



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd September 2017
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



TODAY'S GOSPEL contains some of the serious words of Christ. He says to His disciples and to us:-

“What good will it do you if you gain the whole world and suffer the loss of your soul?”

These words should make us stop and think. We should recall them whenever we are faced with important decisions, when we have tough choices to make and when we are setting goals for our lives.

When we judge the success of our lives we frequently think on many things which, before Christ, mean nothing.

Let us pray that we always have this in mind.

“Lord, teach us to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and to ask for no reward save that of knowing that we do Your holy will.”

MASS INTENTIONS

Peter John Southworth, Alison Mary Southworth, William (Bill) Southworth and Ellen McKeever.



Calling all singers and instrumentalists! If you would like to learn some new music, which will be introduced at Masses over the next few months there will be a gathering in church on Monday 4th September at 7.30 p.m. led by Peter Cobb. All ages and levels of ability are welcome. The only essential requirement is an enthusiasm for singing or playing! If you like singing from the pews but don't want to be part of a “group” or “choir” you will be very welcome too.

A Week of Guided Prayer

St Gregory's and St Wilfrid's

Sunday October 1st to Saturday October 7th

This week there is, as you can see, a leaflet attached to the Newsletter. The leaflet gives you information about the Week of Guided Prayer and contains a booking form. It's an invitation and it's for everyone. You need nothing other than a desire to come closer to God in Jesus, and a little time to spare each day during the week. Apart from the opening and closing meetings, there's no groups or discussions. There's just you, your prayer companion and the Lord. The person who is your companion from the week is there to listen to you and to help you find what you are looking for in Jesus. Don't be afraid – read the leaflet and give it a go!

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 4th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service for Andrew William Marsh

Tuesday 5th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Wednesday 6th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Thursday 7th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Friday 8th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Saturday 9th

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

Sunday 10th

10.00 a.m. Mass - Anthony Towey

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.



- **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 ...** Currently, one in six people live without electricity globally. Local, renewable energy is usually the cheapest and most efficient way to bring power to the poorest communities. It means that families don't have to rely on dangerous and unhealthy energy sources such as paraffin lamps and firewood. It enables children to study after dark, nurses to keep vaccines cold and farmers to irrigate crops.

Through the World Bank, the UK already invests in energy access to combat poverty but less than 3% of World Bank spending goes towards renewable energy and clean cooking. CAFOD's "Power to Be" campaign is asking the UK's representative at the World Bank, Melanie Robinson, to use her influence to ensure that children everywhere have the power to achieve great things and lift themselves out of poverty, without harming the planet.

COVENANT BOOKS (at Holy Family, Ingol, Preston)
Summer Sale

Many items up to Half Price throughout September (exclusions apply)
Open Thursday and Friday 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Saturday 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.



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, 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, especially Andrew William Marsh and for Peter John Southworth, Alison Mary Southworth, William (Bill) Southworth, Ellen McKeever 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): £659.40
SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Catholic Trust £112.30
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Lourdes Group
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Catholic Education Services
PARISH BUILDINGS FUND TOTAL = £20,768.61 (Including a Private Donation of £220.00. Sincere thanks.)
MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 83 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 144

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Thessalonians 4 vv 13-18	Luke 4 vv 16-30
Tuesday	Thessalonians 5 vv 1-6, 9-11	Luke 4 vv 31-37
Wednesday	Colossians 1 vv 1-8	Luke 4 vv 38-44
Thursday	Colossians 1 vv 9-14	Luke 5 vv 1-11
Friday	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	Romans 8 vv 28-30	Matthew 1 vv 1-16, 18
Saturday	Colossians 1 vv 21-23	Luke 6 vv 1-5
	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A	
	Ezekiel 33 vv 7-9	Romans 13 vv 8-10 Matthew 18 vv 15-20

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 4 th September	St. Cuthbert
Friday 8 th September	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 9th September - 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?

FOUND

Two pairs of Rosary beads have been found in Foxdale Crescent, one pink and one blue. Could be precious to someone. Contact Bernadette Roberts.

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.