

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 2 July <i>14th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Intentions of Sue Welsh and Jean Holmes
Sunday 3 July <i>14th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	
	10:30am	
Monday 4 July <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal Bl Pier Giorgio Frassati</i>	10am	Harold and Nellie Biggar RIP (J and J Biggar)
Tuesday 5 July <i>St Antony Mary Zaccaria</i>	10am	Angela Cox RIP Anniv (B Smith)
Wednesday 6 July <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	NO MASS	Douglas Crack (Barbara Crack)
Thursday 7 July <i>Bl Mary Romero Meneses</i>	10am	
Friday 8 July	12 noon	
Saturday 9 July <i>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sea Sunday</i>	6pm	
Sunday 10 July <i>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sea Sunday</i>	8:30am	
	10:30am	

Confirmation

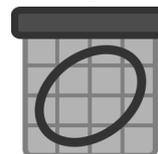
Some of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 1 July. Congratulations to them, and a big 'Thank you' to their families and those who have supported them during the preparation, and especially to Francesca for her hard work and dedication over many months.

First sacraments 2022-2023

If your child is currently in year 2, please register your interest for the First Sacraments program which will start in Autumn 2022.

Contact Barbara Crack on 01625 614275 or at barbaracrack2qn@btinternet.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dates for your diary



Fridays (starting 24 June):
11.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 1 July: Confirmation celebration in St Alban's at 7pm

Sunday 10 July: 'Party on the Playground' at St Gregory's School

Sunday 17 July: 10.30 Mass – Renewal of Vows of Br. Paulin SDB



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Reflection from Fr Martin

Language about God is always problematic. God is infinite and eternal, and somehow our feeble words really can never express the fullness of God nor the fullness of God's love. We are used to hearing Jesus refer to God as the 'Father', indeed he taught the disciples to pray, 'Our Father'.

In today's 1st reading, the prophet Isaiah uses an unfamiliar yet comforting image of God's love, **'as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.'** Isaiah's use of 'Mother' highlights the complimentary nature of God; both Father and Mother, powerful yet tender, mighty and gentle. The image of 'Mother' can speak to us in so many different ways, depending on our own experience. But it is really worth considering because it emphasises the closeness and tenderness of God's amazing love.

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples on ahead of him in pairs to prepare the people to hear his Gospel message; 'The kingdom of God is very near to you'. The same task is given to the church community today: to proclaim the same message of Good News, to help prepare others to hear God's message. We can all do that for each other by the way we support each other, look out for and care for each other, and by encouraging each other in prayer and faith.

Fr Martin

Parish Council elections

At this week's parish council meeting we planned for the Parish Council Elections which will take place over the next 3 months; we are a little out of time due to the pandemic and other factors.

The parish council has 2 vacancies which we hope to fill in time for our September meeting and the beginning of another academic year.

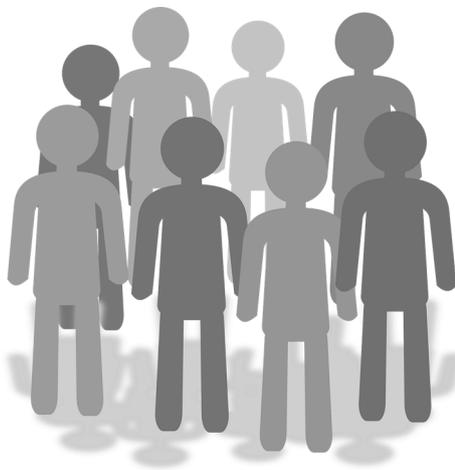
Nomination forms will be available at the back of church and on the website during July with a deadline of Sunday 31 July.

You are asked to nominate parishioners who are willing to stand as Parish Council Members for the next 3 years, and you need to have their permission and agreement to nominate them.

Voting forms will be available at the back of church and on the website during August with a deadline of Sunday 4 September. You are invited to vote for one candidate; one parishioner – one vote. Results will be published by the following weekend.

The parish council meets every 2 months, and more often if necessary, and plans the way ahead for the parish; they are keen to restart many of the activities which we have lost over the pandemic and will be looking to a wide range of parishioners to get involved, not just the council.

If you think that you have something to offer, please allow yourself to be nominated. Thanks.



School Summer party

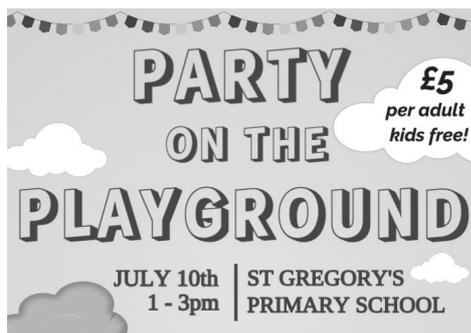
St Gregory's School community are coming together next **Sunday 10 July** for a Summer Party on the Playground.

Bring your own booze and a picnic rug and enjoy a BBQ and music with friends -and bring your dogs too, for the dog show! Teas, coffees and cakes are provided. Sunshine has been pre-ordered.

It would be a huge help for catering if you can let us know if you're coming. Just contact Liz Murphy on 07805230989 or

churchoffice@stgregorysbollington.org.uk

Hope to see you there!



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

Before the end of this month, I would like to give you an update and also report back to the Diocese, so if you have not yet pledged, and would like to do so, can I encourage you to try to make the pledge this month; the money can begin to come in later. Thanks.

Please note that the full name of new account is **SRCDT-St Gregory Fundraising Account**. Thank you for your generosity!

Offerory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support.