



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**



## ASH WEDNESDAY

First Day of Lent



**WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK** sees the beginning of the great season of Lent, during which we prepare for Easter, entering the wilderness with Our Lord. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; a time to renew our commitment to follow Christ, a commitment which will be promised anew at Easter.

Jesus shows us how to live, how to conduct our relationships, how to treat other people. Jesus shows us what our priorities should be and where we should invest our time and attention. He shows us what it is to be fully human - and every time our actions, our behaviour and our lifestyle cannot find a reflection in Jesus' lifestyle and behaviour - shows us what incomplete human beings we are.

Let our Lenten journey help us to understand ourselves in an intimate and personal way in the light of the words of Jesus and realise that we are all the cherished children of God. The whole season of Lent is a penitential time and, as with anything in life, the more we put into it the more we will receive from it.

### FEAST NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday, a day  
of Fasting and Abstinence  
(Ashes will be distributed at both the Masses)

### POSTAGE STAMPS COLLECTION

A parcel of used stamps has been sent to CAFOD. Thank you everyone and please continue to bring used stamps to church

### MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mass will continue to be said at 6.30 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. Sunday with two weekday Masses at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday and Friday. There will also be a **Requiem Mass on Monday at 12.00 noon for Deirdre Anne Rawlinson** and an **extra Mass on Ash Wednesday at 7.00 p.m.**

### MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Deirdre Anne Rawlinson
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> 10.15 a.m.	Josette Black
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m.	Sick & Housebound of the Parish
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Special Intention
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Parishioners
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Sylvain

### MASS INTENTIONS

Robert Sylvain, Josette Black, Special Intention,  
Rachel Warnock, George Benson  
and Sarah O'Donnell.

## Lenten Schedule

On Fridays during Lent; 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, there will be Stations of the Cross immediately after our 10.15 a.m. Mass

- On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March our Parish Mass will be at 12.00 noon followed by a Lenten Lunch in the Parish House - £1.00 for a bowl of soup and a bread roll; all proceeds will go to CAFOD.
- On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. there will be a gathering in the Children's Liturgy Room for a talk given by Teresa Swan and Prayer and Meditation.
- There will be a Taizé evening in church at a date to be arranged.

### MASS ATTENDANCES

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	6.30 p.m.	35
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 a.m.	114

### COLLECTIONS

	£
Collection Last Week	474.15

If you prefer to sign a Standing Order or undertake a Bank Transfer, please use the following details:

A/c Name: Parish of St. Gregory, Preston

A/c No: 81335332

Sort Code: 40-27-02

Please make sure you add your name to the payment, especially if you are a Gift Aider in order that we can claim back the tax.

### LITTER PICK

The next dates are 11<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March after the Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mass. All welcome.

### THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2024

#### For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness and their families. receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

### FOOD BANK APPEAL

Please continue to bring in items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Anything you can give will be taken to them. They are desperate for tinned and dried food (but not pasta and cereals). Also welcome are tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk and meals in a tin e.g. meat - also, anything for homeless people with no cooking facilities. They are not, however, allowed to accept alcoholic drinks. There are boxes at the back of church.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	James 1 vv 1-11	Mark 8 vv 11-13
Tuesday	James 1 vv 12-18	Mark 8 vv 14-21
Wednesday	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	Joel 2 vv 12-18	Corinthians 5 v 20 to 6 v 2
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30 vv 15-20	Luke 9 vv 22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58 vv 1-9	Matthew 9 vv 14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58 vv 9-14	Luke 5 vv 27-32
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	
	Genesis 9 vv 8-15	Peter 3 vv 18-22
	Mark 1 vv 12-15	



### YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

for Sam Dowd, Jackie Lyons, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Gerard Renaudin, Rudolph Carlisle, Members of the Wood and

Madden Families, John Allen. Maureen Sharrock, Harry Oulton, John Monty Black, Martin Gee, Cynthia Maguire, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, Agnes Jordan, Frank Jeffrey. John Griffin, Rachel Warnock and all who are sick.

For the housebound and those in hospital.

For carers and all who are anxious for the health of their loved ones.

For the relief, comfort and solace of all refugees and the homeless.

For missionaries and for all victims of strife and terrorism.

For peace in all the troubled areas of our world.

For our clergy and all our parishioners.

For all who are battling the Coronavirus and those risking their own lives and safety to care for them.

*Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.*

For all who have died recently, especially Deirdre Anne Rawlinson; for Robert Sylvain and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*



### ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH '300 CLUB' - PARISH DRAW JANUARY WINNERS

£50	8	T. Durnian
£30	111	Clare Siddall
£10	90	Kath Riley
£10	246	June Grogan
£10	75	John Hills
£10	6	J. Ruffley
£10	261	P. Giddins
£10	92	Marie Oulton

A reminder to those who pay annually in January that their subscriptions are now due. The next draw will take place in the church after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Tea and Coffee will be available. New members are always welcome. Every month there are prizes of £50, £30 and several prizes of £10. Please see Dennis Rawsthorn or Deacon Jim.