 12th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** *Neil Hext RIP*
Tuesday, 13th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** *John McHugh RIP*
Wednesday, 14th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** *Liturgy of the Word with Exposition and Benediction*
Thursday, 15th October *Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*	***9:30am*** *Deceased members of the 55 Club*
Friday, 16th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** *Baby Matilda Crickmore RIP*
Saturday, 17th October *Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr*	***9:30am*** *Intentions of Helen Maduka*
Sunday, 18th October *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** ***Family Mass*** *Intentions of Helen Maduka* ***11:15am*** ***Solemn Sung Mass*** *Gerald Dolan RIP* ***5:00pm*** *Brian Gibney RIP*
Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of: ***Sanctuary:*** *Fr David McDonald RIP* ***Our Lady Chapel:*** *Deceased family and friends of the Teesdale family*	

Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Saturday morning after Mass from 10:00am - 10:30am

Arranging a Baptism
Congratulations on the birth of your baby.
In the first instance you will need to speak with Canon Mills after Mass. Parents need to attend a preparation course prior to the Baptism.

Holy Rosary
The holy rosary is prayed in Church each Friday evening at 5:00pm

Arranging a Wedding
Congratulations on your engagement.
To arrange a wedding speak with Canon Mills 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.

Sacrament of the Sick
Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one is admitted to either Cheltenham General, or Gloucester Royal hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please ask for the hospital chaplaincy team on 0300 422 2222. The Sacrament of the Sick brings strength, peace and comfort, making present Christ's healing love for those who are unwell.

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Second Collection – World Missions

The second collection will be taken at all Masses on **Sunday, 25 October** rather than next Sunday. The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. The APF works in England and Wales with the Mill Hill Missionary Society. In England and Wales funds for the Missions are collected through the famous Red collection Boxes. These can be found in 200,000 homes and they have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church. www.missio.org.uk

55 CLUB

Chris Evans from the Butterfly Garden at Dundry Nurseries will introduce this exciting project, which supports people with a range of disabilities. After being unable to visit earlier in the summer, he is looking forward to sharing his love of nature and inspiring others to enjoy the earth's beauty and abundance. Join us **on Thursday, 15 October at 10:00am** for coffee, cake and conversation. The talk runs from 10:45am to 11:30am. New members and guests are welcome. Please contact Stella on 07824 427400.

CYAN October Social

Join us at **St Thomas More** on **Saturday, 31 October** at 6:30pm, with food served at 7:00pm. This month's social will be catered, so there's no need to bring anything — just come along, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of good food, conversation and friendship. Whether you've been coming to CYAN for a while, or this would be your first time, you are very welcome. Come along for the food, stay for the friendship, and enjoy an evening together as a Catholic young adult community. As the evening is catered, please let us know in advance if you are coming and if you have any dietary requirements or allergies, so that we can make sure there is something suitable for everyone. Please email: cyangloucestershire@gmail.com.

Confirmation 2026/2027

Registration for the 2026/2027 confirmation programme is now open. Confirmation is a sacrament in which we choose to accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives and begin to make adult decisions about how we live out our faith in the world. Our programme is designed for young people at school in year 9 or above. If you are interested, please follow the link on the website for more information and for the registration form.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October

For mental health ministry: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Parish Project 2027 – Deadline Today!

The parish is now inviting nominations for a project or charity to support in 2027. *Parishioners may nominate a charity by submitting a short-written application setting out why it should be chosen. The Parish Pastoral Council will select a shortlist of two or three charities. Nominators will then be invited to give a brief presentation after Mass and may also promote their charity from a table in The Old Priory. The congregation will vote on the shortlist, with details of the voting process to follow. The charity with the most support will become the parish charity for the next calendar year. Its sponsor will also be invited to suggest fundraising events and activities. The chosen project/charity will be required to report back to the parish on how the donations are being used.* ***To make a nomination, please use the link on the parish website home page****.*

First Holy Communion Programme 2026/2027

Parents of children in school year 3 who would like them to join the First Holy Communion programme are invited to a meeting this **Tuesday, 13 October at 6:30pm in St Gregory's school**. To register your child and see further details of the programme please follow this link: First Holy Communion 2026 – 27 – St Gregorys Church If you have any questions about the programme please contact:
pastoral.cheltenham.stgregorythegreat@Cliftondiocese.com

