

# St Gregory's Bulletin

## 'Rebuild my Church .... Rebuild the Community'

Mass intentions: Fr Martin will be saying mass each day for our intentions. Please phone or text a message leaving your mass intentions to Fr Martin on 07754 057074

Saturday 06 August <i>19th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Sheila Sullivan RIP (Geoff Sullivan)
Sunday 07 August <i>19th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Terence Boardman RIP (Christine Boardman)
Monday 08 August <i>St Dominic</i>	10am	Chris Fedynech RIP (Colette Robinson)
Tuesday 09 August <i>St Teresa Benedicata of the Cross (Edith Stein)</i>	10am	Eileen Foster Anniv (J & J Biggar)
Wednesday 10 August <i>St Laurence</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday 11 August <i>St Clare</i>	10am	Eileen Burns RIP (Catherine Hoe)
Friday 12 August <i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	<b>12 noon</b>	
Saturday 13 August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 14 August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	Eileen Burns RIP (Catherine Hoe)
	10:30am	Stephen Burke RIP (Boardman & Neary families)

### St Gregory's Fundraising Campaign:

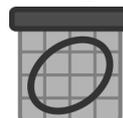
Our fundraising campaign is off to a very positive and encouraging start; thank you to those who have already made or pledged a contribution.

I am delighted to report that 45 parishioners have very generously pledged a total of **£78,000** over the coming five years, including gift aid, and through one-off payments and first contributions, the fundraising account is already at **£25,928**

This is absolutely fantastic and means that we are well on the way to paying off the parish debt to the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity!

Green 'pledge cards' are still available at the back of church.

### Dates for your diary



**Fridays 11.30am**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 6 August:**  
The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

**Sunday 14 August:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday 1 September:** World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation

**Saturday 3 September:** Feast of St Gregory the Great

**Sunday 2 October**  
Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Sat/Sun- 29 /30 October**  
Pastoral Visit by Bishop Mark Davies



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## Reflection from Fr Martin

Today's Gospel carries on the same theme of last week. In last week's Gospel Jesus told us how not to prepare for death; in the parable, Jesus told of the rich man who built bigger barns to store all of his goods just before the Lord called him, and what good was all his treasure then? In today's Gospel Jesus tells us how to prepare for death:

by being watchful, alert to God's presence and action in our daily lives, attentive to those around us, longing and ready to meet God face-to-face

by realising that this life, which is God's gift to us, is only temporary because our real homeland is in heaven, and to live as immigrants, temporary residents on earth

by being faithful stewards of all the many gifts God has given us, including our care for all of creation, for the earth itself. We have been blessed and given so much; much is expected and asked of us!

If we look at the lives of the saints, each of them in their own context and situation adopted these attitudes to life and to death. We prepare for death by living fully as God intended, by following the Gospel message of love.

## Parish Council Elections – Nominations and Elections

Thank you to those who nominated parishioners to be elected to the Parish Council and thank you to those who allowed themselves to be nominated! We now move to the election part of the process which will start this weekend with a closing date of **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**, to allow those who may be on holiday to vote.

The following have been nominated and accepted their nomination:

**Helen Bassirat, Michelle Gay, Julie Robinson, Jose Spinks and Susan Welsh**

Voting papers will be available at the back of church and should be returned to the ballot box at the back of church by Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

To keep voting simple, each parishioner is allowed **one ballot paper**, and is asked to vote for **one candidate**; the two candidates with the most votes will be elected to the Parish Council and will serve for the next 3 years.

## Pastoral Visitation of St Gregory's Parish by Bishop Mark Davies: 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Bishop Mark is continuing his parish visitation cycle this autumn, beginning with the parishes who had their arranged visitations postponed due to the pandemic. The visitation to St Gregory's which was due to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 has been re-arranged for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Mark to St Gregory's, to meeting him again and to showing him our new roof, access and toilet facilities.

Let us pray that Bishop Mark's visit will be a time of grace and blessing for the parish.

## Holiday period and thinking ahead to September

Over these coming weeks many parishioners will be away on holiday or visiting family and friends; I wish you all a relaxing and refreshing time away, for many it has been a long time coming!

We hope that the beginning of the new academic year in September will mark another step in our 'return to normal' and so we need to begin to plan for some activities to resume or start anew. As well as the next cohort of the Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion programme, we are thinking of little church, of the use of our Eucharistic ministers for communion on Sundays, ideas from the Faith Development group, and social events in the hall.

You may well have other ideas to contribute to our 'Rebuild my church ... Rebuild the community' and I would be happy to hear them; please just email me or Liz on the church email so that we can begin to think and plan ahead with the Parish Council.