



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 18th/Sunday 19th February 2012
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



ON WEDNESDAY 22ND

FEBRUARY, we begin the holy season of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and abstinence, during which we prepare for Easter by entering the wilderness with Our Blessed Lord.

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 the cherished children of God.

The season of Lent is a truly penitential time and, as with many things in life, the more we put into it, the more graces we will receive from it.

"Lord, only by the help of Your grace can we learn to love as You love. Give us the strength to overcome anger with love and evil with good works."

THROUGHOUT LENT

- Each Sunday, starting 26th February, there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 3.00 p.m.
- Each Wednesday evening, starting 29th February, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

CAFOD
Just one world

- **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 served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **FRIDAY**, 24th February is Family Fast Day. Please return Family Fast Envelopes the following weekend.
- **DID YOU KNOW** ... the Fairtrade Foundation and CAFOD are challenging people to take a *step* for Fairtrade Fortnight, 27th February to 11th March 2012? A *step* can be as small as encouraging your friends and family to switch to Fairtrade tea and coffee to raise awareness. Each *step* leads to the better deal that millions of farmers and workers in developing countries urgently need. The Fairtrade Foundation was co-founded in 1992 by CAFOD and five other organisations to tackle poverty through trade. Your support makes a difference.



Father Ted's Column

A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER St Gregory's – March 4th to 10th

I hope that The Week of Guided prayer is becoming an important element of Lent here in St Gregory's Parish. The invitation to take part is to YOU and to everyone. There's no special requirement, no qualification other than being willing, no particular knowledge needed. It is an opportunity to have some help in finding a little time for God each day and a little support in working out what to do with that little time. There's information on the leaflet available at the back of the church or on the parish website. If you plan to take part I need to know by next weekend – 26th February. Please do consider this invitation – and don't be afraid !

THE ROSARY will be prayed on Sunday 19th February at 6.00 p.m. at 77 Coniston Road.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 20th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 21st

10.30 a.m. Requiem Mass for Sheila Tomlinson
(Sheila will be received into church at 6.00pm Monday)

Wednesday 22nd

(Ash Wednesday - a Day of Fasting and Abstinence -
Ashes will be distributed at each Liturgy)

9.30 a.m. Mass with Key Stage 2 - Father Tom Gardner

11.30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Key Stage 1

7.00 p.m. Mass - Harry Oulton & his daughter Geraldine

Thursday 23rd

9.00 a.m. Mass - Winifred Battersby

Friday 24th

9.00 a.m. Mass - Special Intention

Saturday 25th

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - James Casey

Sunday 26th

10.00 a.m. Mass - The Parishioners

READINGS NEXT WEEK

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| Monday | James 3 vv 13-18 | Mark 9 vv 14-29 |
| Tuesday | James 4 vv 1-10 | Mark 9 vv 30-37 |
| Wednesday | Joel 2 vv 12-18 Corinthians 5 v 20 to 6 v 2 | Matthew 6 vv 1-6, 16-18 |
| 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 |
| | Sunday - 1 st Sunday of Lent Genesis 9 vv 8-15 Peter 3 vv 18-22 Mark 1 vv 12-15 | |

PARISH BULLETIN:

All items for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin must be submitted in writing to the Parish Office at info@stgregoryspreston.org.uk or left at the Parish House.

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.



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, Frank Byrne, Jacqui Troughton, Betty Whiteside and Maureen Hetko.

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 all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Frank Casey, Winifred Battersby, Thanksgiving to Our Lady, Harry Oulton & his daughter Geraldine.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK - £702.45
MASS ATTENDANCE - Saturday Vigil = 84
Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 141



The Churches Procession is on Monday 3rd September and St. Gregory's is taking, as it's theme, "Fishers of Men". We have to register numbers by 2nd March so there is a list at the back of church for anyone who wishes to be involved. Please do sign up and really help our parish effort.

- Please let us know if you have a contact or can, in any way, help us obtain a lorry for use as a float in the Procession.
- Future fund-raising events will include a Race Night, Parish Meal and Musical Evening. Watch this space!!
- Age Concern is involved in a project "Once Every Preston Guild" and is looking for memories or photographs of previous Guilds for a display at the Minster on 2nd, 3rd and 4th July. If you have anything to share then please contact Ian McCondichie, tel. 01772 321868, e-mail ianmccondichie@55plus.org.uk. There is information on the website of Age Concern Central Lancashire.



PLEASE RETURN all pudding bowls and lids and red-checked lidded jam jars in order that they may be re-used.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

These are again available at Sainsbury's. Please collect them and help our school obtain much needed equipment. There will be a box at the back of church for them.

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Everyone Welcome.

Saturday 25th February - 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?