



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent - Year C



LAST WEDNESDAY, the Church invited us to embark on a journey, the journey of Lent which is a

Journey towards Easter. We are a baptised people but have not yet lived fully the life of a Christian. Lent calls us to a change of heart and a fuller living of the Gospel. In today's Gospel we see Jesus struggling against temptation because He, too, shared our human weakness yet He did not sin. He remained faithful and true to His Father. Through His grace we, too, can resist temptation and overcome sin.

"Support us, Lord, in all that we have undertaken and help us to support one another. Let Your Word guide us and Your Holy Spirit strengthen and inspire us so that, having died with Christ to sin, we may rise with Him to a new and glorious life at Easter."

MASS INTENTIONS FROM CHRISTMAS

Mark McGrath, Cynthia Maguire, Martin Joseph Haythornthwaite, 56th Wedding Anniversary, Richard Michael & Kathleen Haythornthwaite, Ellen McKeever, Thanksgiving for Safe Arrival of a Grandchild, Martin Joseph Haythornthwaite (Anniversary), Deacon Michael Dolan and Teresa (Terry) Southworth.

Mass Intentions are still being accepted and the Masses will be said as soon as possible. Please email requests to marianvaughn362@gmail.com, leave them at the Parish House or contact Deacon Jim.

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). Welcome, too, 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. They are not, however, allowed to accept alcoholic drinks. There are boxes at the back of church.

Lenten Schedule

Throughout Lent the church will be open for private prayer:
Times as follows:

10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Monday to Friday.

9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Sunday.

- Our Parish Mass on Wednesday 12th March will be at 10.15 a.m. and will be said for a Special Intention.
- On Fridays 21st March and 11th April there will be Stations of the Cross in church at 12.00 noon followed at 12.30 p.m. by a Lenten Lunch in the Parish House - £1.00 for a bowl of soup and a bread roll.
- Friday 14th March is CAFOD Family Fast Day;; Prayer for the needy and hungry of the world.
- On Thursday 13th March at 7.00 p.m. a service will take place in the Liturgy Room at St. Gregory's based on the theme of 'Sacrifice' and will feature two pieces of religious art, reading from scripture and singing. Please come and join us in our journey through Lent.
- On Thursday 3rd April: A Taizé Evening of Prayer and Music at 7.00 p.m. in the Liturgy Room.
- On Sunday 16th March a walk from church around Moor Park at 12.00 noon and back.
- On Monday 24th March the church will be cleaned and there will be a Litter Pick weather permitting. 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. All welcome to drop in and help.

The church is still open for Baptisms and Funerals. Please contact either Fr. John Mark or Deacon Jim.

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.

CAFOD NEWS

- CAFOD believes that no-one should be beyond the reach of the love and support they need to thrive. As Catholics we are driven in the belief that if one of us is hurt, hungry or abandoned, we *are* all hurt, hungry and abandoned. At CAFOD, sadly we are forced to turn away one in three requests for help because there is not enough money to go round. Please be as generous as possible on Lenten Fast Day so that we can reach out and help even more people.
- Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.
- Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200 km. over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>
- We will also have a Parish walk on Sunday 16th March at 12.00 noon starting from church, around Moor Park and then returning for tea and coffee. All Welcome.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness; rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Leviticus 19 vv 1-2, 11-18	Matthew 25 vv 31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55 vv 10-11	Matthew 6 vv 7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3 vv 1-10	Luke 11 vv 29-32
Thursday	Esther 4 v 17	Matthew 7 vv 7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18 vv 21-28	Matthew 5 vv 20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26 vv 16-19	Matthew 5 vv 43-48
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	Genesis 15 vv 5-12, 17-18	Paul/Philippians 3 v 17 to 4 v 1
	Luke 9 vv 28-36	



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 Sharrock, Harry Oulton, John Monty Black, Martin Gee, 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 Douglas Holme and Teresa (Terry) Southworth; 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.

The Requiem Mass for Terry Southworth will be at Our Lady and St. Michael's, Alston Lane on Monday 10th March at 1.15 p.m. May she rest in peace.

CASTLERIGG NEWS

- Easter Retreat: 17th-20th April - open to anyone in Year 7 or above, with separate streams for teens and young adults. Cost is £85, but anyone who might struggle is invited to get in touch.
- Young Adults' Retreat: 9th-11th May - open to anyone aged 18-30. Our theme will be 'What do Catholics believe?'; a basic grounding in Catholic Church teaching; with guest speakers, karaoke, an afternoon out.
- Discount to self-led groups on these weekends: 21st-23rd March; 2nd-4th May; 16th-18th May. Open to family groups, parishes, schools (leading their own programmes), clubs, societies etc. £60 Per Person; Minimum Group size 10.

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Almighty Father,

We come to You in prayer for Francis, our Pope, who is suffering from grave illnesses. Help him to bear his pain with grace and help him to get well.

Heal him, Lord and inspire him to continue his vocation as Vicar of Christ.

We ask this in Your Holy Name.

ADLENT CALENDAR



PLEASE USE HASHTAG **#ADLENTCALENDAR** TO SPREAD THE WORD

6 March Cereal 01	Jars, tins or pouches of baby food 02	Soup 03	Laundry powder 04
Pasta 05	Shampoo 06	Tinned meat 07	Toothbrush 08
Tinned vegetables 09	Nappies 10	Rice 11	Long life milk 12
Hand wipes 13	Tinned fruit 14	Toilet paper 15	Soap 16
Beans 17	Deodorant 18	Biscuits 19	Sanitary towels & tampons 20
Shower gel 21	Cereal 22	Coffee 23	Tinned fish 24
Baby wipes 25	Tinned fruit 26	Liquid laundry detergent 27	Long life fruit juice 28
Pasta sauce 29	Tooth paste 30	Tinned sponge pudding 31	Tinned meat 32
Shaving gel 33	Squash 34	Washing up liquid 35	Tea 36
Biscuits 37	Long life milk 38	Tinned custard 39	18 April Chocolate 40

Please check with your local food bank to find out the opening times and if there is anything in particular they're running short of. You can find your local food bank here: [trusselltrust.org/find-a-foodbank/](https://www.trusselltrust.org/find-a-foodbank/)

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