

# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> / Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



**IN TODAY'S GOSPEL** the Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus. It shows their cunning at its worst but it also shows the courage and alertness of Jesus. Jesus said "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Today you could say that Caesar's place is taken by the secular state, that is, the state which is not so much against God as without God. It no longer bases its laws on God's laws. This can pose serious dilemmas for Christians, especially those in public office. In fact each of us living in the modern world is faced with difficult decisions. There are many little "Caesars" vying for a piece of our conscience but, as Christians, we must give God the first and highest claim of our loyalty. Whatever else we must give to "Caesar" Let us make sure we do not give him our conscience.

Let us pray that we may never be afraid to stand up and be counted in a world that so often ignores and sometimes laughs at the values of Christ.

*"Lord, give us in all our duties, Your help; in all our dangers, Your protection; in all our doubts, Your guidance; so that You may always have the first and highest place in our lives."*

- **PLEASE LET US KNOW** of anyone who is in hospital or a nursing/care home so that arrangements may be made to visit them. Likewise, if you know of anyone ill or housebound who cannot get to church; ask them if they would like Communion at home, then let us know
- If you have a child who requires the **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**, please speak to one of the priests or Deacon Jim for an initial meeting before being registered.
- **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will be on Saturday at 6.00 p.m. and anytime by request. We will have a Liturgy of Reconciliation with Sacrament of Absolution two or three times a year

## MASSES NEXT WEEK

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Saturday - Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday - Mass at 10.00 a.m.

## MASSES WILL BE SAID AS FOLLOWS

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom & Ellen Swarbrick
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	School Mass Sick & Housebound of the Parish
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	The Parishioners
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila Goulding
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tom & Ellen Swarbrick

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sheila Goulding and Kevin Sutton**

If anyone wishes to have Masses said for any particular intentions, can they pass them on to Fr. John Mark, Fr. Stephen or Deacon Jim or put them through the letter box of the Parish House. If you want the Masses said on any special day please put the date and, if possible, the Mass will be said then.

## THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

**For the Synod**

We pray for the Church; that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## 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 plus 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 is a box at the back of church.

<b>MASS</b>	Saturday	6.30 p.m.	40
<b>ATTENDANCES</b>	Sunday	10.00 a.m.	84
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	Offertory	£396.00	

**Today Mission Sunday:** Special Collection for A.P.F. Missions.

**Next Weekend:** Special Collection for Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.

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.



### A.P.F. MISSIONS - RED BOXES

If you have an A.P.F. Red Missions Box, can you please empty it and then pass the money on to Deacon Jim so that it

can be sent to the A.P.F. Missions. Please remember to add your name and address to the contents. Once we have a total we will enter it in the Newsletter.

### FEAST NEXT WEEK

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

SS. Simon & Jude

### CAKE STALL AND DRAW

The next Cake Sale for church funds will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October after the 10.00 a.m. Mass. Do come along and enjoy home made cakes to take away or stay for a tea or coffee and have a chat with friends. The October Draw for the '300' Club will also take place at that time.

### ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Our Parish Centre is available to hire for private functions. Bookings can be made by contacting the stewardess on 01772 798836.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Paul/Romans 4 vv 20-25	Luke 12 vv 13-21
Tuesday	Paul/Romans 5 vv 12, 15, 17-21	Luke 12 vv 35-38
Wednesday	Paul/Romans 6 vv 12-18	Luke 12 vv 39-48
Thursday	Paul/Romans 6 vv 19-23	Luke 12 vv 49-53
Friday	Paul/Romans 7 vv 18-25	Luke 12 vv 54-59
Saturday	<b>SS. Simon &amp; Jude</b>	
	Paul/Ephesians 2 vv 19-22	Luke 6 vv 12-19

### Next Sunday - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22 vv 20-26	Paul/Thessalonians 1 vv 5-10
Matthew 22 vv 34-40	



### 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, Robert Swan, John Allen. Maureen Sharrock, Harry Oulton, John Monty Black, Martin Gee, Cynthia Maguire, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, Agnes Jordan 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; for Kevin Sutton 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. BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, LYTHAM

The school has a vacancy for a Chaplaincy Coordinator (Lay Chaplain). We are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with good catechetical formation and strong personal faith to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of our Catholic community. For further information, or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Mrs. S. Kelly, School Manager, on 01253 667 526 or [skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk)

### PARISH REGISTER

To register as a parishioner of St Gregory's Parish, please complete a registration form which you can find on the table at the back of the church benches. The form can be handed to Fr. John Mark, Fr. Stephen, Deacon Jim, put into the collection basket or posted through the letterbox of the Parish House.

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need but not every man's greed.

**Mahatma Ghandi**