

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

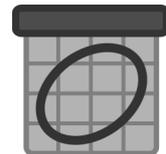
Sat 23rd July <i>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Anne Maguire RIP (Anna Richards)
Sun 24th July <i>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Fr Roman (St Gregory's Choir)
Mon 25th July <i>St James</i>	10am	Barbara Crack & Family
Tue 26th July <i>Sts Joachim & Anne</i>	10am	Paul Vernon Anniv (J & J Biggar)
Wed 27th Jul y	NO MASS	
Thursday 28 July		Intentions of the Kennedy Family (C & D O'Connor)
Friday 29 July <i>Sts Martha & Lazarus</i>	12 noon	Intentions of the Funnell Family
Saturday 30 July <i>18h Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Marjorie Kennedy
Sunday 31 July <i>18h Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	Michelle McCabe & Family
<i>18th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10:30am	People of the Parish

Parish Council elections

Nomination forms are available at the back of church and on the website during July with a deadline of **Sunday 31st 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.

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

Dates for your diary



Fridays: 11.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 23 July: Day of Special Prayer for Europe

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



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Reflection from Father Martin

'Lord, teach us to pray'

In today's Gospel the disciples ask Jesus, 'Lord, teach us to pray'. And Jesus teaches them the prayer of the Our Father, a prayer that unites Christians, a prayer which we pray at every Mass, a prayer we use often. It is a prayer of praise of God, of his goodness and giftedness and forgiveness to us, a real prayer of trust in God's abiding presence with us.

Jesus goes on to emphasise that our God is a listening God, who wants to hear and answer our prayer, that our God is a generous God who wants to give us good things, that our God is an available God who gifts us the Spirit to be with us. What a wonderful piece of scripture and teaching from Jesus!

But I wonder how often do we pray in imitation of Abraham in our first reading? How often do we 'bargain with God', how quick are we to put conditions on our prayer requests, deciding what we think is good for us instead of trusting that God knows what we need, and wants to grant it?

Today and everyday, let's try to remember that the Our Father is a prayer of trust in God's generous love and great goodness towards us, and always try to pray the Our Father in that spirit of trust.

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 41 parishioners have very generously pledged a total of **£68,175** over the coming five years, including gift aid, and through one-off payments and initial monthly contributions, the fundraising account is already at **£23,428.00**

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.

Goodbye & Best Wishes

This week we said goodbye to **Mrs Jackie Walker**, after her 2 terms as Headteacher of St Gregory's Primary School, where she has led the school improvement agenda and made a very positive impact. We offer our thanks and prayers and wish her well for the future.

We also said Farewell to our **Year 6 school leavers** with a beautiful Mass on Monday morning and an entertaining, emotional final assembly on Wednesday at school.

Good luck to all our **Year 6 Children** in the Parish as they move on to the next step in their Academic Journey.

Later in the month we will also say goodbye to **Br Paulin** who will move to London to begin his Theological Studies and also **Jonny Dearden**, team leader at Savio, who is moving to Bolton to work for the Salesians in Social Communications. We thank them and wish them every success.

First Sacraments

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.

Offertory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support