

St Gregory's Bulletin

Mass intentions: Fr Martin will be saying mass each day for our intentions. Please phone or text a message leaving your mass intentions on the church mobile 07831 457442

Saturday 7 November <i>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	Deceased Parishioners
Sunday 8 November	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 9 November <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Deceased members of the McAulay and Woolley families
Tuesday 10 November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	Deceased family and friends of the McCabe family
Wednesday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	Deceased family and friends of the Vernon and Biggar families
Thursday 12 November <i>St Josaphat</i>	Edward Smith RIP Anniv (B Smith)
Friday 13 November <i>Bl Artemides Zatti</i>	Private intention (A&E)
Saturday 14 November <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	Deceased Parishioners
Sunday 15 November	Deceased Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this and we go to print, we are entering the second national lockdown and the second closure of churches and places of worship.

Whatever our political opinion, this is another difficult time for all of us and particularly difficult for those who are more isolated and vulnerable in our parish community. In the months of the first lockdown many of you made a really huge effort to support each other and especially those who were more isolated; I am sure this will happen again and will probably be even more important during these winter weeks.

Despite efforts to lobby and challenge the government, the closure of churches and not being able to celebrate Mass as a parish community is going to be a sad reality again. This means that we will be unable to celebrate First Holy Communion with the children as planned for November; their patience is really being tested.

But some good news: In order to help us to celebrate Mass together, virtually, I am aiming to livestream Mass from the Savio Community Chapel at 10.30am each Sunday morning during this lockdown. We will begin this Sunday 8 November and here is the Facebook link.

<https://www.facebook.com/Savio-House-1672559816297054>

You can also watch the Mass afterwards its been said on the same link.

In other good news: the roof repair has started on time. The scaffolding is up around the church and the roof tiles have been delivered. Let's hope and pray that the weather does not cause any delays.

Please keep in touch with each other during the coming weeks and let's all try to support each other in whatever ways we can.

Have a good week.

Fr Martin

Sunday 8 November



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget

Please join together at home and as a nation in remembering those who have died in conflicts around the world, and especially those from our parish community named on the plaque in church.



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Parish News



The joy of hope

Hello Parishioner of St Gregory's

Sadly, it seems that this Advent we will be unable to meet together under the same roof and prepare ourselves for Christmas. However, we can still see each other and chat together via modern technology and encourage our parish community that way.



"The Joy of Hope" is an inspiring and practical new online film series running over 4 Zoom sessions. It is filmed on the stunning Holy Greek island of Patmos where Scripture says St John had a life-changing revelation for our future eternal destination. Presented by Café Director David Payne, these four enjoyable sessions of shared watching and discussion will help you to face the challenges of everyday life with renewed hope and joy.

Each will start at **7.30pm** on a **Thursday evening**, (November 26th, December 3rd, 10th and 17th) and will last only about an hour.

A Taster Session on 1.30pm on Wednesday 25 Nov to practice signing into a course, enter and leave chat rooms and adjust the whole experience to suit your own specific hearing and visual needs. It can be adjusted to suit every participant and welcome any number of people.

Taking part is absolutely free; just notify us of your plan to join in, at helenbassirat@hotmail.com

If necessary, further detail about how to download Zoom will be available. Each week, you will be notified of the ID and password for the session.

On the day of a class, click the Zoom link. The host will see you are "in the Waiting Room" and let you in.

A mute/unmute button on your screen will control whether or not you can be heard.

From Jose and Helen

Reaching out to Roar!

Last year our parish was very generous in raising £800 and donating many Christmas gifts to ROAR - Reach Out And Recover - in Macclesfield.

You will remember that ROAR is a not-for-profit, support in the community organisation, which offers people who face addiction, homelessness and other issues a safe, secure and stable environment in which they can start to tackle their addictions and personal issues. It is a housing project, and those who access the service are given help to take control of their lives and to develop practical skills whilst working in the community. Of course, in these stricken times, things are very difficult for them. I am in regular contact with Jill from ROAR (who wrote to thank us last year) and I'm informed that they are coping well, but the outlook is a bit bleak.

As fundraising is not an option just now, I'm hoping that I might encourage parishioners to put aside some Christmas gifts for them, as we did last year. Things like hats, scarves, gloves, socks, slippers, chocs, biscuits, so that they can have a gift at Christmas, and some of which they can share with local homeless or elderly people living alone nearby who they usually provide a Christmas lunch for at the United Reformed Church.

I was hoping to have a box in the Barn for items or to collect them myself or have them delivered to my front porch, but this will have to wait until after lockdown. It's something to think about during lockdown. Please contact me for further information. Thank you.

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Cemetery Prayers



It would seem unwise this year to suggest a 'gathering' of any sort in St Gregory's Churchyard Cemetery during November to pray for the dead as has been the custom for many years. However, that doesn't stop families or friends gathering at any particular time to remember and pray for their deceased loved ones, and indeed all the dead, buried in our cemetery.

The Salesian Community from Savio House will take the opportunity during November to gather at the cemetery and pray for all those buried there, including the Salesians there.

Offertory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support.