



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 12th/Sunday 13th April 2025
Palm Sunday

SUNDAY MASS RETURNS TO

ST. GREGORY'S

**The Bishop has re-instated Sunday
Mass at St. Gregory's on each
Sunday, beginning Easter Sunday, at
11.15 a.m.**

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 13th April

Palms will be blessed and will be available on the table at the back of church during the church's opening times.

Monday 14th April

Requiem Mass at St. Gregory's at 10.30 a.m. for Tony Redmond. May he rest in peace.

Wednesday 16th April

Mass at St. Gregory's at 10.15 a.m. for Maureen Ramshead.

**The Masses for the Triduum will be as follows
and will take place at St. Clare's**

Holy Thursday 17th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 p.m.

Good Friday 18th April

Celebration of The Passion of Our Lord at 3.00 p.m.

Holy Saturday 19th April

The Easter Vigil at 8.30 p.m.

Easter Sunday 20th April

Mass at St. Gregory's at 11.15a.m. for Tommy Farry with Children's Liturgy.

After Mass There will be the Parish Draws with backlog from September 2024. Please note outstanding payments from September to December 2024 must be made to be included in the Draws. Teas and Coffees will be served and there will be a Cake Sale.



Today we begin the Drama of Holy Week:

The joy of Palm Sunday
The intimacy of Holy Thursday
The Sorrow of Good Friday
The Glory of Easter

Let us, during all our Services and Devotions follow the Lord, this humble and holy man, in the joys and sorrows of Holy Week.

"Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends."

This week Jesus lived out the truth of these words. He took upon Himself our sins and the sins of the world.

"O King of the Friday, whose limbs were stretched upon the Cross.

O Lord, who did suffer the bruises, the wounds and the loss.

We stretch ourselves beneath the shield of Thy might.

May some fruit of Thy Passion fall on us this night."

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, the Special Collection will be for the upkeep of the "Holy Places". Good Friday is also a day of Fasting and Abstinence and it is fitting that Holy Saturday be observed as a day of Fasting also.

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes handed in recently - total £1,122.00. Many thanks.

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 so that we can claim back the tax.

MUSIC PRACTICE

The Music Group will meet in church on Sunday 20th April at 10.45 a.m. for a half-hour practice before the Mass; just to run through what they will be singing. All welcome.

LADIES' GROUP

The Ladies' Group will next meet on Tuesday 29th April at 2.00 p.m. in the Liturgy Room, entrance at the back of church. All welcome.

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 - 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.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday Isaiah 42 vv 1-7 John 12 vv 1-11
Tuesday Isaiah 49 vv 1-6 John 13 vv 21-33, 36-38
Wednesday Isaiah 50 vv 4-9 Matthew 26 vv 14-25

Holy Thursday

Exodus 12 vv 1-8, 11-14 Corinthians 11 vv 23-26
John 13 vv 1-15

Good Friday

Isaiah 52 v 13 to 53 v 12 Hebrews 4 vv 14-16; 5 vv 7-9
Passion According to John 18 vv 1-19, 42

Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil

Genesis 1 v 1 to 2 v 2 Exodus 14 v 15 to 15 v 1
Ezekiel 36 v 16 Romans 6 vv 3-11 Luke 24 vv 1-12

Sunday - Easter Sunday

Acts 10 vv 34, 37-43 Colossians 3 vv 1-9
John 20 vv 1-30

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5 vv 12-6 Apocalypse 1 vv 9-13 to 17 v 1
John 20 vv 19-31



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; for all whose anniversaries occur about this time 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.

MASS INTENTIONS TO BE SAID

Mark McGrath, Cynthia Maguire, Martin Joseph Haythornthwaite, Thanksgiving for Safe Arrival of a Grandchild, Deacon Michael Dolan, Teresa (Terry) Southworth and Mark McGrath.

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

POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

CASTLERIGG NEWS

- Easter Retreat: 17th to 20th April - open to anyone in Year 7 or above, with separate streams for teens and young adults. Cost is £85.00 but anyone struggling is invited to get in touch.
- Young Adults' Retreat: 9th to 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.