

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 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
Monday 22 March		Ann McGuire (Pat Cross)
Tuesday 23 March <i>St Turibius of Mongrovejo</i>		Edith Johnson (Pat Cross)
Wednesday 24 March	7pm	Stuart Chapman RIP (Mary Bann)
Thursday 25 March <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>		David Woods Special intention (Pat Cross)
Friday 26 March		
Saturday 27 March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6pm	
Sunday 28 March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8:30am	Frankie and John Plant RIP (Paul Kerryson & Simon Raw)
	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



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Lenten Blessing

Bless me, Lord, through the intercession of St Patrick, his preaching and his missionary zeal.

Bless me, Lord, through the prayers of St Joseph who served Mary and Jesus in the home of Nazareth with a father's heart.

Bless me, Lord, as I follow Pope Francis' call to act and never pass by on the other side.

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Parish News



Sunday reflection from Fr Martin

Today's readings point us towards a greater hope and trust in God's presence and goodness.

In the first reading the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that God does not give up on us, even if we give up on him! He is reminding us of God's goodness, God's promise, God's covenant: **'Then I will be their God and they shall be my people.'** It is this truth that calls us to a greater trust in God; do we really believe it?



In today's Gospel Jesus declares to his disciples that, 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified', meaning the time for his passion, death and resurrection is coming soon. His ministry of preaching and teaching and healing is drawing to a close, now he is to be put to the test. In this moment we see Jesus in the fulness of his humanity, his 'soul is troubled' and he is tempted to pray to be saved from this hour; yet 'it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour'. And so, Jesus too, is called to a greater trust in God, his loving Father. As followers of Jesus, we are called to trust in God, our loving Father, especially in the more difficult and dark times and experiences in life.

I think it is also worth reflecting on the beginning of today's Gospel which sets the scene for the words of Jesus. 'Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ... These approached Phillip ... and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'.' During this Lent have we developed that same desire 'to see Jesus'? Have we grown closer to Jesus especially in our prayer, have we focused more on Jesus especially through our fasting and are we trying to imitate Jesus in his care for the most vulnerable through the generosity of our almsgiving? It is still not too late to keep trying!

Happy Lent!



Tuesday 23 March has been designated as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has said, 'We ask you all to make

this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer' and has asked that all churches be open to allow everyone to enter a church to reflect and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/03/Statement-Covid-Day-of-Reflection-140321.pdf>

St Gregory's will be open for silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 12 noon till 4pm on Tuesday 23 March 2021 as part of this National Day of Reflection and Prayer.

We will enter the church by the main entrance and follow the one-way system to exit near the parish house. If any stewards can offer 30 minutes or more to help with stewarding and sanitizing, please text or call Fr Martin on 07754 057074.

Salesian Lenten Camino

You can continue to join the Savio Community, the Salesian Province and many others by following a Lenten Camino (Journey) of daily reflections, prayers and actions prepared by Fr Gerry O'Shaughnessy SDB in collaboration with Sr Susan Richert PVBM and available at:



www.salesians.org.uk or by following this weekly link <https://www.salesians.org.uk/uploads/a-camino-through-lent-2021-fifth-week-of-lent.pdf>

Lift them up in prayer

The 'Let's lift them up in prayer' group which was started in April last year and is still going strong.

If anyone would like someone to be included on the prayer list, please let me know. Just a first name is fine, or even an initial, although deaths can be full name as you know.

Email: cynthia.crewe@virginmedia.com
Phone: 01625 828875 or 07711 570161.

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=TFpaZWVhbnVxUx5QnhKUUtrM3IRZz09>

Meeting ID: 993 071 6195

Offerory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support.