



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday 15th February 2026
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK sees the beginning of the great season of Lent during which we prepare for Easter, entering the wilderness with Our Lord. It is a time of prayer, fasting and

alms giving; a time to renew our commitment to follow Christ, a commitment which will be promised anew at Easter.

Jesus show us how to live, how to conduct our relationships, how to treat other people. Jesus shows us what our priorities should be and where we should invest our time and attention. He shows us what it is to be fully human and, every time our actions, our behaviour and our lifestyle cannot find a reflection in Jesus' lifestyle and behaviour, shows us what incomplete human beings we are.

Let our Lenten journey help us to understand ourselves in an intimate and personal way in the light of the words of Jesus and realise that we are all the cherished children of God. The whole season of Lent is a penitential time and, as with anything in life, the more we put into it the more we will receive from it.

DURING LENT

Each Friday at 12.00 noon, starting on Friday 20th February, there will be Stations of the Cross in 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.

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mass will continue to be said at 11.15 a.m. Sunday with a weekday Mass at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 10.15 a.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday.

MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Wednesday 18 th	Cynthia Maguire
Sunday 22 nd	Fay Hughes

FEAST NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 18 th February	Ash Wednesday,
	a day of Fasting and Abstinence
Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the	
10.15 a.m. Mass	

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 home/less people with no cooking facilities. There are boxes at the back of church.

MASS ATTENDANCE

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 119

COLLECTION

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time £265.00

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 in order that we can claim back the tax.



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, 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.

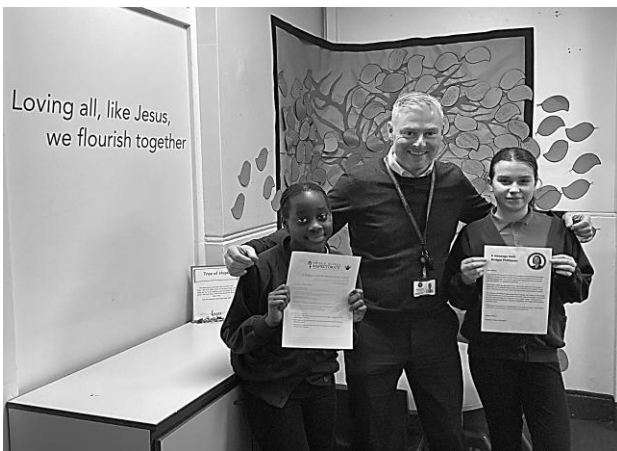
READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday	James 1 vv 1-11	Mark 8 vv 11-13
Tuesday	James 1 vv 12-18	Mark 8 vv 14-21
Ash	Joel 2 vv 12-18	Paul/Corinthians 5 v 20 and 6 v 2
Wednesday	Matthew 6 vv 1-6. 16-18	
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30 vv 15-20	Luke 9 vv 22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58 vv 1-9	Matthew 9 vv 14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58 vv 9-14	Luke 5 vv 27-32

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2 vv 7-9 and 3 vv 1-7 Paul/Romans 5 vv 12-19
Matthew 4 vv 1-11

GOOD NEWS FROM ST. GREGORY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL!!



Our Primary School were inspected recently by the Diocese and received a very favourable report. Amongst other nice things, inspectors commented:

St Gregory's is a fully inclusive school where pupils are happy, feel safe and are supported pastorally alongside their families. Pupils are proud to belong to their school. Their participation in school life is a strength of the school and behaviour is exemplary. All pupils show respect for each other and for the adults in school. There are effective and productive relationships between home, school and parish where the children and families benefit. The strong vision of leaders and governors has guided the school through

changing times and circumstances. Parents and carers are very supportive. They appreciate and work with school staff to allow their children to flourish. Click this link to read the report in full:

<https://www.stgregorysps.co.uk/diocesan-section-48-inspection-ofsted-and-performa/>

A message from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education reads:

Dear Matthew,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, Preston achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement. This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed. Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector. Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.