



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th July 2017
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



ON THE FACE OF IT, it may seem, from today's Gospel, that Jesus taught in parables in order to prevent His hearers from understanding but such a purpose is complete alien to the character of Jesus.

This was Jesus' favourite method of teaching and the Gospels are littered with parables.

Today Jesus compared the Word of God to a seed, a seed which can make our lives fruitful. However, if a seed is to produce a rich harvest it must be planted in good soil.

What kind of soil do we offer God?

We pray, today, that the Word of God may take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives.

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 19th July St. John Pleasington,
St. John Wall & Companions
Saturday 22nd July St. Mary Magdalen

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.

BAG PACKING AT SAINSBURY'S

- A big thank you to everyone involved in last Saturday's bag packing session, including families, young people and grandchildren of parishioners. We managed to raise the fantastic sum of £555.11 for our Parish Buildings Fund. Well done!
- A sincere thanks to Mary and Greg for organising the above event.



LANCASTER DIOCESE

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place this year from Friday 21st to Friday 28th July. A number of parishioners from

St. Gregory's are taking part as either sick pilgrims or helpers. Anna and Rachel Jordan are joining the group of youth helpers.

A Candle is lit every year, at the Grotto, for the whole Parish. If you would like to contribute to this or you would like a Petition to be left at the Grotto, then please see Deacon Jim or any member of the Lourdes Group.

MASS INTENTION

Derrick Chamberlain

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 17th

10.00 a.m. Mass - Mary Traynor
(End of Year Mass for St. Gregory's School)

Tuesday 18th

9.00 a.m. - Service of the Word

Wednesday 19th

9.00 a.m. - Service of the Word

Thursday 20th

9.00 a.m. - Service of the Word

Friday 21st

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Saturday 22nd

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Simon Forest
& Walter Fletcher

Sunday 23rd

10.00 a.m. Mass - The Parishioners

A SMILE costs nothing but it gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment but the memory of it can last for ever. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged or stolen for it is something of no value to anyone until it is given away.



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fairtrade goods, will be at the back of church after both Masses on the second weekend of every month with tea and coffee available after the 10.00 a.m. Mass. The Parish Draw takes place on the same Sunday so do stay a while.
- **FAIRTRADE SALES** this week were £78.90.
- **CAFOD DONATIONS** were £52.46.
- **DID YOU KNOW** your generosity has done some pretty amazing things? In June 2016 Herit and her family were struggling through the drought in Ethiopia. Because of your generous donations, she received new seeds from CAFOD and she now has enough cereal to last her for a year and to sell at market. Herit says, "looking back, when the crisis first broke we were very much worried; the future was very bleak for us but thanks to the support given to us we now have a good harvest and a good future to look forward to."
- **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.
- **PLEASE LET US ALSO HAVE** any spare foreign coins, bank notes or holiday money. All donations go to CAFOD. These may also be left in the box at the back of church.



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, Frank Madden, Noel Hammond, Hughie Gaille, Susan Lavelle, Bob Partington, Fr. Joe Maley, Mary Gallagher, Fred Logan, Joan Muir, Grace Fernando and May Eccles. 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 all 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): £799.86
SPECIAL COLLECTION ST. COLUMBAN MISSIONS £390.14
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Apostleship of the Sea
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Good Shepherd Fund
PARISH BUILDINGS FUND TOTAL = £18,776.31 (Includes £100.00 Private Donation and £555.00 from Sainsbury's Bag Packing. Sincere Thanks)
MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 82 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 156

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Exodus 14 vv 5-18	Matthew 12 vv 38-42
Tuesday	Exodus 14 v 21 to 15 v 1	Matthew 12 vv 46-50
Wednesday	Exodus 16 vv 1-5, 9-15	Matthew 13 vv 1-9
Thursday	Exodus 18 vv 1-2, 9-11, 16-20	Matthew 13 vv 10-17
Friday	Exodus 20 vv 1-17	Matthew 13 vv 8-15
Saturday	St. Mary Magdalen	
	Song of Songs 3 vv 1-4b	John 20 vv 1-2, 11-18
	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Wisdom 12 vv 13, 16-19	Romans 8 vv 26-27
		Matthew 13 vv 24-43

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 22nd July - Artist Assured
 Bingo - Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunchtime
 The Centre is available for hire for private functions
 Bookings can be made by contacting the Secretary or the Stewardess on 01772 798336 or 07539 611952 (mobile)



ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB

PARISH DRAW JULY WINNERS

£100	28	Miss L. McElhone - Lily Grove
£50	112	Catherine Boardman - Dalby Close
£30	206	Betty Kelly - Ronaldsway
£10	130	Bob Partington - Goldfinch Street
£10	168	Annette Hartley - Langdale Road
£10	5	Mrs. B. Jackson - Wren Street
£10	183	Mr. F. Kilbane - Wilbraham Street
£10	122	Kath Rawsthorn - Sharoe Green Lane
£10	162	Anne-Maria Cornwell - Teil Green
£10	186	Eileen Doran - Clifton Grove
£10	122	Sandra Wright - Berry Fold

You have to be in to win!
New members welcome

THE PARISH BULLETIN is issued every weekend. It is distributed at our Parish Masses, 6.30 p.m. Saturday evening and 10.00 a.m. Sunday morning. It is then available throughout the week on the table at the back of church or you can view it on-line at www.stgregoryspreston.org.uk.