



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year C**



**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.

The experience was also of great importance to the three apostles; Peter, James and John as they heard the words "This is My Son, the Chosen One, listen to Him." It confirmed their faith in Jesus and helped them face the dark future without Him.

*"Let us pray that we never grow faint on our journey but have the courage to persevere in faith and love, to rise above our human weakness and to be faithful to Jesus and to the Gospel."*

## MASS INTENTIONS FROM CHRISTMAS

Mark McGrath, Cynthia Maguire, Martin Joseph Haythornthwaite, 56th Wedding Anniversary, 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](mailto: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:  
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon  
Monday to Friday  
9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon  
Sunday

- **Today 16<sup>th</sup> March:** a CAFOD Walk from church around Moor Park between 12.00 noon and 2.00 p.m. Please check in at church first. There will be tea and biscuits on your return and your donations will all go to CAFOD.
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** our Parish Mass will be at 10.15 a.m. and will be said for Richard Michael and Kathleen Haythornthwaite.
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** a Social Afternoon in the Parish Centre with a Cream Tea - 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. £2 charge to cover costs. There will also be dominoes, cards and other games for those who wish to play.
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** the second of our Lenten Stations of the Cross in church at 12.00 noon followed by a Soup Lunch in the Parish House - all donations to CAFOD.
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** the church will be cleaned and there will be an outdoor litter pick, weather permitting. 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. All welcome to drop in and help.
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** a 'Taizé Evening of Prayer and Music' at 7.00 p.m. in the Liturgy Room.
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April:** the last of our Lenten Stations of the Cross in church at 12.00 noon followed by a Soup Lunch in the Parish House - all donations to CAFOD.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the Parish Quiz Night. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by all. We are trying to organise other events in the future. Please support your parish.

### OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

Sincere Thanks to all who have continued with their Standing Orders throughout the closure of our church for Sunday Mass and to all who have continued to hand in their Gift Aid envelopes at the Parish House or to other churches which they have attended. These have been passed on to us.

January - £1,380.00 Christmas Offerings - £4,448.57  
(Christmas Eve Mass) February - £970.00

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.

### 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 with Minimum Group size 10; under 2's free.

**THE NEXT FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET** will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at Fulwood Methodist Church. We have some new stalls - come and take a look. Have a browse, stock up on fresh local produce and fairly traded products. Find a bargain on the New to You stalls and stay for a drink and a snack.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	<b>St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland</b>	
	Jeremiah 1 vv 4-9	Acts/Apostles 13 vv 46-49
Tuesday	Daniel 3 vv 25, 34-43	Luke 10 vv 1-12, 17-20
Wednesday	<b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
	Samuel 7 vv 4-5A, 12, 14-16A	Matthew 1 vv 16, 18-21, 24A
Thursday	Jeremiah 7 vv 23-28	Mark 12 vv 28-34
Friday	Hosea 14 vv 2-10	Luke 11 vv 14-23
Saturday	Hosea 5 v 13 to 6 v 6	Mark 12 vv 28-34
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	
	Exodus 3 vv 1-8, 13-15	Luke 18 vv 9-14
	Paul/Corinthians 1 vv 1-6, 10-12	
	Luke 13 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, 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 and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

### 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](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to give £10.
- Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland; 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/>