



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th November 2024
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING and today's Gospel shows our King on His throne of the Cross. The scene shows all the contrasts between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world. The only way we could ever hope to get into the scene of today's Gospel is through reflection and prayer. If we look at that figure on the Cross and contemplate that scene for any length of time, we become greatly enriched as a result.

This is my Saviour, my Lord, my King and my God. Because of Him, our weaknesses can become our strengths, our failures turned into blessings. We can learn compassion through our brokenness and know His love by acknowledging our sinfulness. Jesus makes a particular point of turning issues on their heads. He can turn failures into victory and weakness into power.

Jesus would never intrude or hijack anybody into being a follower of His. He is present among us and the choices are ours. Let us today remember the words of the repentant thief:

"Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom."

PLEASE LET US KNOW of anyone who is ill or housebound and cannot get to Mass at this present time so that we can make arrangements to have Holy Communion taken to them. Contact Deacon Jim.

DURING NOVEMBER the Book of the Names of the Dead will be placed on a Lectern in the Sanctuary. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends prayed for during November, the month of the Holy Souls and you have not already entered their names in the Book, then please do so as you come into Church.



NEXT SUNDAY we begin the Holy Season of Advent when we prepare, by our prayers and observances, for the coming of our Saviour, our Lord, Jesus Christ at Christmas.

AGAIN, WE APOLOGISE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MASSES THIS WEEKEND

PLEASE PRAY FOR DEACON JIM WHO HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL RECENTLY

AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE NO UPDATES TO PASS ON TO YOU REGARDING THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH AND WE WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS WE HAVE ANY FURTHER NEWS. PLEASE PRAY FOR A SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION SOON.

ON WEDNESDAY THERE WILL BE A PARISH MASS AT 10.15 A.M. ATTENDED BY CHILDREN FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL. THIS MASS WILL BE SAID FOR RICHARD AND MARY CATHERINE HAYTHORNTHWAITE

ON FRIDAY THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM 10.15 A.M. TO 11.15 A.M. FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY WILL ALSO BE SAID FOR DEACON JIM AND THE SICK OF THE PARISH.

THE CHURCH IS STILL OPEN FOR BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS BY APPOINTMENT WITH FR. JOHN MARK OR DEACON JIM

MASS INTENTION
Martin Haythornthwaite

OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

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.

This weekend is the Annual Special Collection for Diocesan Youth Services.

FEAST NEXT WEEK

Saturday 30th November St. Andrew, Apostle
(Patron Saint of Scotland)

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an e-Card, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk.

POSTAGE STAMPS

CAFOD thank us for all the used stamps we have sent to support their fundraising; however, they are no longer accepting them. If you wish to continue saving used stamps, we can give them to Age UK. Please remember to leave a 1 cm. edge around the whole stamp.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 2 vv 1-5	Matthew 8 vv 5-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 11 vv 1-10	Luke 10 vv 21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25 vv 6-10	Matthew 15 vv 29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26 vv 1-6	Matthew 7 vv 21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29 vv 17-24	Matthew 9 vv 27-31
	St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland	
Saturday	Paul/Romans 10 vv 9-18	Matthew 4 vv 18-22

Sunday 1st December - 1st Sunday of Advent Year C

Jeremiah 33 vv 14-16 Paul/Thessalonians 3 v 12 to 4 v 2
Luke 21 vv 25-28, 34-36



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 Sharrocks, Harry Oulton Jon Monty Black, Martin Gee, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, Bill Hughes, Deacon Bill Adams 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 troubled areas of our world.

For our clergy and all our parishioners.

For all who are battling the Coronavirus and those risking their own lives and safety to care for them.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

There is a meeting for the parents of children in Year 3 and upwards at St. Gregory's School who would like to make their First Holy Communion next year. The meeting will be hosted by Fr. John Mark and will be held at 6.00 p.m. in the School Hall on Thursday 28th November.

If there are any children not at St. Gregory's Primary School but who would like to be prepared for First Holy Communion, please come along to the meeting or contact no. 07811013630 for information.

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. They are not, however, allowed to accept alcoholic drinks. There are Boxes at the back of church.