



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Sunday 29th March 2026
Palm Sunday**

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 29th March

11.15 a.m. Mass with Blessing of Palms

Wednesday 1st April

10.15 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday 2nd April

7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 9.00 p.m.

Good Friday 3rd April

3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 4th April

6.30 p.m. The Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 5th April

Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord
Mass at 11.15 a.m.



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."

MASSES TO BE SAID NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 1 st April	Ann Bramhall
Thursday 2 nd April	Fr. Peter Foulkes
Saturday 4 th April	Dave Degnan
Sunday 5 th April	Hugh McKeivitt

HOLY THURSDAY

We invite you to bring gifts of food (tinned and processed not fresh) for the needy and homeless in Preston and place in the food collection box at the back of church or, if you prefer, you can put a donation into the collection at that time.

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday 22nd March 11.15 a.m. 115

COLLECTIONS

Collection Last Week £396.00
CAFOD Lenten Soup Lunch £75.00
(a heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone who supported this)

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 Monday 30th March at 7.00 p.m. to prepare the music for the Triduum and Easter Sunday. If you are interested in joining us for this special time please do come along. Entrance will be through the sacristy at the front of church.

EASTER FLOWERS

Any donations towards the cost of flowers for Easter would be gratefully received. There will be a box on the table at the back of church for this purpose.

CAKE STALL

Today after Mass with an Easter theme. Teas and coffees *also* available. All proceeds go to church funds. Do come and enjoy a drink and cake with friends.

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 vv 13-53, 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 vv 1-2, 2 Exodus 14 v 15 to 15 v 1
Isaiah 55 vv 1-11

Mass Readings

Romans 6 vv 3-11 Matthew 28 vv 1-10

Sunday - Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10 vv 34, 37-43
Paul/Colossians 3 vv 1-4 John 20 vv 1-9



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, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, 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.

POSTAGE STAMPS

A parcel of stamps has been sent to Age UK and they are grateful for them to help with their fund raising. Please continue to bring in stamps and place them in the box in the church porch, ensuring that you leave a border of envelope around each stamp.

GIFT AID

The new boxes have arrived for the next financial year. The boxes for current Gift Aiders are on the table at the back of church with the names on them. If these are not collected we will deliver them. There are also spare boxes for those who wish to use them for their weekly contribution to the Church.

If you are not a Gift Aider and you are a tax payer, please consider joining our scheme. For every pound you contribute to the Church we can claim back an extra 20p. Over the year this makes a very helpful contribution to the upkeep of our Parish. Please see Anne Ritchie, our Gift Aid organiser or Deacon Jim. Can we also offer our sincere thanks to all who donate to our parish collections?