



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 30th November/Sunday 1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent - Year C



There are four different themes for the four Sundays of Advent. The first represents Isaiah and other prophets in the Bible that predicted the coming of Jesus.

The second represents the Bible. The third represents Mary, the mother of Jesus. The fourth represents John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who told the people in Israel to get ready for Jesus' teaching.

Advent Sunday, also called the First Sunday of Advent or First Advent Sunday, is the first day of the liturgical year in the Western Christian Churches and the start of the Advent season; when we prepare, by our prayers and observances, for the coming of our Saviour, our Lord, Jesus Christ at Christmas.

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 Fr. John Mark.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

For anyone who was unable to attend the meeting regarding First Holy Communion next year, please ring 07811013630 for information. The programme is open to all children in St. Gregory's School who are year 3 or above and also any of this age who do not attend St. Gregory's.

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 MARTIN 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.

FOLLOWING TUESDAY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND IN THE LIGHT OF OUR CURRENT SITUATION BEING UNRESOLVED, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THERE WILL BE A TAIZE SERVICE AND A CAROL SERVICE - ON SEPARATE DAYS - TOWARDS THE END OF ADVENT. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE POSTED NEXT WEEK.

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

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.

FEAST NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 3 rd December	St. Francis Xavier
Saturday 7 th December	St. Ambrose
Sunday 8 th December	The Immaculate Conception

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; they are, however, 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. The box is still at the back of church.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 35 vv 1-10	Luke 5 vv 17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40 vv 1-11	Matthew 18 vv 12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40 vv 25-31	Matthew 11 vv 28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41 vv 13-20	Matthew 11 vv 11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48 vv 17-19	Matthew 11 vv 16-19
Saturday	Ecclesiasticus 48 vv 1-4, 9-11	Matthew 17 vv 10-13

Sunday 8th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C
Baruch 5 vv 1-9 Paul/Philippians 1 vv 4-6, 8-11
Luke 3 vv 1-6



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 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.

FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is that special time of year again when we join together as a school and parish community to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. We would like to invite the parishioners of St. Gregory's to our Advent Reflections performed by children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Advent Reflections will be held at the following times in the School Hall:

Year 3: Wednesday 4th December at 2.30 p.m.

Year 4: Thursday 12th December at 2.30 p.m.

Year 5: Monday 16th December at 2.30 p.m.

Year 6: Wednesday 18th December at 2.30 p.m.

We hope you can join us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and be part of our special preparations.

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.