



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Lent - Year A**



**EACH YEAR** on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church puts before us the Transfiguration of Jesus. The experience on Mount Tabor had a

great significance, first of all for Jesus Himself. It came at a crucial moment in His public life - the start of His journey to Jerusalem and to His Passion and Death. More importantly, He experienced the presence of God and He heard again the wonderful words of confirmation which He had heard at His baptism "You are my beloved Son; You enjoy my favour".

The experience was also of great importance to the three apostles who were on the mountain with Him. It confirmed their faith in Jesus and helped them face the dark future without Him.

Let us pray that we, too, may not grow faint on our journey but that we may have the courage to persevere in faith and love.

*"Lord, grant us the Grace never to be discouraged but to persist in coming to You in prayer. May we never lose faith that we will find what we are seeking until we come to enjoy the fullness of life in Your Heavenly Kingdom."*

**PLEASE RETURN** all Fast Day Envelopes as soon as possible.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW** of anyone who is in hospital or a nursing/care home so that arrangements may be made to visit them. Likewise, if you know of anyone ill or housebound who cannot get to church; ask them if they would like Communion at home, then let us know.

## Lenten Schedule

Mass will continue to be said at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday with a weekday Mass at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday.

### MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Special Intention

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Deacon Bill Adams

### Stations of the Cross:

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 noon in Church.

### Lenten Meditation Service

There will be a Lenten Meditation Service in the Liturgy Room at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. (Entry by back door.)

The service will include readings, singing, reflections on two works of religious art and prayers of intercession; followed by tea and cakes.

Everyone is welcome as we journey together through Lent.

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

#### For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### 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 - also, anything for homeless people with no cooking facilities. There are boxes at the back of church.

### MASS ATTENDANCE

First Sunday of Lent 119

### COLLECTION

First Sunday of Lent £426.00

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.

### CAKE SALE

The Cake Sale will be held today, Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. Enjoy tea or coffee after Mass and have a friendly chat too.

### NEXT PARISH EVENT

**'More Tales of a Customs Officer'** - a Talk by Brian Topping. Followed by tea and cakes.

This will be held in the Social Centre on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this very entertaining Talk.

Admission £4.00 by ticket only, available after Sunday Masses or from the Social Team - Dee, Claire, Sandra, Anne, Pete or Alan.

### POSTAGE STAMPS COLLECTION

Would you please save your used postage stamps, (ensuring there is a border of envelope all around the stamp) as we can send them to Age Concern to help with their fundraising. There is a box at the back of church.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday	Daniel 9 vv 4-10	Luke 6 vv 36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1 vv 10, 16-20	Matthew 23 vv 1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18 vv 18-20	Matthew 20 vv 17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17 vv 5-10	Luke 16 vv 19-31
Friday	Genesis 37 vv 3-4, 12-13, 17-28	Matthew 21 vv 33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Micah 7 vv 14-15, 18-20	Luke 15 vv 1-3, 11-32

### Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17 vv 3-7 Paul/Romans 5 vv 1-2, 5-8  
John 4 vv 5-42



### 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, Teresa Durnian, Agnes Partington, 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.*

### YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE

- **13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Faith & Fitness Weekend. 18+ Women only. Tickets from £99.00 - a fitness weekend for women with a faith-based twist. A chance to make friends and have an active weekend in the Lake District!
- **20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Training Weekend (Apologetics). Standard Ticket £45.00 with reductions for volunteers - to learn a little bit about how to defend your faith. What are the questions people ask of Christians and Catholics, and how can we best respond?
- **27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Weekend Family Retreat. £160-£230 per family. Our family retreat is back by popular demand. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody.
- **May Half Term B&B (Hostel) Stays:** In May half-term, we will be opening up the house on a B&B basis to families, groups of friends and individuals who want to spend a little bit of time in Keswick. More info. at:

<https://castleriggmanor.com/events/>