

PARISH NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

A New Academic Year – A New Beginning

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

As we enter the month of September, we welcome a new academic year with hope, enthusiasm and renewed energy. We warmly remember and pray for our children, young people, parents and teachers in our Parish community and all over the country.

The beginning of a school year reminds us that every new beginning is an opportunity to grow. We pray especially for all our children and young people, that the Lord may guide them in their studies, protect them in their daily lives and help them to discover and develop the gifts God has given them. May the parents and teachers who accompany the children and young people be guided by the Holy Spirit to offer holistic formation and thus transform them into good Christians and honest citizens of the country.

As a parish community, let us continue to make our parish, a welcoming home for children, young people and families. Let us encourage our young people to participate actively in the life of the Church and to discover that Jesus walks with them in every day of their lives. Wishing everyone prayerful good wishes for a happy and successful new academic year.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina, or 'Divine Reading' is a traditional Christian monastic practice of reading and meditating on a short passage of scripture in order to foster a deeper communion with God. We would like to invite parishioners to an opportunity to experience this form of prayer on Tuesday 8th September, after 10am Mass, in the Parish Office.

MACMILLAN COFFEE

The Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Sunday 27th September, after 10.30 Mass. Please support this great charity. All cakes are welcome

SAVIO YOUTH CLUB

Savio Youth Club will have its first meeting for this academic year on Friday 18th September, from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm at Savio House. May God bless all our young people. Wishing them all success for the future events in the year. Contact Francesca for further details. 07899 785925

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The families with children entering Year 3 or Older, who wish to make their first holy communion are invited to register their names with the Parish Office.

A Word of Gratitude to Fr. Martin Coyle SDB

On behalf of the whole parish community, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Martin Coyle, our former Parish Administrator, for his six years of dedicated and faithful service in our Parish.

We are deeply grateful for his pastoral care, kindness, commitment, especially in the renovation of the church roofing and the presbytery and the many ways in which he accompanied and supported our parish community over these years. His presence, guidance and friendship touched the lives of many.

As Fr. Martin begins a new chapter in his ministry, we assure him of our prayers and warmest good wishes. May the Lord bless him abundantly, strengthen him in his vocation and continue to work through his ministry.

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for September is for the care of Water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Parish Calander - September 2026

- ✓ Tuesday 1st : World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- ✓ Thursday 4th: Feast of St. Gregory the Great
- ✓ Tuesday 8th: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Lectio Divina
- ✓ Sunday 13th: Education Sunday: Day of special prayer for Education
- ✓ Monday 14th: Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
- ✓ Sunday 20th: Home Mission Sunday
- ✓ Monday 21st: Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- ✓ Thursday 24th: Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham
- ✓ Sunday 27th: Harvest Sunday: Day of special prayer for the Harvest - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- ✓ Tuesday 29th: Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Looking Ahead - October 2026

Thursday 1st : St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Friday 2nd : The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday 7th : Our Lady of the Rosary

Thursday 8th : Feed my Sheep

We are delighted to welcome Mary Hardiman, an inspiring local speaker with experience in teaching, counselling, and prison ministry. Mary will speak on the theme "Feed My Sheep" on the evening of 8th October, from 7.15pm to 9.00pm in the Church Hall.

Mary has spoken at St. Gregory's on several occasions, and her thoughtful, often humorous presentations, along with her ability to bring Scripture to life, have always been greatly appreciated. All are welcome.

Friday 9th : St. John Henry Newman

Thursday 15th: St. Teresa of Avila

Rosary in our Garden of Hope:

The Parishioners are invited to join the walk to St. Gregory's cemetery on Thursday, 15th October after the 10.00am Mass. We will walk from St Gregory's Church to the cemetery and recite the rosary around the Garden of Hope.

For Details : Contact Helen on 07726903685 or email at helenbassirat@hotmail.com.

Wednesday 28th : Sts. Simon and Jude Apostles