



## ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A**



**AT THE LAST SUPPER**, Jesus knew that He was soon to suffer and die but had no doubts about where His life was leading Him. Jesus saw His death as going to the Father and that meant He was going home. What was even more wonderful from our point of view was what He said to His disciples:

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled; trust in God still and trust in me. I am going to prepare a place for you so that, where I am, you may be there too. The Father's house is our house; the Father's home is our home."*

Jesus alone is the gateway to God and access to the Father's house. The way in which Jesus lived and His teachings are the directions by which we must live our life's journey. It is a path that will eventually lead us to our Heavenly home. It could be that, as we follow Jesus on that path, it may lead us through some very difficult and tough places; rejection, betrayal, suffering and even death. It is then that Jesus tells us:

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled; have faith in God and in me."*

To be without faith is to be homeless. Without faith life is meaningless. It is a journey that leads to nowhere. With faith and trust in God, it is wonderful to know that, at the end of our life's journey, we will have Christ our Lord waiting to welcome us home.

### FEAST NEXT WEEK

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

The English Martyrs

### 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.

### MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SAID AT

10.15 a.m. Wednesday

11.15 a.m. Sunday

### MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Margaret Flood

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Maureen Ramshead

Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, at a special Mass at 1.00 p.m., 18 of our children will receive their First Holy Communion. The Mass will be said for them and their families. Please remember them in your prayers.

### MASS INTENTION

**Jim O'Donnell**

We are still happy to accept Mass Offerings which is a wonderful way to remember a person or family - anniversaries, sickness, bereavement, birthdays. 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 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.

### 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

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 117

### COLLECTIONS

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April £413.55  
Ecclesiastical Education Fund £42.50

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.

### NEXT CAKE SALE

We are so sorry that last week's Cake Sale had to be postponed. This will now go ahead today, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May together with teas and coffees.

We look forward to seeing you all with a couple of new recipe cakes as well!

### MUSIC GROUP

The Group will meet in the Liturgy Room (entry through the Sacristy at the front of church) on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. We will practise a new hymn for Pentecost and Trinity Sundays plus a new Gospel Acclamation for the Sundays in Ordinary Time. All are welcome.

**As part of the Laudato Si Week Celebrations**, we invite everyone to participate in a Book Exchange; to give another life to our pre-loved books. Bring one book. Get one book. All May!!

For more information about the cost for the environment to produce a book, check the Laudato Si board posters in the porch.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Acts/Apostles 14 vv 5-18	John 14 vv 21-26
Tuesday	Acts/Apostles 14 vv 19-28	John 14 vv 27-31
Wednesday	Acts/Apostles 15 vv 1-6	John 15 vv 1-8
Thursday	Acts/Apostles 15 vv 7-21	John 15 vv 9-11
Friday	Acts/Apostles 15 vv 22-31	John 15 vv 12-17
Saturday	Acts/Apostles 16 vv 1-10	John 15 vv 18-21
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A		
	Acts/Apostles 8 vv 5-8, 14-17	Peter 3 vv 15-18
	John 14 vv 15-21	



### 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, Aiden Crogan, Jim O'Donnell, 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.*

### CASTLERIGG NEWS

- **Affordable Family Stays:** Open up to individuals, couples, families or groups of friends who are looking for an affordable stay. Large and small rooms, breakfast included, often an evening meal as well. Access to chapel, games room, grounds, lounges with Keswick and the lake just a short walk away. For dates and prices visit the website at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>
- **Youth Ministry Sponsorship Scheme:** Are you aged 18-25, looking for a new challenge? Our ministry team runs retreats at Castlerigg Manor and work in Churches and schools in the area. High quality training, experience, recognised qualifications, in a welcoming community and vibrant team doing some amazing work. Free accommodation available year-round, free meals while on site and £75 per week. Interested? Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)
- **Castlerigg Lottery:** A chance to make a few hundred. Not to buy a holiday home but maybe a weekend getaway! Tickets are £3 and the winner takes half the pot. <https://castleriggmanor.com/lottery>