

Parent Newsletter

Week Ending: 19th December 2025 (B)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Form Prayer Activities - 8:30am-9:00am Advent Mass - Hall	Form Prayer Activities - 8:30am-9:00am Celebration of the Word - Years 7 and 8 - Hall	Form Prayer Activities - 8:30am-9:00am Celebration of the Word Years 10 and 11 - Hall Advent Mass - Hall	Form Prayer Activities - 8:30am-9:00am 6.00pm - Advent Service	Form Prayer Activities - 8:30am-9:00am Christmas Liturgies & Carols Y7 - P1 Y8 - P2 Y9 - P3 Early Finish 12:30pm

Attendance – The top attending forms for week beginning 8th December 2025

Gold – 10M

Silver – 7H

Bronze – 7L

Commendations -Form points for week beginning 8th December 2025

Gold – 7J

Silver – 8L

Bronze – 9H

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

As we enter the third week of Advent, we conclude our focus on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity and Peace. This season reminds us that waiting for Christ invites us to choose unity, hope, and compassion in our everyday lives.

Solidarity calls us to stand alongside others, particularly those who may feel lonely, excluded, or forgotten. Peace begins with small, daily actions, treating one another with respect, patience, and understanding at home, at school, and in our community.

As we prepare for Christmas, we remember that Jesus came to bring peace to all people. The Christmas holidays offer a special opportunity for families to live out this message beyond our school gates through kindness, forgiveness, and care for those in need.

At St Gregory's, we strive to be peacemakers, knowing that our actions speak more powerfully than any gift. May this Christmas season be a time when our students and families reflect Christ's love and return in the new year renewed in our commitment to solidarity and peace.

Sunday 14th December - Gospel Focus

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Gospel Reflection

As we journey through the third week of Advent, we reflect on the example of John the Baptist, who waited with hope even during his time in prison. John reminds us that faith does not require having all the answers, but rather trusting in God, even when we feel uncertain.

Through Jesus, we see that God's kingdom is revealed in healing, kindness, and the sharing of good news with those most in need. Advent invites us, like John, to prepare our hearts and to recognise Jesus at work in our everyday lives.

Within our St Gregory's school community, we are called to be messengers of hope, patience, and joy. Simple acts of goodness, honesty, and care, at home, at school, and in the wider community, can help others encounter Christ through us.

As we look forward to Christmas, may this season strengthen our faith and help us ready our hearts and lives for the joyful arrival of Jesus.

Dear Lord,

In this 3rd week of Advent, we thank you for the example of John the Baptist.
Help us as members of our St Gregory's family to trust you, even when life feels
difficult or uncertain.

Teach us to bring hope, kindness, and joy into our classrooms and friendships.

May our words and actions prepare the way for Jesus in the lives of others.

We ask this as we continue our Advent journey towards Christmas.

Amen.