

# 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 16 October<br><i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                            | 6pm            | Mary Bann RIP   |
| Sunday 17 October<br><i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                              | 8:30am         | People of the Parish  |
|   | 10:30am        | Kevin Nolan RIP<br>(Nolan family)                               |
| Monday 18 October<br><i>St Luke</i>   | <b>NO MASS</b> |   |
| Tuesday 19 October<br><i>Sts John of Brebeuf, Isacc Jogues &amp; their companions</i> | 10am           |   |
| Wednesday 20 October  | <b>NO MASS</b> |   |
| Thursday 21 October   | <b>NO MASS</b> |   |
| Friday 22 October<br><i>St Jean Paul II</i>   | 12 noon        | Mark Taylor & Morgan Bayley - Wedding wishes<br>(Taylor family) |
| Saturday 23 October<br><i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                            | 6pm            | Fr Francis Mageean RIP<br>(F Barnes)                            |
| Sunday 24 October<br><i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                              | 8:30am         |   |
|   | 10:30am        |   |

### Dates for your diary

**24 October**

World Mission Sunday

**Baby Loss Awareness: Sunday  
24 October**

Baby Loss Awareness Week is held annually in October. It's a special opportunity to mark the lives of babies lost in pregnancy or soon after birth. We will light candles during the 10.30 Mass to remember the lives of these babies and all who have experienced such loss.

**14 November**

Cemetery Service of Remembrance

**27 November**

Parish Advent Retreat Day with  
Fr Michael Winstanley SDB

**30 November**

Parish Council Meeting

**4 December 11 am**

First forgiveness

**14 December**

St Gregory's School Christmas play

**19 December 6.30pm**

Carol service

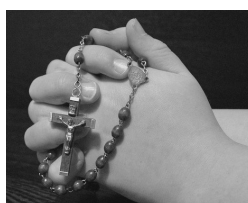


### Sacramental Programme 2021: First Forgiveness and First Communion

It was a great joy to welcome the children and their families for the **Enrolment Mass** last week. As the children committed to follow the programme and the parents agreed to support them, we as a parish community have a responsibility to support them with our prayers throughout the year.

### Rosary on Fridays during October

We have the opportunity to pray the Rosary at 11.40am on Fridays during the month of October. All are welcome!



St Gregory's Church  
Wellington Road Bollington  
Macclesfield SK10 5JR

Tel: 01625 572108

[www.stgregorysbollington.org.uk](http://www.stgregorysbollington.org.uk)

Follow us on Facebook:  
StGregorysBollington



Fr Martin Coyle SDB  
07754 057074

[frmartin@stgregorysbollington.org.uk](mailto:frmartin@stgregorysbollington.org.uk)

Fr Roman Szczypa SDB  
07903 710045

Secretary: Liz Murphy  
[churchoffice@stgregorysbollington.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@stgregorysbollington.org.uk)

Parish safeguarding (Julie Taylor):  
01625 572331



## Sunday reflection from Fr Martin

### 'Called to a life of humble service'

The message of today's Gospel is very clear and simple: Christian discipleship is characterised by service of others, and Christian leadership is also characterised by service.

Jesus contrasts his model of service with that of other leaders; those who 'Lord it over them' and 'who make their authority felt'. We have all met or known such leaders and they very rarely win our respect or cooperation; their style doesn't help us to live or to grow.

When I was a 19 year old novice living in Ireland, I remember making a visit to a monastery. We had a tour and learnt about the monastic way of life and the monk's daily routine. The monk showing us round explained that they took a vow of stability and so committed to living in that monastery and in that community for life. He explained that they all had different responsibilities, which changed from time to time. He said that he was currently the Sacristan and look after everything to do with the chapel etc. When asked what his previous job had been, he replied, 'Oh, I was the Abbott, in charge of the monastery for 15 years .... But now I am much happier being the Sacristan!'

This humble monk was teaching us the same lesson as Jesus in today's Gospel. His leadership of the community had been more to do with service than status, and he was just as happy (even happier) serving the other monks as sacristan as he had been as leader. It was his life of service that was important, not his job title.

As Christians we are all called to a life of humble service of others.

Fr Martin

## Thank you .... Thank you ... Thank You!

Over the last few months several parishioners have 'handed over the baton' of responsibility for the roles they have undertaken for the parish for many years, and thankfully others have accepted those responsibilities and role.

On behalf of all the parishioners I wish to offer our thanks to:

**Josie Spinks** who has 'retired her quill pen' as parish registrar and authorised person; that role is now handed to Christine Connick.

**Wendy Clarke** who has 'hung up her duster' in co-ordinating the church cleaners; though Wendy is still part of the group, Sue Welch has taken on that role.

**Frances Barnes** who has 'put aside her secateurs' and the responsibility of co-ordinating the 'flower ladies' and passed that role to Oonagh Wray.

**Barbara Crack** who has relinquished her lead role in the Faith Development Group, and we are looking for someone to take on that responsibility.

**Bernadette Beckett** who has 'counted her last penny'; others have joined the counters group.

Our sincere thanks to Josie, Wendy, Frances, Barbara and Bernadette for their many years of generous service to the parish, and the countless others who have served the parish so well, and those who still do; it is very much appreciated.

# Thank You

## Fr Tony: Thank you and goodbye

This weekend we are delighted to be welcoming Fr Tony back to St Gregory's.



Fr Tony will preside at all the Masses

and have the opportunity to meet parishioners after each Mass. It is our opportunity, denied by Covid last year, to say 'Thank you and Goodbye'.

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the 10.30 Mass, with cakes, and we intend to offer Fr Tony a gift(s) from the parish. If you would like to contribute to the gift, we will be collecting **next week (24<sup>th</sup>)**.

I hope you are able to join us for one of the Masses and especially in the Hall after 10.30 Mass to show our appreciation to Fr Tony; and you know how he likes a celebration!

## Christmas cards

Although it is only October, I know that some of you are more organised than me!

Don Bosco Publications have a very good selection of religious Christmas cards for sale at a reasonable price.

They will be on sale at the back of church from this weekend; just put the money in the box provided.

## Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you for your wonderful support for the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week; more money came in and £350.00 was raised! Thanks to June and all those involved.

## Offerory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support.