

# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



**TODAY'S GOSPEL** tells of some people who refused an invitation to a wedding feast and others who accepted it.

We, too, are people who are invited to a wedding feast. God invites us to sit at His table with Him to share His most precious gift, the gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ.

When we read about the person who was ejected from the feast we, too, must look into our hearts to check on the sincerity of our commitment as Christians. The invitation challenges us to give ourselves sincerely to do God's will and to live with love and compassion with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

*"Almighty Father, Your Son, Jesus invites us to a banquet of truth and life; of holiness and grace; of justice and of peace. Help us to accept this invitation by thanking Him with all our hearts."*

## FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

St. Luke

**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.

- 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.
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be on Saturday at 6.00 p.m. and anytime by request. We will have a Liturgy of Reconciliation with Sacrament of Absolution two or three times a year

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Saturday - Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday - Mass at 10.00 a.m.

**Friday will be a Requiem Mass for Dominic Bean**

### MASSES WILL BE SAID AS FOLLOWS

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sick & Housebound of the Parish
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Barney Sullivan
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Requiem Mass for Dominic Bean
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Parishioners
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Catherine Haythornthwaite

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Mary Catherine Haythornthwaite, Barney Sullivan  
and Tom & Ellen Swarbrick**

If anyone wishes to have Masses said for any particular intentions, can they 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.

## THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

### For the Synod

We pray for the Church; that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## 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 is a box at the back of church.

<b>MASS</b>	Saturday	6.30 p.m.	44
<b>ATTENDANCES</b>	Sunday	10.00 a.m.	64
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	Offertory	£481.74	
	CAFOD Harvest	£462.86	
	Fast		

**Next Weekend:** Special Collection for A.P.F. Missions

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.



#### A.P.F. MISSIONS - RED BOXES

If you have an A.P.F. Red Missions Box, can you please empty it and then pass the money on to Deacon Jim so that it

can be sent to the A.P.F. Missions. Please remember to add your name and address to the contents. Once we have a total we will enter it in the Newsletter.

#### ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB - OCTOBER DRAW

Prize	Number	Winner
£50.00	212	Penelope O'Donnell
£30.00	147	Jim Maguire
£10.00	176	Stuart Ryan
£10.00	163	Frank Jeffrey
£10.00	216	Anne Clayton
£10.00	277	M. Daniel
£10.00	141	Teresa Kilbane
£10.00	259	Sarah O'Donnell
£10.00	8	Teresa Durnian

**The draw will take place after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**New members always welcome - speak to Dennis Rawthorn**

#### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Paul/Romans 1 vv 1-7	Luke 11 vv 29-32
	<b>St. Luke</b>	
Tuesday	Paul/Timothy 4 vv 10-17	Luke 10 vv 1-9
Wednesday	Paul/Romans 2 vv 1-11	Luke 11 vv 42-46
Thursday	Paul/Romans 3 vv 21-30	Luke 11 vv 47-54
Friday	Paul/Romans 4 vv 1-8	Luke 12 vv 1-7
Saturday	Paul/Romans 4 vv 13, 16-18	Luke 12 vv 9-12

**Next Sunday - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 45 vv 1, 4-6      Paul/Thessalonians 1 vv 1-15  
Matthew 22 vv 15-21



#### 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, Agnes Jordan 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 Dominic Bean and Barney Sullivan; for Mary Catherine Haythornthwaite and all others 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.*

#### ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, LYTHAM

The school has a vacancy for a Chaplaincy Coordinator (Lay Chaplain). We are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with good catechetical formation and strong personal faith to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of our Catholic community. For further information, or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Mrs. S. Kelly, School Manager, on 01253 667 526 or [skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk)

#### WAR PEACE REMEMBRANCE

The Company of Voyces Choir Concert  
Directed by Robin Stopford

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

St. Gregory's Church, Blackpool Road

**Free Admission**

Funds raised will be for women and children suffering in the Ukraine Crisis

**Refreshments included after the concert**