

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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Liturgy this Week **Ordinary Time – Week 34**	
Sunday, 22nd November ***Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*** ***Collection: Catholic Youth Service***	***9:30am*** ***Family Mass*** *Holy Souls* ***11:15am*** ***Solemn Sung Mass*** *Holy Souls* ***5:00pm*** *Holy Souls*
Monday, 23rd November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** *Holy Souls*
Tuesday, 24th November *Memorial of Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest & Companions, Martyrs*	***9:30am*** *Holy Souls*
Wednesday, 25th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** *Holy Souls*
Thursday, 26th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** *Holy Souls*
Friday, 27th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	***9:30am*** *Holy Souls*
Saturday, 28th November *Our Lady on Saturday*	***9:30am*** *Holy Souls*
Sunday, 29th November ***First Sunday of Advent*** ***Year B***	***9:30am*** ***Family Mass*** *Tony & Stella Kinmond* *45th Wedding Anniversary* ***11:15am*** ***Solemn Sung Mass*** *Special Intention* ***5:00pm*** *Patrick & Eileen O'Hanlon*
Our sanctuary lamps are burning this week in memory of: ***Sanctuary:*** *Deceased family and friends of the Teesdale family* ***Our Lady Chapel:*** *Margaret McDonald RIP*	

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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Catholic Youth Service – Second Collection

This Sunday, 22 November a second collection will be taken at all Masses for the Catholic Youth Service. This national collection helps fund initiatives that support young people in our parishes. It also contributes to the work of the Diocese's youth ministry team, including staff and coordinators dedicated to engaging and nurturing youth across our communities. Learn more at: www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/the_bishops_work/youth

Parish Project 2027 – Parish Vote!

Parishioners will be asked to vote at all Masses on the **First Sunday of Advent.** Please collect a leaflet from the back of the church to read about the three shortlisted projects before voting:

- ***St Gregory's School Pastoral Hub***
- ***Enabling Adventure***
- ***The Columban Missionaries.***

Flame 2027

FLAME, the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales, returns to Wembley Arena on **Saturday 6 March 2027.** Organised every two years by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation, this inspiring day brings together thousands of young people for worship, music, prayer, and inspiring talks. This year's line-up includes Saintz, Inesz, The One Hope Project, Greg Finn (Redeemed), Harry Clark, and Bishop Evelio Menjivar. For more information, visit FLAME 2027.

Sixty places have been reserved for young people from our area, and coach travel has been arranged. Thanks to support from the Gloucestershire Catholic Education Trust, the cost has been subsidised. The event is open to young people in Years 8 to 13. To register your interest and receive full details, please complete the form by **22 November** using the QR code.

Confirmation 2027

The confirmation program is designed for those still in school and is most commonly considered in year 9. Would all those considering being confirmed at next year's celebration please check the Confirmation button on the website as dates are now published or by using the QR code. If not yet done so, please register before the end of November. The Confirmation Mass will take place on Wednesday, 5 May 2027.

Lectio Divina

Lectio is the prayerful reading together of Holy Scripture. Our next Lectio meeting will be on **Monday, 7 December at 7:00pm** in The Old Priory. We shall be reading Isaiah 40:1-11 which opens the second part of Isaiah, and is a joyful song that inspires us in early Advent to look forward to the arrival of our Lord.

RCIA – Journey in Faith

The next RCIA meeting will be on **Thursday, 3 December at 6:30pm** and we will focus on the topic: *Mary, Mother of Jesus*. All are welcome.

55 Club

We meet again on **Thursday, 26 November** from 10.00am. Please do join us for refreshments and cake. We welcome Martin Connerty who will be delivering a talk entitled *"From Rags to Riches".* All are welcome!

Starting School?

If you have a child born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2027** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Gloucestershire County Council. ***If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school.*** Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2027**.

Advent Talks

Join Jacob Murphy for a series of Advent talks on Pope Leo's ***'Magnifica Humanitas'*** in The Old Priory, starting at 6:30pm. The talks will take place on **Wednesday, 25 November, and on 2, 9 and 16 December.** Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be provided.

