



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 22nd/Sunday 23rd July 2017
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



TODAY'S GOSPEL is very rich in its teaching. Jesus uses images like fields, wheat, mustard seed and yeast to illustrate what the Kingdom of God is like.

The world, says Jesus, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at harvest time. For many years now the seed of His word has been falling into the soil of our hearts. His word is not a dead or lifeless thing; it is full of life and energy. If it does not produce results that is because our hearts are so dead and stony that nothing can grow in them.

“Lord, the soil of our lives is often thin, stony and full of weeds but Your seed is strong and sturdy. Help us to care for it so that it may produce thirty per cent, sixty per cent or even maybe a hundred per cent according to whatever each of us is capable of.”

MASS INTENTIONS

Barbara Brown, Maurice & Antonia Sylvan, Bernard & Anthony Black, Renee King and Mr. Vivian Zimmerman.

FEAST NEXT WEEK

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| Monday 24 th July | Martyrs of Cumbria |
| Tuesday 25 th July | St. James, Apostle |
| Wednesday 26 th July | SS. Joachim & Anne (Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary) |
| Saturday 29 th July | St. Martha |

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 and meals in a tin e.g. meat - also, anything suitable for homeless 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 but no duvets, please. There is a box in the church porch.



LANCASTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage is at present in Lourdes. It left on Friday 21st July and returns on Friday 28th July. This year is the 90th anniversary of the Pilgrimage and the theme is “The Almighty has done great things for me.” A

number of Parishioners from St. Gregory's are with them as either sick pilgrims, helpers or with the youth.

This picture shows the candle which was lit for the Parish in 2005. Although not very clear the words “St. Gregory's, Preston, England, 2005” are round the top of the large candle in the middle. Please pray for all presently in Lourdes as they will be praying for us.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 24th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 25th

7.00 p.m. Mass - Maurice & Antonia Sylvan

Wednesday 26th

12.00 noon Mass - Kathleen Healey

Thursday 27th

12.00 noon Mass - Sheila Jeffrey

Friday 28th

12.00 noon Mass - Agnes Head

Saturday 29th

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - James Kelly

Sunday 30th

10.00 a.m. Mass - The Parishioners



TABOR

Sadly, at the end of July, Tabor Carmelite Retreat house will close. We give thanks to God for all that has been given and received from the Carmelite family. Let us keep all those affected in our prayers.



- **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.
- **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.

PLEASE LET US KNOW of anyone who is in hospital or in a nursing/care home so that arrangements may be made to visit them. Likewise, if you know of anyone who is ill or housebound and cannot get to church; we can make arrangements to have the Sacrament of the Eucharist taken to them.

PARISH REGISTER

To register as a parishioner of St Gregory's Parish, please complete a registration form which you can find on the table at the back of the church benches. The form can be handed to Fr. Ted, Deacon Jim, put into the collection basket or posted through the letterbox of the Parish House.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK (including Buildings Fund): £809.40
SPECIAL COLLECTION: Apostleship of the Sea £142.80
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Good Shepherd Fund
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Lourdes Group
PARISH BUILDINGS FUND TOTAL = £19,076.31 (Includes £100.00 Private Donation. Sincere Thanks)
MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 95 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 128

READINGS NEXT WEEK

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| Monday | Exodus 14 vv 5-18 | Matthew 12 vv 38-42 |
| Tuesday | St. James, Apostle 2 Corinthians vv 4, 7-15 | Matthew 20 vv 20-28 |
| 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 18-23 |
| Saturday | Exodus 24 vv 3-8 | Matthew 13 vv 24-30 |
| 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
| Kings 3 vv 5, 7-12 | Romans 8 vv 28-30 | Matthew 13 vv 44-52 |



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 Bernard & Anthony Black and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*



LADIES' GROUP

There will be no meeting for the Ladies' Group in July owing to holidays being taken.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY 2017

That, through our witness to the Gospel, our brothers and sisters who have left the Faith may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 29th 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)
 Why not visit our friendly club?

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.