

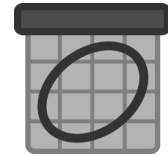
St Gregory's Bulletin

'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 25 September <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Anne Maguire RIP (Peter & Irene Smith)
Sunday 26 September <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Mehall Tobin RIP
Monday 27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	NO MASS	Fr Francis Mageean RIP (K&M McAulay)
Tuesday 28 September <i>St Wenceslaus</i>	10am	Jennifer Coward
Wednesday 29 September <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	NO MASS	Fr Francis Mageean RIP (Helen Bassirat)
Thursday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	NO MASS	Michelle McCabe and family
Friday 1 October <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	12 noon	Fr Francis Mageean RIP (A Selby)
Saturday 2 October <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Fr Francis Mageean RIP (L Garrity)
Sunday 3 October <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	
	10:30am	

Dates for your diary



26 September

Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Hall after 10.30 Mass

10 October

Enrolment Mass for the Sacramental programme at 10.30 Mass

17 October

Celebration and Farewell for Fr Tony in the Hall after 10.30 Mass

14 November

Cemetery Service of Remembrance

27 November

Parish Advent Retreat Day with Fr Michael Winstanley SDB

19 December

Carol service



Macmillan Coffee Morning: 26 Sep

Today is the Macmillan Coffee Morning after 10.30am Mass in the Hall, our first opportunity to gather together in the Hall after Mass. Thanks to June Biggar and all those involved in making this event possible. Please join us and support a great charity!

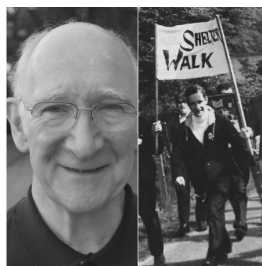


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Fr Francis Mageean RIP



Thank you to all parishioners who joined the celebration of the life of Fr Francis Mageean SDB on Tuesday in person or via livestream. The video of the Requiem Mass is still available via Salesian Link Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/salesianlink/videos/1974279882723971>

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Sunday reflection from Fr Martin

'... not one of us ...'

Today is World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees and we are asked to remember them and pray for them, but we are also challenged to look at our attitude to Migrants and Refugees and to do what we can to help them.

Today's Gospel begins with John, the beloved disciple reporting to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him'. John's attitude is exclusive of others, Jesus's attitude is inclusive of others, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us'.



It is the attitude of 'not one of us' which is problematic and worth reflecting on today, this special Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees. There is a real danger that when we think and talk in terms of 'us' that we immediately and automatically create 'others'; we create an 'us and them' mentality and that can lead to an attitude of exclusivity; we exclude the 'others' because they are not one of us.

This can happen in our families, our parish, our community and in society at large. Whether it is based on gender, age, sexual orientation, race, creed, wealth, ability, occupation, neighbourhood, political preference or just which football team we support, it is so easy to think, speak and act exclusively; to protect the 'us', we exclude the 'other'.

I think this has a direct effect and consequence on our attitude and action toward Migrants and Refugees, fellow human beings, our brothers and sisters, many of whom have fled intolerable and fearful situations, making perilous journeys, hoping for a fresh start and a better future.

Today the invitation is to pray for Migrants and Refugees in their often desperate plight, and the challenge is to examine our attitude to 'others'. How inclusive are we to others, how inclusive are we in our attitude to Migrants and Refugees, and how prepared are we to do all we can to ease their situation and suffering?

Fr Martin away

Fr Martin will be away from 22nd Sep to 6th Oct. During these two weeks, the Savio House Community will be celebrating Masses in St Gregory's.

If there are any urgent needs, please contact Fr Roman on 07903 710045.

Sacramental programme

The programme will begin with an Introductory Day at Savio House on Saturday 9th Oct and the Enrolment Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 10th Oct. If any children still need to register, please contact Barbara Crack on 07729 706795 or 01625 614275 or barbaracrack2qn@btinternet.com

Administration assistant needed for the programme. Please contact Barbara if you can help.

Opportunities to participate in Parish life

Counters: If you are able to join this small group, please speak to Fr Martin or contact Liz Murphy in the parish office.

Church Cleaning Group: The church cleaners have resumed their regular church cleaning after Mass on Tuesday. If you like to join this group please speak to Fr Martin or contact Liz Murphy in the parish office.

Altar Servers: Anyone who has made their 1st Communion and who would like to serve at Mass, please see Fr Martin, Felicity Funnell or contact Liz Murphy in the parish office.

'Greeters' – Ministry of Welcome Group: If you would like to join this group to welcome parishioners, please contact Louise Handbury at louise.handbury@btinternet.com or on 07802 201760 or Liz Murphy in the parish office.

Cemetery Group: If you would like to support Alistair and be part of the group, usually on a Wednesday morning, please speak to Fr Martin or Alistair, or contact Liz Murphy in the parish office.

Readers: Can our readers please contact Maria Gray to indicate when you are ready to read. If you would like read at Mass please speak to Fr Martin or Maria: maria_h_gray@yahoo.co.uk

Flowers in church: The church flower group are once again doing the flowers in church. If you would like to join this small, friendly team it would be a great help—the commitment is to do the flowers approx



3 times a year. Please contact Oonagh Wray 01625 574019.

Offerory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support.