



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**SALT ADDS FLAVOUR** to our food and keeps it from going bad. Light brightens up the world and shows people the way. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that they are to be like Light and Salt.

So what is Christ asking us in this Gospel?

The most important thing about each of us is our capacity for goodness.

We can be a source of light  
We have hands that can care  
Eyes that can see  
Ears that can hear  
Tongues that can speak  
Feet that can walk  
Above all, hearts that can love.

Unfortunately, through laziness, selfishness and cowardice, our light can be dimmed. so that we become shadows of the people we could be.

*"Lord, help us to believe in our own goodness and let the light of the goodness shine. On seeing this light others may find their way and You will be glorified."*

**ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Clare's are having a Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 12.00 noon. This will be followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

If you require transport, please contact St. Clare's on 01772 719609.

**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.

## MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mass will continue to be said at 11.15 a.m. Sunday but, owing to a Requiem Mass, there will be no Mass at 10.15 a.m. Wednesday this week.

### MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass for Harry Oulton
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass for Theresa Singleton
Sunday 15 <sup>h</sup>	11.15 a.m.	Frank Jeffrey

## MASS INTENTION

Martin Haythornthwaite

## ST. GREGORY'S PARISH DRAW 300 CLUB

300 Club subscriptions for 2026 are now due.

The draw for January and February will take place on the last Sunday of February. New members are very welcome. Numbers cost £26.00 for the year with 50% going to prizes and 50% to parish funds.

Your support is much appreciated. Please place the money in an envelope with your name, address and how many numbers and give to Deacon Jim or Dennis Rawsthorn or place it in the collection basket marked 'St, Gregory's 300 Club.'

## FOOD BANK APPEAL

Please continue to bring in items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Anything you can give will be taken to them. 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 - also, anything for homeless people with no cooking facilities. There are boxes at the back of church.

### MASS ATTENDANCE

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 113

### COLLECTION

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time £324.79

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 in order that we can claim back the tax.

### FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> St. Scholasticus

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness  
of the Diocese

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> SS. Cyril and Methodius

### PARISH SOCIAL GROUP

#### FORTHCOMING EVENT - ENTERTAINMENT EVENING:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

The event is FREE but donations will be welcome and there will be a Raffle. Following the success of last year's event this will take the same format of a variety of entertainment and if anyone would like to sing, dance, read a poem, tell a funny tale etc. please speak to Alan Clayton or Pete Cobb (both Sunday Music Group) and you will be made most welcome - or just come along, be entertained and have fun!

Look out for leaflets at the back of church over the next few weeks. The Parish Social Team is working hard to keep our community together.

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH.**

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday Kings 8 vv 1-7, 9-13 Mark 6 vv 53-56

Tuesday Kings 8 vv 22-23, 27-30 Mark 7 vv 1-13

Wednesday Kings 10 vv 1-10 Mark 7 vv 14-23

Thursday Kings 11 vv 4-13 Mark 7 vv 24-30

Friday Kings 11 vv 29-32 and 12 v 19 Mark 7 vv 31-37

Saturday Kings 12 vv 26-32 and 13 vv 33-34 Mark 8 vv 1-10

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Ecclesiasticus 1 vv 15-20 Paul/Corinthians 2 vv 6-10  
Matthew 5 vv 17-37



### 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, Teresa Durnian, Agnes Partington, Aiden Crogan, Jim O'Donnell 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 Harry Oulton and Theresa Singleton; for Martin Haythornthwaite and all others 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.

### MUSIC GROUP

- There will be a further practice on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room. All welcome.
- Thanks again from Peter Cobb for the sponsorship for his CAFOD run. The total now stands at £280.00.

### CASTLERIGG NEWS

#### • B & B Stays at Castlerigg:

January and February. We have recently opened up three two-day blocks for B & B stays at Castlerigg. These normally prove very popular. Open to individuals, families and other small groups. More info. at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us>

#### • Last Minute Deals at Castlerigg Manor Lodge:

If you are looking for something a bit more high-end, we are also now offering really good deals on last-minute stays at Castlerigg Manor Lodge. The lodge sleeps 10 people and has extremely good ratings. Unlike the manor, it is quite luxurious!

<https://castleriggmanor.com/lodge-last-minute>

- Contact us for a link to "YDisciple", the on-line tool for Youth Leaders.