



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 6th/Sunday 7th May 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter



I CAME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL

This Sunday is "Good Shepherd" Sunday. Christ is our good Shepherd and today's Gospel brings us both encouragement and a challenge.

The encouragement lies in the fact that we have a Good Shepherd who knows our needs, who has a direction for us and who is calling on us to follow in His sometimes difficult footsteps. This is an enormous privilege and it is something for which people everywhere are searching and why they follow the less certain whims of fashion and the voices of far less worthy role models.

The challenge is that it is important for our spiritual well-being to pick out the "Shepherd" voice from the crowd which is why we need to check what we see and hear against the teaching of the Gospel and the Church.

God's voice comes to us in many ways - so let us take time out to stop and listen.

"Father, You sent Christ, our Good Shepherd among us so that we might have life and have it to the full. Help us to listen to His voice so that He can guide us along the path to eternal life."

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.



First Communion

This weekend we congratulate and pray for the families presenting their children for First Communion.

David Sikora, William Blundell, Maria Labacz,
Mia Byrne, Shona Conroy, Michael Byrne,
Oliver Lewek and Maya Matwiszyn

PARISH SPIRITUAL DAY

The next Spiritual Day will be held in the Social Centre on **Thursday 25th May** starting at 10.30 a.m. It will be led by Sr. Cecilia O.P. Sr. Cecilia belongs to the same Dominican Congregation as the late Sr. Maureen, Parish Sister here for many years. Fr. Ted will conclude the day with Mass at 2.30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There is a list for names on the table at the back of church.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 8th

9.00 a.m. Mass - William Ryan

Tuesday 9th

10.45 a.m. Funeral Service for Vera Coulton

Wednesday 10th

12.00 noon Mass - Mary Traynor

(We will be joined by a class from St. Gregory's School)

Thursday 11th

12.00 noon Mass - Margaret Walker

Friday 12th

7.00 p.m. Mass - Harry O'Brien

Saturday 13th Our Lady of Fatima

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

Sunday 14th

10.00 a.m. Mass - Mary Lawson



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fair Trade 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 ...** as the election campaign unfolds, your voice is *critical*? With the news dominated by Brexit, there's a risk of other critical issues falling off the agenda. We'd like to thank CAFOD supporters who write and speak to MPs to ensure this doesn't happen. Pope Francis himself warns that people living in poverty can often be an 'afterthought' in political discussions and that's why it's so important that we remind candidates of the need to remain an outward-looking nation - one that cares for the interests of people in the world's poorest communities.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER** to save all used postage stamps. There is a box on the table at the back of church. Please leave some space round the edges.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

- **Care for the suffering.** That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.
- **Openness to mission.** That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be open to proclaiming Jesus.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK (including Buildings Fund): £1,041.20
SPECIAL COLLECTION: Lourdes Group £92.00
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Ecclesiastical Education Fund
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Parish Buildings Fund
PARISH BUILDINGS FUND TOTAL = £14,995.60 (Sincere thanks for an anonymous donation of £100 and for £114 from the Altar Servers Cake Stall)
MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 137 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 310

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Acts/Apostles 11 vv 1-18	John 10 vv 11-18
Tuesday	Acts/Apostles 11 vv 19-26	John 10 vv 22-30
Wednesday	Acts/Apostles 12 v 24 to 13 v 5a	John 12 vv 44-50
Thursday	Acts/Apostles 13 vv 13-25	John 13 vv 16-20
Friday	Acts/Apostles 13 vv 26-33	John 14 vv 1-6
Saturday	Acts/Apostles 13 vv 44-52	John 14 vv 7-14
5th Sunday of Easter		
Acts/Apostles 6 vv 1-7	Peter 2 vv 4-9	John 14 vv 1-12

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Please collect these from Sainsbury's and help our school obtain much needed equipment. There is a box at the back of church for them.



ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB PARISH DRAW

The next draw will take place after the 10.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, 14th May. New members always welcome.



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, Father Joe Maley and Kathleen Healey.

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 Vera Coulton and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTION

John Holden

CAKE STALL

Thank you to everyone who baked or bought cakes last Sunday. The Altar Servers raised a wonderful £114 for our Parish Buildings Fund. We are hoping to organise a bag packing session at Sainsbury's over the next couple of months. Watch out for further details!

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 13th May - 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
 Why not visit our friendly club?