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Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th November 2024

33rd Sunday of Year B - World Day of Prayer for the Poor



AGAIN, WE APOLOGISE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MASSES THIS WEEKEND

ON WEDNESDAY THERE WILL BE A PARISH MASS AT 10.15 A.M. ATTENDED BY YEARS 3 AND 4 OF OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL. THIS MASS WILL BE SAID FOR RICHARD AND MARY CATHERINE HAYTHORNTHWAITE

**ON FRIDAY THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FROM 9.45 A. M. TO 10.15 A.M.**

**THE CHURCH IS STILL OPEN FOR BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS BY APPOINTMENT WITH FR. JOHN MARK OR
DEACON JIM**

**AGAIN WE STRESS THAT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY WILL NOT BE CLOSED AND WE PRAY THAT A
SATISFACTORY SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND TO ADDRESS THIS VERY SAD AND DISTRESSING SITUATION IN
WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES**

ST. GREGORY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12TH NOVEMBER 2024

The discussion at the above meeting focused on the current situation in our parish, the distress being caused to all parishioners and how we can move forward. After a lengthy discussion, during which everyone present had the opportunity to air their thoughts, fears and hopes for an urgent solution, the following actions were unanimously agreed:

1. If there is no development by the end of this week, a letter will be sent from the Parish Council to the bishop requesting a meeting at his earliest convenience, to take place at a venue of his choice and with the presence of as many members of the Parish Council as possible. The aim of the meeting is to emphasise to him the degree of hurt and concern that parishioners are experiencing, especially being unable to come together for our Parish Mass on Sundays and so to request an urgent solution.
2. With Advent only just over two weeks away and the need to prepare for the Christmas season the council discussed possible ways for our Advent Services and Christmas Masses to take place in Church. This will be discussed further depending on the outcome of the proposed meeting.
3. The importance of having a carol service in church for the children from St Gregory's school was agreed and preparations for this will now begin.

Deacon Jim ended the meeting with a prayer and a blessing.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the CAFOD Family Fast Day and Middle East Appeal either through online donations or at the church where they have been worshipping. Please continue to hold the people of these lands in your prayers.

DURING NOVEMBER the Book of the Names of the Dead will be placed on a Lectern in the Sanctuary. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends prayed for during November, the month of the Holy Souls and you have not already entered their names in the Book, then please do so as you come into Church.

OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

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 so we can claim back the tax.

NEW MASS BOOKS

The Translation of the Readings for Mass are changing. As a result we have had to replace the books that are used on the Lectern and the Book of the Gospels.

There are four new Lectionary Books at a cost of £175.00 each and a Book of the Gospels at a cost of £395.00. Total Cost - £1,095.00.

Also: The Books for the Congregation cost £5.00 each and we will need eventually to purchase 150 x 2 for Year A, plus the same for Year B and Year C. This is a big outlay for the parish so we would hope that when our church re-opens for Saturday and Sunday Masses, parishioners may wish to sponsor some of the books we have to buy. More about this later.

Readings Next Week - 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday	Apocalypse 1 vv 1-4 and 2 vv 1-5	Luke 18 vv 35-43
Tuesday	Apocalypse 3 vv 1-6, 14-22	Luke 19 vv 1-10
Wednesday	Apocalypse 4 vv 1-11	Luke 19 vv 11-28
Thursday	Apocalypse 5 vv 1-10	Luke 19 vv 41-44
Friday	Apocalypse 10 vv 8-11	Luke 19 vv 43-48
Saturday	Apocalypse 11 vv 4-12	Luke 20 vv 27-40

Feast of Christ the King

Daniel 12 vv 1-13 Paul/Hebrews 10 vv 11-14, 18
Mark 13 vv 24-32

POSTAGE STAMPS

CAFOD thank us for all the used stamps we have sent to support their fundraising; however they are no longer accepting them. If you wish to continue saving used stamps we can give them to Age UK. Please remember to leave a 1 cm. edge around the whole stamp.

FOOD BANK APPEAL

Please continue to bring in items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. 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 plus 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.



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, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, Bill Hughes, Deacon Bill Adams 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.

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

For all who have died recently; for all 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.

PLEASE LET US KNOW of anyone who is ill or housebound and cannot get to Mass at this present time so that we can make arrangements to have Holy Communion taken to them. Contact Deacon Jim.

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Thursday 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 22nd

St. Cecilia



RED A.P.F. BOXES

Sincere thanks to all who emptied their Red Boxes. A total of

£342.00 has been sent to the A.P.F. Missions.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an e-Card, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk.