



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A**



**ONE OF THE LOVELIEST STORIES OF THE GOSPELS** is the story of how Jesus joined two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus *"and their hearts burned within them"* when Jesus explained to them the Scriptures and they

recognized the Lord at the breaking of bread.

We, too, can experience God as we listen to His Word and partake of His bread. God knows that we need His spiritual nourishment for our journey through life. In our journey we are never alone. Jesus walks with us. He walks with us in our lack of understanding, our hurts, our bitterness, as He did with the two disciples. He asks us to surrender our difficulties into His hands and continue our journey. At times we can feel His presence with us; at other times we can't. He is like the sun in the sky which at time is big and bright and clearly visible but at other times it disappears behind a layer of cloud and seems to have vanished from the sky. So, too, in the low points of our journey, we should not be disturbed by the apparent absence of the Lord. We should, rather, use the opportunities to show Christ our trust that He is still walking with us and that He will console and heal us.

For a journey, maps and road signs are useful but it is much better to have the guide himself, someone who has been there before and knows the way. *"Jesus is that someone"* who walks always with us.

*"All through life's day, You walk with us, Lord  
But often we don't recognize You  
for we are blinded by work and worry, doubt, confusion  
and fear  
and so You remain a stranger to us."*

Before the day's end we will ask many questions, experience many sorrows and disappointments and then, suddenly, whether we are young, middle-aged or old, we will find that night is approaching. In that moment we pray that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our eyes will be opened and that we will recognize You. You will not vanish from our sight but stay with us to guide us to the Father's House.

## MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SAID AT

11.15 a.m. Sunday  
10.15 a.m. Wednesday

## MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Valerie Jeffrey  
Tommy Farry

## MASS INTENTION

### Maureen Ramshead

We are still happy to accept Mass Offerings which is a wonderful way to remember a person or family - anniversaries, sickness, bereavement, birthdays. The Masses will be said as soon as possible. Envelopes are available at the back of church.

**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.

## NEXT CAKE SALE

The next Cake Stall will be on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Come along and join us for a cuppa and cake and enjoy a chat with fellow parishioners.

## 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.

### MASS ATTENDANCE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 115

### COLLECTION

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter £320.00

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.



### 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, Maureen Sharrock, John Monty Black, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, Bill Hughes, Aiden Crogan, Fay Hughes 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 PARISH COUNCIL SOCIAL TEAM - QUIZ NIGHT

This will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at  
7.30 p.m. in The Parish Centre

£2.00 to enter

4 or 5 people per team maximum

Something for everyone! Lots of categories.  
No need to bring a team as teams can be made up on the night

See the poster at the back of church  
Come along and **Have Fun!**

### FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April St. George, Patron Saint  
of England

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April St. Mark, Evangelist

### 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	<b>St. George</b> Apocalypse 21 vv 5-7	Luke 9 vv 23-26
Friday	Acts/Apostles 9 vv 1-20	John 6 vv 52-59
Saturday	<b>St. Mark</b> Peter 5 vv 5-14	Mark 16 vv 15-20
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A	
	Acts/Apostles 2 vv 14, 36-41	Peter 2 vv 20-25
	John 10 vv 1-10	

### 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. We can send them to Age UK to help with their fund-raising.

### 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.