

# 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 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	Margaret Simons RIP (Marie Fearn)
	10:30am	
Monday 4 October <i>St France of Assisi</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday 5 October <i>Bl Albert Marvelli</i>	10am	Tom Loddick RIP (J and W Clarke)
Wednesday 6 October <i>St Bruno</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	Fr Francis Mageean RIP (J and W Clarke)
Thursday 7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday 8 October	12 noon	Fr Francis Mageean RIP (B Smith)
Saturday 9 October <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Lillian Brown RIP (J and J Biggar)
Sunday 10 October <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	
	10:30am	

### Rosary on Fridays during October

We will be praying the Rosary at 11.40am on Fridays during the month of October, as we did in May.



### Fr Martin away

Fr Martin will be away until 6 October.

During this time, 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.

### Dates for your diary



#### 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



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# Parish News



## Sunday reflection from Fr Martin

### 'The two become one'

Today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading and Gospel are all about the relationship between man and woman, the relationship of love which develops into a life-long commitment in marriage; the two become one. As an unmarried person, I should probably stop here! However, the church has developed an understanding of relationships and marriage which is worth reflecting on today.

Although some people choose to remain single for many reasons and circumstances, the Genesis account of creation we have in today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading points to the desire for men and women to come together. We are social beings and desire life-long companionship. That is why creation is only complete when God creates woman; no other created being is good enough. The writers of the Book of Genesis want to emphasise the direct, physical connection between man and woman, and express the delight at the creation of woman; creation is complete, creation has been perfected in woman!

I'm sure we have many examples in our families, among our friends, in our parish, in your own relationships and marriage, of this complimentary relationship in marriage, of the unity of love which sustains marriage. It is the strength of this mutual self-giving love which makes parting all the more painful and difficult when a partner dies. The pain of loss is felt very keenly.

Today is an invitation to pray for all couples, that their love and commitment will continue to grow, and grow stronger and sustain their relationship.

Fr Martin

## Sacramental programme

The programme will begin with an Introductory Day at Savio House on Saturday 9 Oct and the Enrolment Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 10 October.

Thank you to Barbara Crack and those who have offered to help with this year's programme; there is still time to volunteer to help!

### Calling all grandparents, aunts and uncles!

You would be perfect to help with children in their first sacraments sessions because you have lots of patience and love and you have been there before!

Please contact Barbara if you can help 07729 706795 or 01625 614275 or [barbaracrack2qn@btinternet.com](mailto:barbaracrack2qn@btinternet.com)



## Cemetery access

We have engaged a tarmac company to fill in and replace the tarmac at the entrance to the cemetery which has worn down just outside the gate.

This work will take place from 5 – 7 October. Access may be limited at some times over these three days, unfortunately I don't know exactly when. However they will not be working on it continually for 3 days as they are doing a separate contract of work for Savio House over the same period.

My apologies for any inconvenience but hopefully we will have a smooth and suitable entrance to the cemetery by next week.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.