Magnifica Humanitas

Magnifica Humanitas is the first encyclical letter of Pope Leo. There will be a day exploring Magnifica Humanitas on **Saturday, 24 October at St Brendan's College, Brislington.** Speakers will be Bishop Bosco, Dr Austen Ivereigh and Professor Carmody Grey (tbc). The day starts at 10:00am (refreshments from 9:30am) and finishes at 4:00pm - please take a packed lunch. You can register for the day on this link: https://magnificahumanitas.eventbrite.co.uk

Essential Training for Catechists

Starting **Saturday, 5 December**, from **9:00am–12:00 midday**, this short online course offers three morning sessions exploring the foundations of catechesis***.*** *Together, we will discover: the essential nature and key principles of catechesis; the different sources of catechesis; practical ways to prepare and deliver effective catechesis.* The course is open to everyone involved or interested in catechesis, whether working with adults, young people or children. Register here: Zoom Registration Come and deepen your understanding, confidence and skills as a catechist.

SVP Thank you

The SVP would like to thank the children and parents for their harvest festival donations. Thanks also to those who kindly donate regularly to the food cage for Open Door. It is very much appreciated.

St Gregory's School – Introduction this Sunday

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Rachel Penny, Headteacher of our parish school who will give a brief introduction to the school at the end of the 9:30am Mass this **Sunday, 11 October.**

The Book Club

The Book Club meets once a month to read and prayerfully reflect on spiritual writings. All are welcome, on the third Monday of every month at **7:00pm**. If possible, please read the selected text in advance. Our next meeting will be **Monday, 19 October** where we shall be reading the Popes homily at the Grotto in Lourdes

Musical Rosary

Join us for a Musical Rosary on **Saturday, 24 October at 6.00pm**, led by Deacon John. Following each of the Glorious Mysteries, our organist, Dr August Guan, will perform the corresponding Rosary Sonata by Heinrich Biber, offering a beautiful musical reflection on the mysteries being prayed. All are warmly welcome to this special evening of prayer and meditation through music.

Thank You from Enabling Adventure

The pilgrims who recently returned from a wonderful 10-day pilgrimage to Lourdes with Enabling Adventure would like to thank all the parishioners who helped make the trip possible. We are deeply grateful to everyone who prayed for us, donated towards the costs of our volunteer helpers, and supported our pre-pilgrimage fundraising ceilidhs. Planning is already underway for the next pilgrimage in September 2027. If you are interested in joining as a volunteer helper, nurse, independent pilgrim, or pilgrim requiring assistance, please visit Enabling Adventure or email jim@enablingadventure.org. Thank you for your continued support.

The Faithful Fellowship (16-18Yrs)

Our Faithful Fellowship group welcomes A-level, college, and university students who want to pray together, explore meaningful conversations, and occasionally take part in charitable projects. Join us for our next bring-and-share gathering of food, prayer, and conversation on **Sunday, 18 October**. We begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church at 5:45pm with the meeting finishing at 7:30pm**.**

Dave Mulchay's Charity Bike Ride

David could not complete the planned cycle ride to Lourdes because of an injury. He assures donors that it will be rescheduled and that he will announce the new date as soon as possible.

Of your charity, *pray for the souls of Eflinda Gill and Roy Pendleton who have recently died.* ***May they rest in Peace.***

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week*: Collette Evans, Michael Southern, Jacek Weyers, Hilary Gosling, Kathleen McGeough, Derek Eccles. Kathleen Bridges, Baby Matilda Crickmore, Geraldine Thorley, Maddie Read, Mary O'Neill and Veronica Stillman*

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

Solemn Mass
Credo III - No 503

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Collect
May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 Isaiah 26:6-10a
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death for ever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
'Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'
For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm PS 23(22)

℟: ***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell***
for length of days unending.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. ℟

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. ℟

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ℟

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. ℟

Second reading Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon
The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.
Or:
When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Prayer after Communion
We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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