

# Parent Newsletter

**Week Ending: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 (B)**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Year 7 and 8 Celebration of the Word  Barry Gardiner MP visiting the	Year 9 and 10 Celebration of the Word	Year 11 and Sixth Form Celebration of the Word	Whole School Reading Slot	PSHE

## **Attendance – The top attending forms for week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Gold – 10A

Silver – 11H

Bronze – 7B

## **Commendations -Form points for week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Gold – 9H

Silver – 7L

Bronze – 8L

## **Catholic Social Teaching Focus**

This half term, our school community is focusing on the Catholic social teaching of solidarity and peace, the belief that we are called to stand together, support one another, and help build a world where every person is treated with dignity and respect.

Many Catholics have lived out this message in remarkable ways. One powerful example is St Oscar Romero, a bishop who spoke out bravely against violence and injustice in El Salvador. He defended the poor, challenged wrongdoing, and refused to stay silent when others were being harmed. Because of his commitment to peace and justice, he lost his life while celebrating Mass.

His courage invites all of us, children and adults, to reflect on how we can promote peace in our own lives. For our young people, this may look like including others, speaking kindly, or choosing to do what is right even when it is difficult. For us as parents and carers, it can mean modelling compassion, fairness, and the courage to stand up for those who need support.

As we guide our children, may the example of Catholics like St Oscar Romero inspire us to build homes and a community rooted in peace, justice, and love.

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Gospel Focus**

### **Luke 23:35-43**

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.'

The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.'

But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.

Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

### **Gospel Reflection**

This Gospel passage reminds us that Jesus remained calm and compassionate even when He was judged by others. His example encourages us and our children to approach challenges with patience, understanding, and love. Like the two criminals beside Jesus, we all face daily choices about the kind of person we want to be.

The repentant thief shows us that acknowledging our mistakes is not a weakness but an important step toward growth. His simple words, "*Jesus, remember me,*" remind us that we can always turn to God, especially in moments of uncertainty or difficulty. Jesus' response shows us that forgiveness and new beginnings are always possible.

As parents and carers, this message can support us in guiding our children to make thoughtful, kind, and responsible choices, even when it is not easy. Within our St Gregory's community, we pray that God continues to walk alongside our families, offering strength, guidance, and hope as we help our children become the best versions of themselves.

Let us take a moment to reflect on how this message can shape our family life and support us in nurturing our children with love and faith.

Lord Jesus,

Help us to choose kindness and courage each day.

Teach us to admit our mistakes and seek Your mercy.

Stay close to us when we feel unsure or afraid.

Guide our St Gregory's community to live with faith and hope.

Amen