



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>/Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**TODAY'S GOSPEL** contains the conclusion of Matthew's missionary discourse. Jesus instructs His Apostles on the sacrifices involved and the priorities they must embrace on being His envoys in the world. He tells them, if need be, they must sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between Him and their own relatives.

The Gospel also stresses the profound dignity and implications of even the smallest act of hospitality to Christ's envoys. To receive the person's envoy is to receive the person himself. Our First Reading also echoes what the Gospel says about the importance of showing hospitality towards the envoys of God.

*Lord, You said that if we welcome another person - even the person of least account in the eyes of society, we welcome You and to welcome You is to welcome the Father who sent You. Grant, Lord, that the door of our hearts may always be open to You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.*



Bob Newhart is an American comedian who used to do conversations where we, the audience or listener, heard only one side of what was going on. He did an imagined telephone conversation with Sir Walter Raleigh, who had just returned from the New World with an exciting fresh discovery - tobacco. "So, Walt, you roll it up and put it in your mouth? What do you do then, Walt? You set fire to it.....(long pause)....OK, Walt, don't call us - we'll call you!" Chocolate was introduced to Europe in 1550 after Christopher Columbus discovered how indigenous peoples were using cocoa beans. The clergy, seeing it as an aphrodisiac, denounced cocoa, as "the Beveridge of Satan which would lead only to immorality". Smoking and taking snuff, however, quickly became fashionable in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. How difficult it is and how long it takes to judge what is new.



## LANCASTER DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A meeting for all who are going to Lourdes on the Pilgrimage will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 p.m.

in St. Gregory's Social Centre. Contributions to the Parish Candle and Petitions to be left at the Grotto may be given to any member of the Lourdes Group, Fr. Ted or Deacon Jim. The Pilgrimage runs from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Marie Catterall, Agnes Head, Anthony and Michael Towey, A successful operation, Eileen White, May Worden. Christine Harwood. and James Kellv

## FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

St. Thomas, Apostle

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

St. Maria Goretti

## LITURGY NEXT WEEK

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9.00 a.m. - Service of the Word

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 a.m. - Service of the Word

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 a.m. - Service of the Word

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 a.m. - Service of the Word

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 a.m. - Service of the Word

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday -The Parishioners

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 a.m. Mass - Margaret & Joanne Redding

## A REMINDER .....

- Each week there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, specifically to pray for vocations.
- The church is open all day from 8.00 a.m. to dusk for private prayer.
- Please continue to bring in food to help the Food Bank at the Foxton Centre (especially tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk, meals in a tin and meals for people with no cooking facilities). There are boxes at the back of church. Please also bring in clothes/bedding for the Rwanda Group Trust Charity Shop; any condition as those not fit for sale can be weighed in for cash. There is a box in the church porch.



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fairtrade goods, will be at the back of church after both Masses next weekend with tea and coffee available after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **DID YOU KNOW** .... for many farmers in Cambodia, producing enough food to feed their families remains a major challenge? Flooding and droughts are common which makes it especially difficult to grow and harvest crops. CAFOD is supporting families by helping farmers to understand a complex range of agricultural issues and train them on new knowledge, skills and confidence *that* will reduce their vulnerability. This is done by supporting communities to adapt to climate change and helping them to develop sustainable ways to make an income.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER** to save all used postage stamps. Just leave a space around all the edges. There is a box on the table at the back of church. We can also take any left over foreign coins, bank notes, holiday money or used stamps. All donations go to CAFOD.

**ANNUAL MISSIONS' APPEAL**

Next weekend, 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July, we welcome Fr. John Collins of the Society of St. Columban who will be presiding at Mass Saturday evening and Sunday morning and preaching the appeal. You can find information about the Columban Missionaries online at [www.columbans.co.uk](http://www.columbans.co.uk).



**YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE**

For all who are sick; especially Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Tom Marsden, Betty Whiteside, Eric Grime, Joe Meehan, Peggy Fletcher, Jackie Lyons,

Aleyamma Thomas, Maureen Hetko, Maria Butterworth, Gus Murray, Bernadette Benson, Pam Raggett, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Catrina Smithson, Fred Griffiths, Raine Tallon, Kath Williams, Richard Rosbotham, Marie Nickson, Frank Madden, Noel Hammond, Hughie Gaille, Susan Lavelle, Bob Partington, Frank Baron, Fr. Joe Maley, Mary Gallagher, Fred Logan and Joan Muir.

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.  
*Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.*  
 For all who have died recently and for Margaret & Joanne Redding and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time.  
*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*



**COLLECTION LAST WEEK** (including Buildings Fund): £674.59  
 (Buildings Fund Donation = £54.81)  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY:** CAFOD  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Special Appeal (Missionary Society of St. Columban)  
**PARISH BUILDINGS FUND TOTAL = £17,221.31**  
**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 89 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 153

**"PORTRAITS OF FAITH" EXHIBITION**

This will take place at St. Clare's on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The Exhibition features artwork by Syrian artist Farid Georges and pictures drawn by Syrian children. Entrance to the Exhibition is free but donations to support displaced Syrian families will be welcomed.

**BAG PACKING AT SAINSBURY'S**

We have managed to secure a bag packing session next **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July. We need at least 30 volunteers to take part by signing up for a two-hour slot.** Children and young people (over 11) especially are encouraged to take part. Names will be collected today. Please consider supporting us. It should be good fun! Thanks.

**READINGS NEXT WEEK**

Monday	<b>St. Thomas, Apostle</b>	
	Ephesians 2 vv 19-22	John 20 vv 24-29
Tuesday	Genesis 19 vv 15-29	Matthew 8 vv 23-27
Wednesday	Genesis 21 vv 5, 8-20A	Matthew 8 vv 28-34
Thursday	Genesis 22 vv 16-19	Matthew 9 vv 1-8
Friday	Genesis 23 vv 1-4, 19, & 24 v 8	Matthew 9 vv 9-13
Saturday	Genesis 27 vv 1-5, 15-29	Matthew 9 vv 14-17
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	Zechariah 9 vv 9-10	Romans 8 vv 9, 11-13
		Matthew 11 vv 25-30



There will be a music practice in church on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 p.m. Anyone who is interested in learning new music which will be introduced at Masses over the next few weeks will be very welcome. You don't have to join the group!!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Daniel Andrew Whitfield and Emma Louise Macnamara who were married at St. Gregory's last weekend. We wish them a long and happy life together.