

# 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

### Dates for your Diary

**Fridays at 11.30am**  
Adoration before 12.00 Mass

### June

**Fri 16** St Gregory's Youth Group At Savio House

**Thu 22** Rebuild our Church: gathering in the Hall 7.30—9pm

**Sun 25** Confirmation "Sending forth" at 10.30 Mass

**Fri 30** Confirmation at St Alban's Church Macclesfield

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Saturday 17 Jun <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	6pm	Jean Holmes RIP (A McNulty)
Sunday 18 Jun <i>11th Sunday of Ordinary Time Special day of Prayer for Life</i>	8:30am	Fr Kevin Mullan RIP (C Sependa)
	10:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 19 Jun	10am	Intentions Of Fr Martin (Mothers' Prayer Group)
Tuesday 20 Jun	10am	John Biggar RIP (A McNulty)
Wednesday 21 Jun <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	Pat Hill (Sick) (Joanna Saatchi)
Thursday 22 Jun <i>Ss John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	10am	Jean Holmes RIP (J&W Clarke)
Friday 23 Jun <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	12 Noon	John Biggar RIP (H Bassirat)
Saturday 24 Jun <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	6pm	John Biggar RIP (Francesca Edwards)
Sunday 25 Jun <i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Barbara Crack & Family

### Important Meeting for All St Gregory's Parish

**Thursday 22nd June: 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

Three years on from lockdown, the Faith Development Group are planning a get together in the church hall. Now we are free to face the future, how do we do this as a parish? Come along for an Informal evening. There will be wine and nibbles.

**This is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners, to share and to listen to one another, and to discern the best way forward as a parish; to 'rebuild our church .... rebuild our community'.**

We look forward to seeing you.



## Reflection 18th June 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading this week's Gospel, it would be too simplistic to jump to a conclusion of, 'We have a vocations crisis .... We need more priests' when Jesus says in the Gospel, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest'.

Yes, it is true that there are fewer and fewer priests in our part of the world and yes it is true that we need to pray for the gift of priests to our church; but it is not a simple or straightforward conclusion.

Considered alongside our 1<sup>st</sup> reading from the Book of Exodus, God makes a promise, 'I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation'. And elsewhere we are told that we all share in the priesthood of Christ.

Ancient Israel had a professional class of priests, but with the Roman occupation they lost their institutional base and the synagogue became the place where the community gathered and the rabbi became the leader; of worship, of teaching, of preaching and advising. And that shift allowed the 'people' to take a greater part in also being the 'people of the covenant', a people in relationship with God. And a sign of God's presence in the world.

The same is true today in our own situation. With fewer ordained priests in our church there is both the opportunity and necessity for each of us to share in the priesthood of Christ; to witness to the Gospel, to be a sign of God's presence in the world. How do you do that?

## Mass times & Intentions 26th June - 2nd July 2023

Mon 26 Jun	10am	Barbara Crack Birthday (Con Jones)
Tues 27 Jun	10am	June Biggar Birthday (Church Cleaning Friends)
Wed 28 Jun	NO MASS	John Biggar RIP (Joanna Saatchi)
Thurs 29 Jun	10am	Doreen Crack (Sick) Barbara Crack
Fri 30 Jun	12 Noon	Michelle McCabe & Family
Sat 01 Jul	6pm	Jennifer Coward & Family
Sun 02 Jul	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	John Biggar RIP (Nolan Family)

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion children and their families:

**Aine Bamford**

**Benji Forbes**

**Sophie Gray**

**Leland Heuerman-Gratton**

And a huge "Thank You" to Barbara Crack and her team of catechists for their hard work in preparing the children for the First Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion since last September, and to the parents, families and parish prayer sponsors for their support.

## Reflection 25th June 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel Jesus reassures us with the very familiar phrase, used in all the Resurrection appearances, 'Do not be afraid'. Fear can paralyse us, stop our growth, stop us reaching our full potential, fear can kill us. Jesus came to bring us 'Life in all its fulness' and to take our fears away. That is comforting and reassuring.

In the Gospel Jesus emphasises our worth; every hair on our head is counted. We are, each of us, uniquely precious to God. That's a wonderful truth and message. Let's enjoy it!

**There will be no newsletter next week; next edition will be 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.**