



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 17th/Sunday 18th December 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B



THIS IS ADVENT

**Each day during Advent
from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**

The church will be open for private prayer

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In the church 3.00 p.m.

Sunday 18th December

Evening Prayer

and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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In the Parish House 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday 20th December

Father Ted will lead us in discussion

"The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth"

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In the church after 10.00 a.m. Mass

Sunday 18th December

We will decorate the church for Christmas.

Please come along. It is a good chance for people to get together and there will also be a few carols, a drink and a mince pie.



Father Ted's Column

It was on 17th December, 1903 that the Wright brothers flew for the first time – at Kitty Hawk in Carolina, USA. They dreamed that the airplane would bring about world peace. They imagined that with the airplane nations would be able to keep a close watch on each other and so prevent surprise invasions. Well, now we can watch one another from satellites in space – and it still does not prevent war or bring peace. I suppose the moral is that no machine, no weapon can put an end to war. Did the nuclear deterrent actually deter? There wasn't nuclear war, but there certainly has never been peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" says Jesus (Jn 14 v27). True peace comes not through watching one another, but by the acceptance of a gift.

MASS INTENTIONS

Joan Preston and Frank Holliday.

THE ROSARY will be prayed on Sunday 18th December at 6.00 p.m. at 16 Moorland Avenue.



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fair Trade goods, will be at the back of church after both the Masses on the second Sunday of every month. Tea and Coffee will also be available after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **CHRISTMAS CARDS/GIFTS** are available on the stall at the back of church.
- **DID YOU KNOW ...** CAFOD supporters have raised over £4.5 million to alleviate the crisis in East Africa? In Kenya alone we have restored water-points that will deliver clean water to more than 30,000 people. "I am very grateful to all those who support us. I believe that God can do miracles and that things will get better. That's what keeps me going" says Ayapan, a great-grandmother in north-west Kenya. May the peace and joy of Christ be with you all this Christmas.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 19th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Tuesday 20th

9.00 a.m. Mass - Margaret Meehan

Wednesday 21st

12.00 noon Mass - Brigid Talbot

Thursday 22nd

12.00 noon Mass - Joseph Jackson,
Thomas, Jane & Sheila Rowlands

Friday 23rd

12.00 noon Mass - Vincent Redding

Saturday 24th – Christmas Eve

8.00 p.m. First Mass of Christmas - Wilfrid Smithson

Carols will be sung from 7.30 p.m.

(No 6.30 p.m. Mass)

Sunday 25th - Christmas Day

10.00 a.m. Mass - The Parishioners

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT



This coming Wednesday 21st December at 7.30 p.m. in Church, the Preston Concert Band will present a programme of live music for all the family. Tickets, price £2.00, are on sale at the back of church.

Accompanied children will be admitted free. Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies will be available at the interval. Please come and join us. It promises to be a great evening so leave the housework and shopping and enjoy getting into the Christmas spirit!

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Judges 13 vv 2-7, 24-25	Luke 1 vv 5-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 7 vv 10-14	Luke 1 vv 26-38
Wednesday	Song of Songs 2 vv 8-14	Luke 1 vv 39-45
Thursday	Samuel 1 vv 24-38	Luke 1 vv 46-56
Friday	Malachi 3 vv 1-4, 23-24	Luke 1 vv 57-66
Saturday)	Christmas Eve 8.00 p.m.)	
Sunday)	Christmas Day 10.00 a.m.)	
	Isaiah 9 vv 1-7	Paul 2 vv 11-14
	Luke 2 vv 1-14	



If you yourself or any parishioner you know of, is having anxiety about heating bills, then please contact the SVP or the clergy as we can help. We have funds for this purpose. Everything is always treated in confidence.

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE



For all who are sick; especially Peter Topping, Mary Traynor, Ann Singleton, Frank Madden, Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Elsie White, Harry Cole, Esma Howard, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Louis Caton, Breege McKenna, Jack

McCann, Bridie Kirley, Lauretta Hodson, Tom Marsden and Frank Byrne.

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.

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

For all who have died recently and for Anthony Partington, Brigid Talbot, Vincent Redding and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

PLEASE LET US KNOW of anyone who is in hospital or in a nursing/care home so that arrangements may be made to visit them. Likewise, if you know of anyone who is ill or housebound and cannot get to church; we can make arrangements to have the Sacrament of the Eucharist taken to them.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK: £493.80
MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - 98
 Sunday 10.00 a.m. - 134

This weekend, at the back of church we have, for sale, our very own St. Gregory's Christmas Puddings, price £4.99. There is also a chance to win this genuine Andrex Puppy - three feet tall and absolutely adorable. Tickets are £1.00 for a strip of five and the winner will be drawn at the Christmas Concert.



MASSES CHRISTMAS WEEK

Monday 26 th December - Boxing Day	No Mass
Tuesday 27 th December	No Mass
Wednesday 28 th December	Mass at 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 29 th December	Mass at 9.00 a.m.
Friday 30 th December	Mass at 9.00 a.m.

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Everyone Welcome.

Saturday 24th December - Artist Assured

Bingo - Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunchtime.

The Centre is available for hire for private functions. Bookings can be made by contacting the Secretary or the Stewardess on Preston 798336.

Why not visit our friendly club?



DIARY DATES

- Sunday 22nd January: Unity Week Service in the Guild Hall.
- Good Friday: Passion Play which will be broadcast on BBC television.
- 5th May: Sponsored Walk for CAFOD and Christian Aid.
- 1st September: Catholic Mass at St. Walburge's.
- 2nd September: Ecumenical Service.
- 3rd September: Churches Procession - "The Living Christ".