



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th May 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C



WE KNOW how badly Peter acted on the night of the Lord's Passion; how he denied his master not once but three times; yet in today's Gospel we will see how Christ restored him to where he was before and confirmed him as the chief shepherd of his flock.

We need to remember the times we have written people off or taken revenge on them when they have disappointed us. Christ would never write us off. He gives us a chance to cancel out our failings by His love.

"Father, our source of life, we know our weaknesses. May we reach out with joy to grasp the hand extended to us in Christ so that we may walk more readily in Your ways."

TODAY we welcome the families of the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion and we pray that they will be blessed with the gift of God's Peace and Joy.

MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SAID AT

11.15 a.m. Sunday

10.15 a.m. Wednesday

MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Wednesday 7th May

Deacon Michael Dolan

Sunday 11th May

Mary

POPE FRANCIS
It is with great sadness that we mourn the death of Pope Francis who was called home by the Lord on Monday 21st April.

Pope Francis will be remembered for his compassion for the poorest and most marginalised throughout our world and his mission for serving the poor never ceased.

He commanded us to pray for peace in our world and to protect our planet from a climate crisis.

He was a loving servant of God, reaching out to different faiths but, above all, a Pope for EVERYONE. He was a people's Pope - a light of faith, hope and love.

May he now have eternal peace with the Lord.

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.

CAFOD

DO YOU HAVE any spare or left over coins or banknotes, holiday money or old stamps? All donations are gratefully received and all proceeds go to CAFOD. There will be a box at the back of church.

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. The centre is not, however, allowed to accept alcoholic drinks. There are Boxes at the back of church.

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please bring in any used stamps remembering to leave a border round all the edges. There will be a box at the back of church.

MASS ATTENDANCES

Easter Sunday 209 Sunday 27th April 118

COLLECTIONS

Easter Sunday £855.00 Sunday 27th April £450.00
Envelopes Handed in Previous Weeks £731.00

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.

GIFT AID

We thank you for your ongoing support to the parish during the last twelve months and we hope that this will continue in the future. All our Gift Aiders should now have received their new boxes of envelopes.

If you are a taxpayer and contribute regularly to the church, then you may consider joining the scheme. It does not cost you anything but we can claim back, for church funds, the tax on all that you pay. All you need to do is to fill in a form.

For more information, please contact Anne Ritchie, our Gift Aid organiser or Deacon Jim.

Boxes of envelopes are also available at the back of church for those who are not Gift Aiders but contribute weekly to our collections.

BAPTISMS

If you have a child who requires the Sacrament of Baptism, please speak to Fr. John Mark or Deacon Jim for an initial meeting before being registered for Baptism.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Acts/Apostles 6 vv 8-15	John 6 vv 22-29
Tuesday	Acts/Apostles 7 v 51 to 8 v 1	John 6 vv 30-35
Wednesday	Acts/Apostles 8 vv 1-8	John 6 vv 35-40
Thursday	Acts/Apostles 8 vv 26-40	John 6 vv 44-51
Friday	Acts/Apostles 9 vv 1-20	John 6 vv 52-59
Saturday	Acts/Apostles 9 vv 31-42	John 6 vv 60-69
	4 th Sunday of Easter Year C	
	Acts/Apostles 13 vv 14, 43-52	Apocalypse vv 7-9, 14-17
	John 10 vv 27-30	



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, Danny Vickers, Aiden Crogan 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.

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.

Why not visit our friendly club with a fine selection of beers, wines and spirits?

WOULD YOU CONSIDER NOMINATING ST. GREGORY'S PARISH UNDER YOUR WILL?

The following wording is suggested:

"I give to the Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (LRCDT) for the benefit of The Parish of St Gregory the Great, Deepdale, Preston the sum of £xxxx (£xxxx also in words) free of duty and I declare that the receipt of the Financial Administrator of LRCDT at the Finance Office, The Pastoral Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster, LA1 3BT shall be a good discharge - LRCDT Charity No. 234331."