



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 27th/Sunday 28th July 2019

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL we are given the great prayer of Jesus. It is a prayer for all times and for every occasion. It embraces, in its short and simple phrases, every relationship between us and our Heavenly Father. It is, at once, the most profound and simple of prayers. If we lived it, by putting each of its phrases into our daily lives, then we would indeed be perfect as our Heavenly Father wishes us to be.

Prayer is an attitude that has to be translated into action. It is something that requires our full attention; something into which we can put our whole hearts. Because it comes from the heart, it reaches and touches the heart of God. The organ God gave us with which to pray was the heart. If the heart is not praying, the tongue is wasting its time "These people honour me with their lips but their hearts are far from me."

"Lord, teach us to pray from the depths of our hearts so as to love and serve You more and more."



We Bells have spoken for centuries from the towers of great churches. We have spoken to your fathers and mothers across the land, calling them to holiness as we now call you.

We did not merely say, "Be good. Come to Church." We did not merely say, "Keep the commandments." Above all we cried out and still do to this day, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen!" We cry, "Come! God is good – holiness is not hard; God's love has made it easy."

And this, our message, has always been for everyone – for those who came and for those who did not come. Our song is perfect as God in heaven is perfect. Like Him we pour out our love on everyone who hears our song. When you hear us, stop! Give praise to God who loves you.

Thomas Merton

FATHER MICHAEL LAKELAND

Deanery Mass at St. Clare's on Monday 5th August at 6.00 p.m.; Funeral Mass at St. Clare's on Tuesday 6th August at 11.30 a.m.

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 29 th July	St. Martha
Wednesday 31 st July	St. Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday 1 st August	St. Alphonsus

A REMINDER

- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon.
- The church will be open each day from 8.00 a.m. until 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. However, the Centre is not able to accept any alcoholic drinks. There are boxes at the back of the church.
- Please also bring in clothes/bedding (but no duvets, please) for the Rwanda Group Trust Charity Shop. These can be given in any condition as those not fit for sale can be weighed in for cash. There is a box in the porch.

LANCASTER DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrims from the Lancaster Diocese, including a number from our own parish, are at present in Lourdes, joining with others from all over the world at the Shrine of Our Lady. We pray that this pilgrimage will be a source of great blessings for the whole parish.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 29th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 30th

12.00 noon - Service of the Word

Wednesday 31st

12.00 noon Mass - Caroline Gee

Thursday 1st August

12.00 noon Mass - Alan Siddall

Friday 2nd

12.00 noon Mass - Joseph Jackson

Saturday 3rd

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

Sunday 4th

10.00 a.m. Mass - Vin Riley



- **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 served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **DID YOU KNOW ...** CAFOD's Lent 2019 Appeal focused on Mahinur and her family in southern Bangladesh who have been severely affected by a changing climate after their local river ran dry last year. CAFOD, using some of your incredible donations to our Lent Appeal, have started a three-year project in Mahinur's village and the surrounding areas. Through the project, CAFOD will reach out to 3,000 families across 15 villages; teaching local people new skills and farming techniques, distributing seeds and livestock and offering vocational training to help support local people with disabilities like Mahinur's husband. Thanks to your donations, we can reach families like Mahinur's living in communities affected by the global climate emergency.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wilfrid Skingsley



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Pam Raggett, Betty Whiteside, Eric Grimes, Jackie Lyons, Maureen Hetko, Fred Griffiths, Bernadette Benson, Donald &

Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Joan Muir, Susan Lavelle, Mary Gallagher, Fiona Turnbull, Teresa Flanagan, May Eccles, Marian Roberts, Emma McElroy 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.

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

For all who have died recently and for all 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) £753.20

SPECIAL COLLECTION: CAFOD £93.50

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Good Shepherd Fund

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Parish Buildings' Fund

BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £12,320. 18

MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 93 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 132

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Exodus 32 vv 15-24, 30-34	Matthew 13 vv 31-35
Tuesday	Exodus 33 vv 7-11 and 34 vv 5-9, 28	Matthew 13 vv 36-43
Wednesday	Exodus 34 vv 29-35	Matthew 13 vv 44-46
Thursday	Exodus 40 vv 16-21, 34-48	Matthew 13 vv 47-53
Friday	Leviticus 23 vv 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37	Matthew 13 vv 54-58
Saturday	Leviticus 25 vv 1, 8-17	Matthew 14 vv 1-12
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C		
	Ecclesiastes 1 v 2 and 2 vv 21-23	Colossians 3 vv 1-5, 9-11
	Luke 12 vv 13-21	

RWANDA GROUP TRUST

The Bamber Family will end their 24 hour "Cross Wales" walk on Sunday morning, 28th July. Joe Bamber will be at the back of church after both Masses this weekend and next weekend to collect the money from all the parishioners who kindly sponsored them.

ACTA WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A 'DAY' IN COCKERMOUTH

Christian Vocation - loved, called, gifted, empowered - prayer, reflection and discussion with Stephen Hoyland, a spiritual director employed by the Jesuits to lead retreats.

Saturday 19th October 2019 from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at St. Joseph's, Cockermonth. CA13 0EJ
Fr. Tom Singleton is kindly hosting the day in Cockermonth and we are grateful to him for this. It would be great to see you there.

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 3rd August - Artist Assured

Bingo - Monday, Wednesday (8.30 p.m.) 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.