



Dear parishioners,

Now that I have returned from my summer holidays, these weekly updates will resume! Fr Giovanni has now headed off to Italy for his own break, and will return about the middle of September. We pray that he will have a good holiday and return refreshed for the new term!

As it is August, parish life is still fairly quiet – however, there are still a few things to look forward to in the weeks ahead...

1. **Children's Liturgy** will begin again at the 9.30 Mass on Sunday 12th September. The sessions are open to children of school age between Reception class and the end of Year 2. Children wishing to take part need to be registered in advance. We also need parental support to make these sessions possible. We know that the children enjoy them and we are really pleased to be able to resume them after a long gap due to the pandemic. Application forms (with more information) are still available in the church porch, if your child would like to take part, but has not yet registered.
2. The **8.00 am Sunday Mass** will resume on Sunday 19th September (the weekend after Fr Giovanni returns).
3. The **Sunday Holy Hour**, with Eucharistic Adoration, will resume on Sunday 3rd October, and will then continue every Sunday from 5.00 – 5.45 pm. Meanwhile, we also have a Holy Hour (during which Confessions are also available) every Friday from 10.00 am till 11.00 am
4. We plan to begin registration for **First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes** later in the autumn term – please listen out for announcements at Sunday Mass. A reminder that children who wish to enrol for these sacramental programmes need to have been attending Mass in advance, and their families need to be registered members of the parish.

The picture at the head of this week's update depicts **St Gregory the Great**, whose feast day we keep on September 3rd. It was Pope St Gregory who send the first missionaries to convert the English people (led by St Augustine of Canterbury). As we begin a new term and a new parish year, we ask St Gregory to pray for us, and for the Church in our country, as we strive to continue the great work that he began so many centuries ago.

With prayers and best wishes,

Fr Richard