

St Gregory's Bulletin

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 13 March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	6pm	Stuart Chapman RIP (Liz Murphy)
Sunday 14 March <i>4th Sunday of Lent (Mother's Day)</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Br Michael Winstanley SDB RIP (John & June Biggar)
Monday 15 March		Special Intention (Liz Murphy)
Tuesday 16 March		Thanksgiving (Liz Murphy)
Wednesday 17 March <i>St Patrick</i>	7pm	Dennis Bull (Cynthia Crewe)
Thursday 18 March <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>		J Chapman and family (Liz Murphy)
Friday 19 March <i>St Joseph</i>		Private Intention (Oonagh Wray)
Saturday 20 March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	6pm	David Holmes RIP (Sue Welsh)
Sunday 21 March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30am	Br Michael Winstanley SDB RIP (McAulay)
	10:30am	People of the Parish

Masses in St Gregory's Church

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am
Wednesday 7pm

Reminder

- Please remember to **book** each week using the number below
- Please **do not attend** if you suspect that you have any **symptoms**
- Please wear a **face mask** and keep **1m+ distance** at all times, inside and outside the church
- Remember that you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble during or after worship
- Please note that, due to the ongoing roof repairs, there will be very limited or no parking up at the church/house

Please call or text Paul Kerryson on 07854 609757 to reserve your place



Lenten Blessing

We are blessed when we accept that God has forgiven us and we feel compelled to do the same.

We are blessed when we lay down the burdens we have carried for many years.

We are blessed when we actively seek reconciliation among friends and family.

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Parish News



Sunday reflection from Fr Martin



'God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy'.

This weekend we are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for our celebration of Easter; it is a wonderful opportunity to experience and celebrate the amazing love and mercy of God.

In the second reading of Masses this weekend, St Paul writes to the community in Ephesus all about God's love and mercy, emphasising that it is God's pure, unconditional, free gift. God's mercy comes from his great love for each of us, and not because of anything

we might do; all we have to do is ask!

That's why we are encouraged, especially during this season of Lent, to turn back to God, to grow in faith and love, to strengthen our relationship with God and each other, to leave our sin behind, to be reconciled and to start again.

This section of St Paul's letter we read this weekend ends with a great affirmation for all of us:

'You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.'

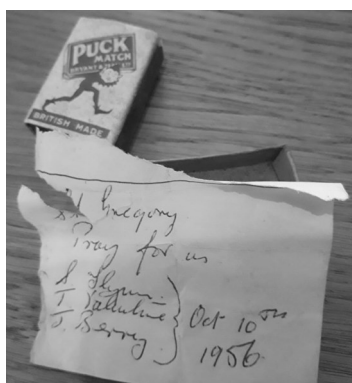
The sacrament of reconciliation is the sacrament which helps us to grow more and more as the people God created us to be.

Let us try to be 'God's work of art Living the good life' this week.

Happy Lent!

Roof update from Fr Martin

I am delighted to say that the roof repair work is completed, on time against the revised schedule after the early delay in October. Thank you for your patience during all this time!



A little piece of history was discovered: when the small roof above the tabernacle was stripped, the roofers found an old matchbox and inside was a small scrap of paper which read: 'St Gregory, pray for us' with the names S Flynn, T Valentine and J Berry, dated 10 October 1956.

Presumably placed there by the original builders or roofers who must have had or developed a devotion to St Gregory, or maybe 3 parishioners of that era.

Salesian Lenten Camino: 4th week of lent

You can continue to join the Savio Community by following a Lenten Camino (Journey) of daily reflections, prayers and actions available at: www.salesians.org.uk or by following this link:

<https://www.salesians.org.uk/uploads/a-camino-through-lent-5-fourth-week-of-lent.pdf>



Sacrament of reconciliation

This weekend at all the parish Masses there will be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, similar to our



experience in the Barn at Savio in Advent.

We will incorporate a short service of reconciliation and Fr Roman and Fr Graham will help me with the celebration of the

Sacrament. This will be another great way to prepare for the great feast of Easter.

Stewards needed

Are you able to volunteer as a steward at mass?

If so please can you contact Louise Handbury on: 07802 201760 or email louise.handbury@btinternet.com

Easter flowers

We are unable to organise the Easter lilies this year, but if you would like to make a donation towards some flowers for Easter services, there is a collection box at the back of the church.

Zoom coffee each Sunday

Please join us each Sunday between 12 noon and 1pm for our Zoom virtual coffee morning. Everyone welcome!



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9930716195?pwd=TFpaZWw4bJlJVaUx5QnhKUUrM3IRZz09>

Meeting ID: 993 071 6195

Offerory collection

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