

# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>/Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



**TODAY'S GOSPEL** contains some of the most serious words of Christ. He says to His disciples, "What good will it do if you gain the whole world and suffer the loss of your souls." 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 new goals for our lives.

When we judge the success of our lives, we frequently think of many things which, before Christ, mean nothing. Let us pray that we always keep 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 wound; 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."*

**TODAY** is the Feast of St. Gregory the Great, the Patron of our Parish. Homemade Cakes will be on sale after the 10.00 a.m. Mass; proceeds to Parish funds. There will also be tea and coffee available. In addition the '300' club draw for August will take place.

## FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> St. Cuthbert  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## BAPTISMS

If you have a child who requires the Sacrament of Baptism, please speak to one of the priests or Deacon Jim for an initial meeting before being registered for Baptism.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will resume at the 10.00 a.m. Mass today following the summer break. We welcome back the children and hope they will enjoy coming together again for their own interpretation of the Mass and the Gospels.

## MASSES NEXT WEEK

Monday and Friday

Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Wednesday - Requiem Mass at 2.00 p.m.

Saturday - Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday - Mass at 10.00 a.m.

## MASSES WILL BE SAID AS FOLLOWS

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sick & Housebound of the Parish
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Requiem Mass for Michael Briggs at 2.00 p.m. (no 10.15 a.m. Mass)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Parishioners
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	David Parker

## MASS INTENTION

David Parker

If anyone wishes to have Masses said for any particular intentions, can they please pass them on to Fr. John Mark, Fr. Stephen or Deacon Jim or put them through the letter box of the Parish House. If you want the Masses said on any special day please put the date and, if possible, the Mass will be said then.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Confessions will be heard each Saturday from 6.00 p.m. to 6.25 p.m. and anytime on request.**

Please let us know of anyone who is in hospital or a nursing/care home so that arrangements may be made to visit them. Likewise, if you know of anyone ill or housebound who cannot get to church; ask them if they would like Communion at home, then let us know.

## FOOD BANK APPEAL

Please continue to bring in items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Anything you can give will be taken to them. They are desperate for tinned and dried food plus tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk and meals in a tin e.g. meat - also, anything for homeless people with no cooking facilities. They are not, however, allowed to accept alcoholic drinks. There are boxes at the back of church.

<b>MASS</b>	Saturday	6.30 p.m.	42
<b>ATTENDANCES</b>	Sunday	10.00 a.m.	99
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	Offertory	£542.39	
	Special Collection:	£82.34	
	Catholic Trust for England & Wales (the Parish was levied for £929.93 for this collection)		

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Special Collection for **Catholic Education Services.**

If you prefer to sign a Standing Order or undertake a Bank Transfer, please use the following details:

A/c Name: Parish of St. Gregory, Preston

A/c No: 81335332

Sort Code: 40-27-02

Please make sure you add your name to the payment, especially if you are a Gift Aider in order that we can claim back the tax.

### SPONSORED WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN RWANDA

The family of the late Joe and Rosemary Bamber are walking from Clayton-le-Woods to Clitheroe. It is a 60 kilometre continuous walk starting at lunchtime on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and finishing sometime Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be visiting some of the places where Joe and Rosemary lived and worked.

They are calling it the "Joe 90" walk as he would have been 90 this year.

If you would like to sponsor the Bamber family they have opened a Just Giving Page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/The-Bamber-Family?UTMTerm=rzJ9XMZWVX>

### 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	<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
	Micah 5 vv 1-4	Matthew 1 vv 1-16, 18-23
Saturday	Colossians 1 vv 21-23	Luke 6 vv 1-8
	<b>Next Sunday - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	Ezekiel 33 vv 7-9	Paul/Romans 13 vv 8-10
	. Matthew 18 vv 15-20	



### YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

for Sam Dowd, Jackie Lyons, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Gerard Renaudin, Rudolph Carlisle, Members of the Wood and

Madden Families, Robert Swan, John Allen. Maureen Sharrock, Harry Oulton, John Monty Black, Martin Gee, Cynthia Maguire, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian and all who are sick.

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.

For our clergy and all our parishioners.

For all who are battling the Coronavirus and those risking their own lives and safety to care for them.

*Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.*

For all who have died recently, especially Michael Briggs and David Parker; for all whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

### POPE FRANCIS

#### The Joy of the Gospel

We need to distinguish clearly what might be a fruit of the Kingdom from what runs counter to God's plan .....

Just as the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say "thou shalt not" to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion. Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? This is a case of inequality. Today everything comes under the laws of competition and the survival of the fittest, where the powerful feed upon the powerless. As a consequence masses of people find themselves excluded and marginalized, without work, without possibilities, without any means of escape. Human beings are themselves considered consumer goods to be used and then discarded. We have created a "throw away" culture which is now spreading. The excluded are not the "exploited" but the outcasts, the "leftovers".