

Parent Newsletter

Week Ending: 5th December 2025 (B)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 7 and 8 Assembly/Celebration of the Word (School Hall) Barry Gardiner MP visiting the school (School Hall)	Year 9 and 10 Assembly/Celebration of the Word (School Hall)	Year 11 and Sixth Form Assembly/Celebration of the Word (School Hall)	Whole School Reading Slot	PSHE

Attendance – The top attending forms for week beginning 24th November 2025

Gold – 10A
Silver – 11H
Bronze – 7B

Commendations -Form points for week beginning 24th November 2025

Gold – 9H
Silver – 7L
Bronze – 8L

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

This week, as we continue exploring the Catholic Social Teaching of solidarity and peace, we are reminded that God calls us to stand together, support one another, and help build a world where every person is valued. This message feels especially important as we begin the season of Advent, a time of hope, waiting, and preparing our hearts for Jesus.

Throughout history, many Catholics have shown what true solidarity looks like through courage and compassion. One inspiring example is St Teresa of Calcutta, who dedicated her life to caring for the poor, the sick, and the forgotten. She treated every person with dignity, seeing Christ in those who others overlooked. Her gentle strength and unflinching love showed the world that peace begins with small acts of kindness.

Her example challenges us at St Gregory's to do the same: noticing those who are left out, offering help when someone is struggling, and choosing words that build others up. As Advent invites us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, we can honour

this season by spreading hope and peace within our school community. Through small, everyday actions, we can all be signs of God's love to one another.

Sunday 30th November - Gospel Focus

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Gospel Reflection

As we begin this week at St Gregory's, Advent reminds us to live with hope and purpose. Just as the world waited for the coming of Jesus, we too are invited to prepare our hearts and notice God's presence in the small moments of our lives. In our school community, living Advent means showing care, courage, and understanding, especially to those who may feel left out or overlooked.

Like St Teresa of Calcutta, we are called to see Christ in everyone, offering kindness and compassion through simple, daily actions. During this season, let us remember that hope grows through the choices we make, in how we speak, how we listen, and how we support one another. May we open our hearts to God's love and become signs of peace in all we do.

Lord Jesus,

Help us to prepare our hearts for Your coming this Advent.

Teach us to live with hope, to show kindness, and to reach out to those in need.

Guide our words and actions so that they reflect Your love.

Bless our St Gregory's community with peace, compassion, and unity.

May we become signs of Your light and hope every day.

Amen