

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 9 October <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Lillian Brown RIP (J and J Biggar)
Sunday 10 October <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Enrolment Mass for First Communion
Monday 11 October <i>St John XXIII</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 12 October <i>St Wilfred</i>	10am	Jim Donnelly RIP
Wednesday 13 October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	NO MASS	Thanksgiving (Hurst)
Thursday 14 October <i>St Callistus</i>	NO MASS	Fr Francis Mageean RIP (Hurst)
Friday 15 October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	12 noon	Intentions of Frances Barnes (church cleaning friends)
Saturday 16 October <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Mary Bann RIP
Sunday 17 October <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	
	10:30am	People of the Parish



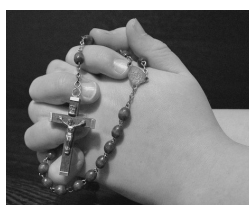
Sacramental Programme 2021: First Forgiveness and First Communion

Today we welcome the children and their families for the **Enrolment Mass** at 10.30am. Thank you to Barbara Crack and those who have offered to help with this year's programme; there is still time to volunteer to help! Just speak to Fr Martin or Barbara.

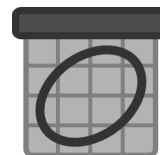
Rosary on Fridays during October

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

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Dates for your diary



10 October

Enrolment Mass for the Sacramental programme at 10.30 Mass

17 October

Celebration and Farewell for Fr Tony in the Hall after 10.30 Mass

14 November

Cemetery Service of Remembrance

27 November

Parish Advent Retreat Day with Fr Michael Winstanley SDB

19 December

Carol service



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Parish News



Sunday reflection from Fr Martin

What do we 'treasure'? What is really important? What do we strive for most?

These questions are at the heart of our Gospel reading today, where Jesus encounters a 'wealthy man'. Nowhere in the scriptures does Jesus say that wealth is inherently bad, but it can become problematic, if that is what we treasure most.

The challenge of Jesus to the young man, 'Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven', was too much to ask and went away sad. This was because he was a wealthy man and it was his wealth that defined who he was as a person. It was his driving force, it was what he treasured most.

Jesus gives the same challenge to us today: Give up what is hindering you, what is holding you back, what is getting in the way of really living life to the full, experiencing real and lasting happiness, fulfilling your dreams, coming closer to God.

It will be different for each of us: it may be wealth or the desire for it, it may be status and recognition, it may be our over-anxiousness or our laziness, it may be our desires and addictions, our greed or over-indulgence Whatever it is, we are challenged today to recognise it, to try to change our habits and to leave our old ways behind.

This is a real challenge and not easy, but we have the encouragement that with God, 'everything is possible'.

Fr Martin

Harvest Festival

On Friday 8 we celebrated the Harvest Festival Mass with St Gregory's School; a really joyful celebration of thanksgiving and it was great to have the children back in church for the first time in over 18 months.

Thank you to all the parishioners and families of St Gregory's who sent food donations to church or school; a huge amount was taken to the Silklife Foodbank in Macclesfield to help local families.

Thanks to all involved, to the school community and to Barbara for organising it.



Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you for your wonderful support for the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week; nearly £300.00 was raised! Thanks to June and all those involved.

There is a second opportunity to support this charity this week at St Gregory's School: **Thursday 14 October starting a 9.30am.**

Cemetery access

I am glad to report that the tarmac has been replaced at the cemetery entrance; it looks very good and will ease access considerably.

Opportunities to participate in Parish life

Counters: If you are able to join this small group, please speak to Fr Martin or contact Liz Murphy in the parish office.

Church Cleaning Group: The church cleaners have resumed their regular church cleaning after Mass on Tuesday. If you like to join this group please speak to Fr Martin or contact Liz Murphy in the parish office.

Altar Servers: Anyone who has made their 1st Communion and who would like to serve at Mass, please see Fr Martin, Felicity Funnell or contact Liz Murphy in the parish office.

'Greeters' – Ministry of Welcome Group: If you would like to join this group to welcome parishioners, please contact Louise Handbury at louise.handbury@btinternet.com or on 07802 201760 or Liz Murphy in the parish office.

Cemetery Group: If you would like to support Alistair and be part of the group, usually on a Wednesday morning, please speak to Fr Martin or Alistair, or contact Liz Murphy in the parish office.

Readers: Can our readers please contact Maria Gray to indicate when you are ready to read. If you would like to read at Mass please speak to Fr Martin or Maria: maria_h_gray@yahoo.co.uk

Flowers in church: The church flower group are once again doing the flowers in church. If you would like to join this small, friendly team it would be a great help—the commitment is to do the flowers approx



3 times a year. Please contact Oonagh Wray 01625 574019.

Offerory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support.