



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th December 2011

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday 31st December/Sunday 1st January 2012

Feast of Mary, Mother of God



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday 26th December (Boxing Day): No Mass

Tuesday 27th December: No Mass

Wednesday 28th December: Mass at 9.00 a.m.

Thursday 29th December: Mass at 9.00 a.m.

Friday 30th December: Mass at 12.00 noon

Saturday 31st December (New Year's Eve):

Vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 1st January (New Year's Day -

Mary, Mother of God): Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Monday 2nd January: Service of the Word with

Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday 3rd January: Mass at 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday 4th January: Service of the Word with

Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m.

Thursday 5th January: Mass at 9.00 a.m.

Friday 6th January: Mass at 11.00 a.m. at Poole Road

Saturday 7th January: Vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 8th January (Epiphany of the Lord):

Mass at 10.00 a.m.



Father Ted's Christmas Message

St. Paul says that grace "has made salvation possible for the whole human race". That's what we see when we look at the crib and at the great crucifix that hangs above the sanctuary in our church. The Prophet Isaiah says the one who is to come will be Emmanuel – a name which means God is with us. The shepherds are invited to come and see for themselves – a "joy to be shared by *the whole people*". On the cross Jesus said to one of those crucified with him, "Today you will be with me in Paradise". We are told that when Jesus died, the Veil in the Temple was torn from top to bottom. Now it's not just the priests who can go into the presence of God, *everyone* can. The crib and the cross – God with us and we with God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Joan Preston, George & Winifred Battersby, Frank Casey, Anthony Akers, Frank Holliday, Joseph Singleton, Mike and Marian Vaughn Wedding Anniversary, Freda Frodsham, Emma Connelly, Hollinghurst, Myerscough & Ling Families, Thomas, Jane & Ashley Thomas Turberfield, John & Elizabeth Walling and Jacqui.

THE ROSARY will be prayed on Sunday 1st January at 6.00 p.m. at 12 Garrison Road. There will be no Rosary Group meeting on Christmas Day.

FEASTS NEXT TWO WEEKS

Monday 26 th December:	St. Stephen (First Martyr)
Tuesday 27 th December:	St. John (Apostle)
Wednesday 28 th December:	The Holy Innocents
Thursday 29 th December:	St. Thomas Becket
Friday 30 th January:	The Holy Family
Sunday 1 st January:	Mary, Mother of God
Sunday 8 th January:	The Epiphany of the Lord



Father Ted and Deacon Jim wish you all a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.



CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday 28th December: Mike and Marian Vaughn
Wedding Anniversary
Thursday 29th December: Frank Holliday
Friday 30th December: Joseph Singleton
Saturday 31st December: Michael, Catherine & John Calvey
Sunday 1st January: The Parishioners
Tuesday 3rd January: M.P. Joseph
Thursday 5th January: Frank Casey
Friday 6th January: Chris Conway
Saturday 7th January: The Parishioners
Sunday 8th January: Jacqui

READINGS NEXT TWO WEEKS

Monday	Acts 6 : 8-10; 7 : 54-59	
	Matthew 10 : 17-22	
Tuesday	1 John 1 : 1-4	John 20 : 2-8
Wednesday	1 John 1 : 5 to 2 : 2	Matthew 2 : 13-18
Thursday	1 John 2 : 3-11	Luke 2 : 22-35
Friday	Genesis 15 : 1-6 and 21 : 1-3	
	Hebrews 11 : 8, 11-12, 17-19	Luke 2 : 22-40
Sunday	Numbers 6 : 22-27	
	Galatians 4 : 4-7	Luke 2 : 16-21
Monday	1 John 2 : 22-28	John 1 : 19-28
Tuesday	1 John 2 : 29 to 3 : 6	John 1 : 29-34
Wednesday	1 John 3 : 7-10	John 1 : 35-42
Thursday	1 John 3 : 11-21	John 1 : 43-51
Friday	1 John 5 : 5-13	Mark 1 : 6-11
Sunday	Isaiah 60 : 1-6	
	Ephesians 3 : 2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2 : 1-12

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 Joseph Singleton 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 and take them the Sacraments.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK:

£631.76

MASS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - 78
Sunday 10.00 a.m. - 210

Many thanks to the Preston Concert Band and all who came to the Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening. It was a very entertaining and enjoyable event. Our Andrex Puppy was won by a white ticket, number 201 and he will be with new owner, Maria Galea for Christmas!



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.



ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

will be open as usual throughout the Christmas period. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us. Bingo - Artists - Refreshments. For more details of any particular day or to enquire about booking a private function telephone the Secretary or Stewardess on Preston 798336.

300 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW 2011

£300	269	Mrs. May Eccles - c/o Wren Street
£100	265	Mrs. Ratcliffe - Munro Crescent
£30	112	Mrs. C. Boardman - Dalby Close
£10	154	Anne Ritchie - c/o Moorland Avenue
£10	215	Martin Ryan - Blackpool Road
£10	109	Bernadette Roberts - Sandsdale Avenue
£10	29	Mrs. P. Gunson - Ramsey Avenue
£10	38	Mrs. Pearson - Buttermere Close
£10	25	Mrs. T. Hayhurst - Lowthorpe Crescent
£10	60	Mr. Osbaldeston - Blackpool Road