

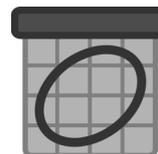
St Gregory's Bulletin

'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 7 May 4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	6pm	Gerard Halsall RIP (Helen Bassirat)
Sunday 8 May 4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Elizabeth Vernon (J and J Biggar)
Monday 9 May	10am	Fr Francis Mageean RIP (O Wray)
Tuesday 10 May St John of Avila	10am	
Wednesday 11 May	NO MASS	
Thursday 12 May Sts Nereus & Achilleus	10am	
Friday 13 May Our Lady of Fatima St Mary Mazzarello	12 noon	
Saturday 14 May 5th Sunday of Easter	6pm	Ernest Hyde RIP (A Carroll)
Sunday 15 May 5th Sunday of Easter	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Rosemary Watts (Church cleaning friends)

Dates for your diary



Every Friday in May 11.30am:
Rosary before 12 noon mass

Saturday 7 May: Confirmation
Preparation Day at Savio House

**Sunday 8 May after 10.30am
Mass:** St Gregory's Parish at Savio
House

Thursday 26 May: Prayer and
pastry after Mass

Saturday 11 June and 18 June:
1st Communion celebration

Friday 1 July: Confirmation
celebration in St Alban's at 7pm



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Emergency appeal: Help for Ukraine

If you would like to contribute directly to the Salesian work please either:

Send a cheque to Mrs. N. Howell at the Provincial Office, Sharples Park, Bolton, Lancashire, BL1 6PQ clearly marked UKRAINE. All cheques should be made out to SDB Trustees.

Access the **Salesian Just Giving page** and make a contribution online, using the link : <https://www.justgiving.com/SalesianGBRProvince>.

Please also keep the Ukrainian people and our Salesian brothers, who are remaining with the people they serve, in your prayers.

Thank you for your support! *Salesians of Don Bosco UK - GBR Province*





Reflection from Fr Martin: Vocations Sunday

Today, traditionally Good Shepherd Sunday, is a particular Day of Prayer for Vocations, particularly vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but it should also prompt us to reflect on our own vocation in the church too.

Today we focus on the gift of priestly and religious vocations in the church and ask God to continue to gift us; we need more priests and religious vocations!

I saw a poster years ago which said,

'Your priest is somebody's son; could your son be somebody's priest'

Priestly and religious vocations do not grow on trees, they grow in families, in parish communities, in groups where young people and young adults can grow in faith and respond to God's call and invitation; they grow in situations where there is support and encouragement.

As we pray today, and every day, for the continued gift of priestly and religious vocations in the church, it reminds us that we all have a vocation, we all respond to the call of God, our baptismal call to be followers of Jesus, witnesses of the Gospel, responding to the universal call to holiness.

Fr Martin

Shrewsbury Diocese Discernment about the Synod

Thank you to those of you who were able to respond to the questionnaire about the Synod; your comments and reflections were sent to the Bishop and the Diocesan Co-ordinator. All the replies across the Diocese have been collated and summarised, and Bishop Mark has also produced his discernment. These can be found at the back of church or on the Shrewsbury Diocese website..

The next part of the process is that the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales will consider all the Diocesan responses and collate a response to be sent to Rome. I will keep you updated on any information I receive.

Let's continue to pray for this Synod process, that we can journey together to a more 'Synodal church', working together.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme.

Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

First sacrament helpers

I have been helping our children prepare for their first sacraments. It is a complete joy. I would like to invite you to consider joining me. We have two superb books which lead us along the programme. Please speak to myself or Fr Martin if you would like to know more.

Thanks Barbara



Sunday 8 May at Savio

You are all invited to Savio House after 10.30 Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Dominic Savio.

We will provide some light refreshments, and hopefully, some sunshine. All welcome!

Sunday 8 May at Mass

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

We will welcome some of our Salesian Brothers to share their vocation story as we reflect and pray for the gift of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the church.

Mothers' Prayer Groups

Mothers' Prayers was formed to help mothers to pray together for their children and grandchildren and to find mutual support. There are now thousands of groups around the world.

Over the years, there have been many wonderful answers to prayers. The mothers also have been blessed and have experienced great peace.

There are Mothers' Prayers Groups meeting regularly in our parish (on Zoom or in person), including a group that meets in the parish hall after Mass on Monday mornings at 10.30 am.

If you would like to know more, please contact Jennifer Coward (573990), June Biggar (560829) or Oonagh Wray (07521 336353)

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Many thanks to all for your continued support.