

# 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 03 September <i>Feast of St Gregory the Great</i>	6pm	
Sunday 04 September <i>23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Brian Hyde (Sick) (Maureen Hyde)
Monday 05 September <i>St Teresa of Kolkata</i>	10am	Joseph Derek Bowden RIP
Tuesday 06 September	10am	
Wednesday 07 September	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday 08 September <i>The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10am	
Friday 09 September <i>St Peter Claver</i>	<b>12 noon</b>	Bernard McCabe RIP Fr Francis Mageean RIP (The McCabe Family)
Saturday 10 September <i>24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	
Sunday 11 September <i>24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	St Gregory's School (Liz Murphy)

### St Gregory's Fundraising Campaign:

Thank you to those who have already made or pledged a contribution. Green 'pledge cards' are still available at the back of church.

I am writing to the Finance Secretary of the Diocese to tell them the fantastic news that we have a total of **£77,265** pledged and are ready to transfer **£25,000** to the central fund to reduce the parish debt, and to ask them to reconsider a further loan in order to renovate the parish house for rental, which will generate income for the parish.

### Dates for your diary



**Sat 03 Sept**  
Feast of St Gregory the Great

**Tues 06 Sept**  
Parish Council Meeting 7pm in the Hall

**Tues 13 Sept**  
Pilgrimage of the Relic of St Bernadette at Shrewsbury Cathedral

**Wed 14 Sept**  
Pilgrimage of the Relic of St Bernadette at St Werburgh's Parish, Chester.

**Sat/Sun 29/30 Oct**  
Pastoral Visit by Bishop Mark Davies.



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## Reflection from Fr Martin

At first sight today's Gospel comes across rather shockingly; is Jesus really suggesting that we should 'hate', and hate those closest to us? It doesn't seem to fit with the normal teaching of Jesus, nor with either his context or ours. Family is the basis of human society and experience.

But if we read this Gospel in its context then perhaps it makes more sense. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, having left behind his family and all the safety and security and certainty he had enjoyed. The same detachment is necessary for the disciples of Jesus; to leave behind their security in order to focus only and totally on following Jesus, the master. This is the demand and cost of discipleship. And it is a cost worth paying!

The sacrifices and difficulties we may face will be different for each of us, but nothing compared to the sacrifice of Jesus himself. He gave everything, even his life for us. Let's pray today for the grace to follow Jesus, no matter the cost, and to be faithful disciples.

## Parish Council Elections –

Final opportunity to use your vote in the Parish Council elections is today, **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

The following have been nominated and accepted their nomination:

**Helen Bassirat, Michelle Gay, Julie Robinson, Jose Spinks and Susan Welsh**

Each parishioner is allowed **one ballot paper**, and is asked to vote for **one candidate**.

## Pastoral Visitation of St Gregory's Parish by Bishop Mark Davies: 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Bishop Mark is continuing his parish visitation cycle this autumn, beginning with the parishes who had their arranged visitations postponed due to the pandemic. The visitation to St Gregory's which was due to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 has been re-arranged for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Mark to St Gregory's, to meeting him again and to showing him our new roof, access and toilet facilities.

Let us pray that Bishop Mark's visit will be a time of grace and blessing for the parish.

## Welcome

At the start of this new academic year we welcome **Mr John Mollard**, new Headteacher of St Gregory's and **Ann Dobie, Georgia Hutchinson and Lisa Wright** who join the staff. We wish them every success at St Gregory's and offer the support of our prayers for all in our parish school.

We welcome **Fr Michael Winstanley SDB**, who joins the Savio House community for 3 months and **Br Sixtus Uzoma SDB**, from Nigeria who joins us for this year.

## Pilgrimage of the Relic of St Bernadette

The relic of St Bernadette is making a pilgrimage throughout the UK and will be in the Shrewsbury Diocese on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September. More information can be found at: [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

25th September in the Hall after 10.30 Mass. Cake Donations would be most welcome.