

Parent Newsletter

Week Ending: 16th October 2026 (A)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Celebration of the Word – Year 9 and 6 th Form	Celebration of the Word – Years 8 and 11	Celebration of the Word – Years 7 and 10	Whole School Reading	PSHE

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

Reflection

As we enter the final week of this half term, we pause to reflect on our role as stewards of God's creation.

The Catholic Social Teaching of *Care for Creation* reminds us that the Earth is a gift, not a possession.

Pope Francis called us all to protect “our common home” through his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Catholic organisations like CAFOD and Caritas work globally to defend the environment and those impacted by climate change.

Non-Catholic groups like Greenpeace and WWF also strive to protect nature and endangered species.

Though different in approach, all share a common goal: to care for the planet and the people on it.

At St. Gregory's, we are called to play our part, however small, in this important mission.

Simple actions like recycling, reducing waste and saving energy can make a real difference.

Creation is sacred, and we are its caretakers, not its owners.

Let us end this half term with a renewed commitment to live responsibly and walk gently on the Earth.

Gospel Focus

Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them.

The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Reflection

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a king who invites people to his son's wedding feast. Although everything is ready, many people ignore the invitation because they are too busy with their own lives. The king then invites everyone he can find, welcoming both good and bad alike.

Jesus reminds us that God's invitation is open to everyone. Sometimes, we can become so caught up in our own plans and worries that we forget to make time for God and for others.

As we continue our journey at St Gregory's, let us remember to listen to God's invitation by showing kindness, including others and making time to help those around us. This week, may we make sure that everyone feels welcome, valued and part of our community.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Help us to hear your invitation and make time for you in our busy lives.

Teach us to welcome everyone with kindness, understanding and respect.

Help us to notice those who may feel left out and to make sure that everyone feels they belong at St Gregory's.

Guide us to be generous, caring and ready to serve others each day.

May we always remember that your love is for everyone.

Amen.