CYAN Group – November Social

Our next CYAN social at **St Thomas More, Princess Elizabeth Way on Saturday, 28 November** will welcome a special guest: ***Clement Harrold*** from Franciscan University! Clement is a Catholic writer and theologian, a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, and holds a master's in theology from the University of Notre Dame. He contributes to the St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, and his writing has appeared in several Catholic publications. Join us for an evening of faith, discussion and fellowship as Clement shares his insights. Please RSVP: To help us plan numbers, email cyangloucestershire@gmail.com or send a direct message to @cyan_glos if you would like to attend. Everyone is Welcome!

Celebration Mass for Marriage & Family Life

Join Bishop Bosco for Mass at **Clifton Cathedral on Saturday, 6 February 2027 at 12 noon** to acknowledge the joys and challenges of family life. All families are welcome, especially couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2027. If you or a couple you know are celebrating, please email names, a postal address and the number of years to *hope@cliftondiocese.com* for a personal invitation from the bishop. We look forward to welcoming you to this wonderful celebration.

Parish Notice: Unauthorised Sales and Collections
A person was found to be selling what appeared to be raffle tickets after Mass last Sunday. Parishioners are reminded that unauthorised transactions are not allowed inside or outside the church and should only pay money when a collection or sale is announced in the bulletin or during the notices at the end of Mass. This, of course, does not include your kind donations to the SVP.

Fr Maria's Induction Mass – Sacred Hearts'
Father Maria Alexander will be formally inducted as parish priest of Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings on **Thursday, 26 November at 6: 00pm.** Parishioners of St Gregory's are warmly invited to attend with light refreshments after.

Newman Association
Join us for a Prison Ministry talk by Deacon Bogdan Wasylkiw, on **Tuesday 1 December at 2.30pm** in the lounge of **Sacred Hearts' Hall, Charlton Kings.** Born in Cheltenham, Bogdan retired from architecture before his ordination as a permanent deacon in 2013. He serves Stroud, Stonehouse and Woodchester parishes and began prison chaplaincy at Bristol, Leyhill and Ashfield in 2018.Admission: £3; free for members and students. Enquiries: Stephanie Jamison, 01242 539810. All are welcome

November – Cheltenham Laudato Si' Circle
Join us in the Old Priory on **Monday, 23 November,** 6:45pm –8:15pm, for a talk by Fr Tim Mulroy SSC, who will join via Zoom. In light of today's many challenges, he will explore ***'How Jesus succeeded in his mission beyond anyone's expectations!'*** Refreshments will be available, and all are welcome. For details, contact Martin Davis on 01242 244182 or cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com**.** ***Note: Change of venue: Meet at Bobsworth, Tommy Taylors Lane, GL50 4NL.***

Advent Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Join us for a beautiful service of Nine Lessons and Carols at **7:00pm on Friday, 18 December**. This cherished tradition offers a chance to reflect on the Advent season through Scripture readings, beloved carols, and inspiring music from the choir and organ—a perfect way to prepare for Christmas.

Sacred Hearts' Annual Christmas Fayre
The annual Sacred Hearts' Christmas Fayre will take place this **Saturday, 28 November,** from 12 noon to 3.00pm in the Sacred Hearts' Parish Hall. All proceeds from the fayre are donated to charitable causes.

Of your charity*, pray for the souls of Joan Wood, Peter May, Aidan Warren, Patricia Macfarlane and Edgar Huber who have recently died.* ***May they rest in peace.***

Remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week*: David Kelly, Catherine Bayliss, Margaret Didcote, Thomas O'Neil, Clotilde Meigh, Mary McAlary, Francis Burke, James Connolly and Mark Sheridan.*

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

Solemnity of Christ the King - A

Entrance Antiphon
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23(22)
℟: ***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

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. ℟

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 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Prayer over the Offerings
As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayer after Communion
Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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