

# St Gregory's Bulletin

## 'Rebuild my Church .... Rebuild the Community'

Mass intentions: Fr Martin will be saying mass each day for our intentions. Please phone or text a message leaving your mass intentions to Fr Martin on 07754 057074

Saturday 12 February <i>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Racial Justice Day</i>	6pm	Anne & Daniel Mahon RIP (M Mahon)
Sunday 13 February <i>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Racial Justice Day</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Marjorie Kennedy (special int) (church cleaning friends)
Monday 14 February <i>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>	10am	Toni Di Mario RIP (D and C O'Connor)
Tuesday 15 February	10am	Ronald Vernon RIP Anniv (John and June Biggar)
Wednesday 16 February	<b>NO MASS</b>	Patrick McNulty RIP (Hurst)
Thursday 17 February <i>Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	10am	Kathleen McKay Birthday (A Mc Nulty)
Friday 18 February	12 noon	Patrick McNulty RIP (L Murphy)
Saturday 19 February <i>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time World Day of Social Justice</i>	6pm	Private intention (John and June Biggar)
Sunday 20 February <i>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time World Day of Social Justice</i>	8:30am	
	10:30am	Alan Smith RIP Anniv (B Smith)

### COVID-19

We will continue to take our cautious approach to changes which are allowed, especially when we are together in church:

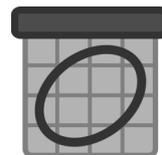
Please do not attend church if you have any symptoms of Covid or are feeling unwell in any way.

We will continue the good practice to sanitise our hands on entry/exit and before distributing communion, and keep the church well ventilated.

Parishioners **may wish to continue to wear face coverings**, but these are no longer mandatory. There is general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing as a congregation, but this is not mandatory, and to be sensitive to the needs of others who may feel more vulnerable.

We will begin by re-introducing the Offertory Procession and continue with tea/coffee in the hall after 10.30 Mass

### Dates for your diary



### Wednesday 2 March

Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent



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# Parish News



## Reflection from Fr Martin

Today's scripture readings present contrasts:

in the first reading the prophet Jeremiah contrasts the person who trusts in others with the person who puts their trust in God

St Paul is contrasting the preaching and belief about the resurrection of Jesus with those in the community in Corinth who are saying that there is no resurrection

In today's Gospel Jesus contrasts the values of the kingdom with the values of this world

We could profitably reflect on our trust in God, or our belief in resurrection, or our value system, and indeed these three aspects are connected. It's our faith, not only in the resurrection, which allows us to put our trust in God rather than relying on ourselves or even others. Similarly, our trust in God allows us to believe in the resurrection and so much more. And both our faith and trust allow us to live by the values of the Gospel and the kingdom.

The challenge and opportunity today is to place our trust and our faith in God, to really believe in the resurrection of Jesus which promises resurrection for us too, and to commit once again to living the Gospel values.

Fr Martin

## Building work

Many of you will remember that the parish has held a long-term desire to make the church more easily accessible and to provide accessible toilet facilities inside, at the back of church. I am happy to say that this is now going to happen; planning permission was granted at the end of 2020, work will begin on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and last approximately 4 weeks, with DH Welton & Co Ltd being the main contractor. The total estimated cost of this project is £ 60,442.62

In order for the project to be completed, weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Hall with access round the back of the house. Weekend Masses will be continuing in church with access via the door next to the presbytery (the door we used to exit during the covid one way system). Unfortunately, there will be no access to the choir loft, and parking near the presbytery and church will be more limited, if possible at all; I suggest 'drop off' for those who are less able.

## Volunteers needed

### Readers

We are in need of more readers at every mass, so please consider joining the ranks. The rota is very flexible and you can read as little or as often as you wish! Please email Helen Hey [helenjhey65@gmail.com](mailto:helenjhey65@gmail.com) for more information.

### Little Church

Little Church has been greatly missed over the past 2 years and although no date has yet been set for its return, it feels right to start preparations to ensure we are ready. As such, if you feel you can lead a Little church session once in a while (in the hall, during 10.30 mass) please email Maria Gray [maria\\_h\\_gray@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maria_h_gray@yahoo.co.uk) or Sharon Nyasiri [shezsiri@gmail.com](mailto:shezsiri@gmail.com) to find out more. Thank you!

## Easter chick knit appeal

Francis House Children's Hospice are once again appealing for knitters to make chicks and bunnies for their Easter Fundraising Appeal.



Despite the difficulties caused by Covid, last year the appeal raised a fantastic £31,645 with many businesses, shops and companies getting involved across the region.

If you'd like to get knitting (or crocheting), patterns are available to download at [www.franchishouse.org.uk/easter-knit-a-chick-appeal](http://www.franchishouse.org.uk/easter-knit-a-chick-appeal). There will be a few print copies at the back of church, along with a box for completed chicks.

There is no need to include a creme egg but if anyone would like to donate any to the appeal, they would also be much appreciated.

The chickens will be taken from St Gregory's to the hospice in the first week of March so please bring them to church by Sunday February 27.

For any enquiries phone Joanna Saatchi on 01625 878533.

## First Communion Families



Please welcome back our first communion children and families who will be restarting their catechesis sessions and joining us for the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10.30am Masses.

## Offertory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support.