

# 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 March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	6pm	Anthony Walsh RIP
Sunday 13 March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30am	People of Parish
	10:30am	Private intention
Monday 14 March	10am	Edward Nolan RIP Anniv (E Woolley)
Tuesday 15 March	9.30am	Adoration
	10am	Anne Maguire RIP (Richards)
Wednesday 16 March	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday 17 March <i>St Patrick</i>	10am	
Friday 18 March <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	11.30am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Mass
Saturday 19 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	6pm	
Sunday 20 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30am	
	10:30am	

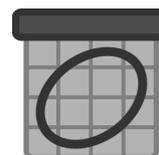
### First sacraments sessions in March

This month we have 3 weekends when the children and their families will be joining us for:

Saturday evening and Sunday morning (10.30 am) Masses on 5/6 March; 19/20 March and 26/27 March.

Please be sure to make them welcome.

### Dates for your diary



**Tuesdays in Lent:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am in the Parish Hall

**Fridays during Lent:** Stations of the Cross at 11.30am in the Hall

**Friday 11 March:**  
Cafod family fast day

**2 and 3 April:** Sacrament of Reconciliation during weekend Masses

**7 April after 10am Mass:**  
Parish walk, more details to follow



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## Reflection from Fr Martin

### This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'

In today's Gospel, Peter, James and John get a glimpse of the glory of God, revealed in Jesus, as they witness his transfiguration, when he was changed and his clothes became brilliantly white, like lightening. Peter's response is to want to stay there, to make it last longer, to stay on the mountaintop, to make this experience permanent; but that is not possible. We live in the ordinary, we experience God's glory and revelation in the ordinary and everyday; not in the spectacular. We might ask ourselves, 'Where, when and through whom do I experience God in my life?'

In this extraordinary event of the Transfiguration of Jesus, a voice comes from the cloud, and echo of the voice at the Baptism of Jesus, a voice which confirms the true identity of Jesus, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'.

Can we be challenged by that same voice today, challenged to recognise the true identity of Jesus, challenged to 'listen to him' this Lent? In our prayer this Lent, can we make the time and space to 'listen to him', in stillness and silence, in reflecting on God's Word revealed in Jesus? Even a few minutes of 'listening to him' might really surprise us!

Fr Martin

## Emergency appeal: Help for Ukraine

*Thank you for your generosity; so far this appeal around the Salesian Province has raised £12,000. The Salesians have a number of communities in Ukraine and we have launched an emergency appeal and will send all donations directly to the Salesians. Please see the information below. Fr Martin.*

The people of Ukraine are suffering untold privations at this time. Many thousands have fled to the west and to countries such as Poland and other neighbours. Salesians are working on the ground in Ukraine, hosting refugees and looking after vulnerable young people. They are also working to support refugees who have arrived in Poland with little or nothing. We are in solidarity with our Salesian brothers in their work for the displaced and the vulnerable.

If you would like to contribute directly to this work please either:

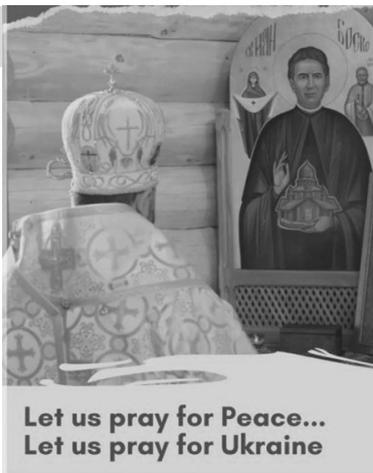
Send a cheque to Mrs. N. Howell at the Provincial Office, Sharples Park, Bolton, Lancashire, BL1 6PQ clearly marked UKRAINE. All cheques should be made out to SDB Trustees. We will ensure the money is collected and sent ASAP to the Salesians there.

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

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Salesians of Don Bosco UK and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

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*



Let us pray for Peace...  
Let us pray for Ukraine

## Building work update



The main groundwork and preparatory work inside have been completed; construction of the new steps and ramp will begin on Monday 14 March. I will keep you updated about progress.

Weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Hall with access up the steps and around the back of the house.

Weekend Masses will be continuing in church with access via the door

## Covid 19

We will continue to take our cautious approach 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, and 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.

## Look out for details of Parish walk planned for Thursday 7 April after Mass

## Offerory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support.