

# 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 25 Nov	6pm	Deceased Parishioners
Sunday 26 Nov <i>Feast of Christ The King Day of Special Prayer for Young People</i>	8:30am	Deceased Parishioners
	10:30am	Deceased Parishioners
Monday 27 Nov	10am	Deceased Members of the Maguire & Conlan Families (Anna Richards)
Tuesday 28 Nov	10am	Pat Hill RIP (Cynthia Crewe)
Wednesday 29 Nov	<b>No Mass</b>	Pat Hill RIP (Pat Murphy)
Thursday 30 Nov <i>St Andrew Patron of Scotland</i>	10am	Michelle McCabe & Family
Friday 01 Dec	12 Noon	Jennifer Coward & Family
Saturday 02 Dec	6pm	Edward Smith RIP Anniv (B Smith)
Sunday 03 Dec <i>First Sunday of Advent Day of Special Prayer for Migrants &amp; Refugees</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	

### Notes for your Diary

Adoration on Fridays at 11.30am

#### November:

**Sun 26th:** Feast of Christ the King (Youth Sunday|)

**Tues 28th:** Re-arranged Parish Council Meeting in the Hall 7.00pm

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### DECEMBER 2023 EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 7th 11.15am:** Another opportunity for St Gregory's to join together with St Oswald's for the next in our series of talks. The focus is on Advent and the speaker will be Mary Hardiman, a former high school teacher, counsellor and writer who also volunteers for a charity which supports Death Row prisoners in the USA. Mary has given talks locally and nationally and is an engaging down to earth presenter. All are welcome. This time we will be hosted at Oswald's church.

**Sunday 10th 11.30am:** Christmas Social gathering in the Parish Hall with tea, coffee, refreshments and games for the children AND the draw for the Christmas Raffle!!

**Sunday 17th December 6.30pm:** Carol Service, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine in the Parish Hall. Everyone Welcome.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are now available at the back of Church. Please take as many as you can & sell to family, friends, neighbours. All proceeds for the benefit of St Gregory's Parish. Grateful thanks to all who have already donated super prizes! And please come along on the 10th December for the Grand "Draw" !!!



## REFLECTION: CHRIST THE KING AND YOUTH SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the final Sunday of the church's year with the Feast of Christ the King. The 'kingship' of Jesus is not about power or wealth, but rather about humble service in doing the Father's will: preaching, teaching, healing. As disciples of Jesus, we are challenged to follow his example by not craving power and wealth, but by our humble service in doing God's will, and witnessing to our Christian faith.

Today is 'Youth Sunday' which is significant for a parish entrusted to the care of the Salesians. Within our parish, at Savio House, we are blessed to welcome hundreds of young people, week by week, and to share something of God's love and the good news of the gospel. Thank you for your prayers and constant support.

I am happy to share that the St Gregory's Youth Group is gaining strength. This is a group of young people (Year 9 and above) who meet at Savio to play and pray and share together – and eat pizza! They are from our parish and beyond and are continuing their friendship and faith journey after Confirmation. I thank Fr Roman, the catechists and parents for starting and supporting this group, and ask that we all support and encourage them with our prayers.

## SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

**Silklife Foodbank:** Please continue to support the Silklife Foodbank through their current campaign; see the collection calendars at the back of church with a closing date of 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**ROAR - Reach Out & Recover:** Over the last few years St Gregory's parishioners have been very generous in raising money and sending Christmas gifts to ROAR - Reach Out And Recover - in Macclesfield. You will remember that ROAR is a not-for-profit, support in the community organisation, which offers people who face addiction, homelessness and other issues a safe, secure and stable environment in which they can start to tackle their addictions and personal issues. It is a housing project, and those who access the service are given help to take control of their lives and to develop practical skills whilst working in the community. It is noted for its high success rate.

I'm hoping to collect some Christmas gifts for them as we have in previous years. Things like hats, scarves, gloves, socks, slippers, chocolates, biscuits, so that they can have a gift at Christmas, and some of which they can share with local homeless or elderly people living alone nearby for whom they provide a Christmas lunch at the United Reformed Church. I will place a donation box at the back of church towards the end of November to allow three Sundays for items to be placed in the box: **3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December**. For more information, contact me directly. Thank you.

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## COMMUNICATION - NEWSLETTER

In response to suggestions at the parish meeting before the summer, at the last Parish Council Meeting we discussed how we might communicate better, and agreed to move from a weekly to a monthly newsletter for a number of reasons:

- It will allow more time to focus on wider topics in the church at different times of the year.

- Most items appear in the current newsletter for several weeks.

- It will allow better use of time and resources, freeing time for other things.

So, from the beginning of December 2023, the start of the church's year, there will be a printed monthly newsletter, which will be available on the parish website, with a link sent out on the parish email.

The website and parish email will be used for any immediate communication or changes.

A weekly list of Mass intentions will be on the notice board at the back of church, on the website and emailed weekly.

If you are not currently receiving the weekly "Parish email" you may not be on our Parish Register/Database so in order to 'receive' better communication, please contact Liz at the Parish Office to add or update your details on the parish database; forms are available at the back of church.