

St Gregory's Bulletin

Saturday 25 January	6pm	Veronica Blackwell RIP (Brian Blackwell)
Sunday 26 January <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	James & Hilda Gay RIP
	10.30am	Ian Revell RIP (Rosa Vegara)
Monday 27 January <i>St Angela Merici</i>	10am	Alban Vernon Anniversary (J & J Biggar)
Tuesday 28 January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	10am	Sam & Kath Blackley RIP
Wednesday 29 January	NO MASS	NO MASS IN JANUARY
Thursday 30 January <i>Bl Bronislaus Markiewicz</i>	10am	
Friday 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i>	12 noon	NO ADORATION Intentions of Jennifer Coward
Saturday 1 February	6pm	
Sunday 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	8.30am	
	10.30am	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Please leave a text message on 07842 774551 and Father Tony will call you back

For Your Diaries



2 February Sunday
Parish celebration for the Feast of St John Bosco.
10.30am Mass and lunch

9 February Sunday 1pm
Joint Parish Council and sub committee meeting and lunch

13-15 Mar Friday-Sunday
Parish weekend of faith, fun, friendship and food

Please pray for the success of the Parish weekend

As part of the preparations for our Parish weekend we will be having extra opportunities to come together as a community to pray for its success.

There will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour before the following weekend Masses.

Saturday evening Mass on **February 8**, beginning at 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30 Mass on **February 16**, starting at 8am

Sunday 10.30 Mass on **February 23** from 10am

Please check the newsletter

Fr Tony will be away in January so there will be:

NO mass on each Wednesday in January

NO adoration on Friday at 11.30am in January

We wish Fr Tony a restful break in Goa and we look forward to his return for our Don Bosco celebrations on 2 February after the 10.30am mass



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Parish News



Barbara and her team are busy organising the Parish weekend from 13 to 15 March and even at this early stage it promises to be a real celebration for all ages in the Parish.

There will be exciting and thought-provoking workshops run by the Catholic Bible School, a chance to chat with friends or make new friends, opportunities to share food together and a special session for our Parish families.

Volunteers needed!

In order to make this happen we need volunteers to help make the weekend run smoothly, particularly on Saturday 14 March as this is the busiest day. As well as 5 sessions on this day we will also be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Parish Hall.



If you can spare a few hours to help out making and/or serving food, clearing away, washing up, at any of the following times:

Friday 13 March 6-10pm

Saturday 14 March Morning, lunch, afternoon or evening

Sunday 15 March 11.30-3pm

Please contact either Francesca Edwards (07899 785925) or Annette Hurst (07789 484933) by 28 February.

Reach out and recover—THANK YOU TO ALL!

'Dear parishioners,

I would like to say a huge thank you for your very kind donations to Reach Out and Recover. As you may know, we rehabilitate those who are struggling with mental health, drug addiction, traumas and homelessness. The healing of all persons in our care starts with a tiny spark from the community and generous donors like yourselves, that gives them reassurance and optimism during the most vulnerable time in their lives. Thanks to you, we were able to feed those in Macclesfield who are homeless and those suffering with loneliness on Christmas Day with huge traditional Christmas dinners. We showered them with music, gifts, games, sing-a-longs, and much more.

....At Christmas we were able to go to the local hospitals and care homes to sing carols and give presents to the elderly and those seriously ill. This and more of our activities and community projects were only ever possible through you. You helped encourage, reassure and give hope to the most vulnerable during one of the most difficult and emotional times of the year.

We wish you a very happy and wonderful new year. We hope it's filled with love, happiness and joy.' Jill Millward (a ROAR director)

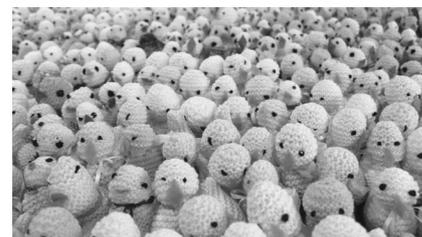
Sunday 2 February

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the feast of **St John Bosco** with our usual family Mass at 10.30am followed by lunch in the Parish hall.



Please come along as we also welcome back Fr Tony from his trip to India.

Calling all knitters



Francis House Children's Hospice has been in touch to appeal for knitters to support their Easter Chick campaign.

Last year St Gregory's sent a colourful clutch of chickens which helped to raise £74,432 towards the annual running costs of £4.7m.

If anyone would like to knit or crochet a chick or bunny, there is a pattern on the website www.franchishouse.org.uk or there will be some copies available at the back of church.

The deadline for our donations will be March 9, which will enable all the chicks to be filled with a Cadbury's Creme Egg and sold to businesses, shops and schools throughout the region. There will be a box in church for knitted donations.

Offerory collection

Thank you for your generous offerings of £869.10