



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 10th/Sunday 11th May 2025

4th Sunday of Easter - Year C



OF ALL THE IMAGES OF JESUS one of the loveliest is that of the Good Shepherd. It was Jesus Himself who used this title.

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep. He cares for them and looks after them to the point that he is willing to die for them.

Unlike the hireling the Good Shepherd loves his work. To him shepherding is a vocation. It does not mean that his life is easier than that of a hireling; in fact it is much more difficult because he works harder and cares so much more about his sheep than the hireling. However, his life is much more satisfying and rewarding for his work nourishes him.

Love is a marvellous source of strength and energy; love makes a person brave. Where genuine love is present, no sacrifice is too great. Love conquers all difficulties. If we love, all the energy will be given to us.

Today is often called "Vocations Sunday". For Christians all vocations are vocations of the Lord. Let us, therefore, pray constantly to the Lord of the Harvest that He will send labourers into His Harvest.

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.

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.

MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SAID AT

10.15 a.m. Wednesday

11.15 a.m. Sunday

MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Wednesday 14th May

Martin Haythornthwaite

Sunday 18th May

Mark Gough

CONGRATULATIONS to all our children who received their first Holy Communion last Sunday and a special thanks to our catechists, Pat Cairns and Sandra McGrath for instructing them for this special day.

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. 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.

ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB - PARISH DRAW

Drawn Easter Sunday 20th April 2025

September 2024

£ 50 268 Sophie Nightingale

£ 30 143 Alan Thomas

£ 10 235 Mrs. S. Atkinson

£ 10 196 Philip Ryan

£ 10 7 Margaret Mason

£ 10 127 Florance W. Rawsthorn

£ 10 283 Bea Robinson

£ 10 70 Terry McElhone

October 2024

£ 50 75 John Hills

£ 30 155 Tiffany O'Donnell

£ 10 171 Mary Jeffrey

£ 10 183 F. Kilbane

£ 10 90 Kath Riley

£. 10 166 Cynthia Maguire

£ 10 148 Rodney Kelly

MASS ATTENDANCES

Sunday 4th May 11.15 a.m. 110
First Communions 1.00 p.m. 265

COLLECTION LAST WEEK £640.00

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.

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.

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November 2024

£ 50 109 Gina Wright
£ 30 62 Helen Sullivan
£ 10 111 Claire Siddall
£ 10 23 Andrew Lea
£ 10 129 Christina Livesey
£ 10 182 J. Haythornthwaite
£ 10 253 P. Kilbane

December 2024

£ 50 147 Jim Maguire
£ 30 178 M. Ruffley
£ 10 138 Teresa Durnian
£ 10 85 Dominic Diston
£ 10 27 Harry Oulton
£ 10 272 Terry Myerscough
£ 10 278 Louise Lewis

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Acts/Apostles 11 vv 1-18	John 10 vv 1-10
Tuesday	Acts/Apostles 11 vv 19-20	John 10 vv 22-30
Wednesday	St. Mathias, Apostle Acts/Apostles 1 vv 15-17, 20-26	John 15 vv 9-17
Thursday	Acts/Apostles 13 vv 13-25	John 13 vv 16-20
Friday	Acts/Apostles 13 vv 26-33	John 14 vv 1-6
Saturday	Acts/Apostles 13 vv 44-52	John 14 vv 7-14
	5 th Sunday of Easter Year C	
	Acts/Apostles 14 vv 21-27	Apocalypse 21 vv 1-5
	John 13 vv 31-35	



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, 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, especially Martin Gee; 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.

FEAST NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 14th May St. Mathias, Apostle

ADVANCE NOTICE

Evening of Entertainment

On Thursday 26th June in St. Gregory's Club
Doors open at 7.00 p.m. to start at 7.30 p.m.

And it's Free!

Don't forget we need you

Do you want to take part?

Want to do something you have never done?

Sing, play an instrument

Tell a funny story

Poets wanted

Act out a Monologue

If you can make us laugh or cry

Then ring or email us

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