

Parent Newsletter

Week Ending: 27th March 2026 (A)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Celebration of the Word – Years 7, 8 and	Form Class Worship Activities	Celebration of the Word – Years 10, 11 and 6 TH Form Annie The Musical – Doors Open 6:30pm	Whole School Reading Annie The Musical – Doors Open 6:30pm	PSHE Year 11 Retreat Morning

Attendance - The top attending forms for week beginning 16th March 2026

Gold – 9M
Silver – 11A
Bronze – 8J

Commendations - Form points for week beginning 16th March 2026

Gold – 8J
Silver – 8H
Bronze – 8B

Morning Prayer

Morning prayer will continue this week in the Chapel on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:00am, led by our Chaplain, Fr Brendan in the chapel. Please encourage your children to attend.

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

In this Fifth Week of Lent, we continue to reflect on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the Option for the Poor, reminding us to place those in need at the centre of our care. Jesus' compassion calls us to notice those who may be struggling and to respond with kindness and action.

At St Gregory's, we are living this out through our House charity activities that continue this week, supporting those who need help the most.

Looking ahead, the Lenten Walk next week is another opportunity to stand in solidarity with others and make a difference.

Even small acts, donating, participating, or encouraging others, can bring hope and dignity to people's lives.

This Lent, we are called to be a community that chooses generosity, compassion, and justice in all we do.

Gospel Focus

John 11:1-45 – Part 1

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Reflection

In this Fifth Week of Lent, the raising of Lazarus reminds us that even in moments of loss, hope is never gone.

Jesus does not rush past suffering, he enters into it, weeping with those he loves.

Like Martha and Mary, we sometimes struggle to trust when answers seem delayed.

Yet Jesus calls us to believe that new life can come from what feels final or broken.

For us as a community at St Gregory's, this speaks to everyday challenges, exams, friendships, doubts, and pressures.

Christ invites each of us to step out of what holds us back, just as Lazarus was called from the tomb.

This Lent, we are reminded that faith can help us walk in the light, trusting that God is still at work in us.

Lord Jesus,

You are the resurrection and the life.

Help us to trust you, even when we feel uncertain or afraid.

Call us out of the things that hold us back, and lead us into your light.

May our lives at St Gregory's reflect your hope, love, and new life.

Amen