



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th August 2019
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus warns against greed and stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security and happiness rather than God. In his search for security and happiness in this life, the rich man forgets God, forgets eternal life and his obligation to the poor. He is truly a "fool" because he has not learned how to use wisely the wealth which he has. Jesus said that, rather than storing up treasure, we should seek to make ourselves rich in the sight of God. What makes us rich in the sight of God is not what we own or even what we have done but what we are.

"Almighty God, cleanse our hearts of greed and material things and from envy of others. Clothe us in gentleness and humility. Help us to seek the things that make us rich in Your sight and grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hearts of Heavenly glory."

MASS INTENTIONS

Agnes McDermott, Simon Forrest & Walter Fletcher and
Alice Cottam

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday 7th SS. Edmund Arrowsmith, Ambrose
Barlow and Companions, Martyrs of Lancashire
Thursday 8th St. Dominic
Friday 9th St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Saturday 10th St. Lawrence

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.

Building Fund

Thank you for your generous donations to our Building Fund. Our Parish Account is currently overdrawn by £39,414.61 due to the installation of the church's central heating system. This is steadily reducing thanks to your generous weekly offerings. We set up the Building Fund to ring fence donations for property maintenance. It stands at £12,320.18. We are waiting for the replacement of the flat roof over the Parish House "Flat" at a cost of £4,600 and for repairs to the guttering and rain damaged wall in the church at a cost of about £1,000. Earlier this year we paid £295 for lighting repairs on the Sanctuary.

Fr Ted

FATHER MICHAEL LAKELAND FUNERAL

Fr. Lakeland's body will be received into St Clare's church at 6.00 p.m. on Monday 5th August, followed by a Deanery Mass. The Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 6th August at 11.30 a.m.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 5th
9.00 a.m. Service of the Word
Tuesday 6th
12.00 noon - Service of the Word
Wednesday 7th
12.00 noon Mass - Monica Anne & Paul Smith
Thursday 8th
12.00 noon Mass - Vin Riley
Friday 9th
12.00 noon Mass - Veronica Singleton
Saturday 10th
6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Simon Forrest & Walter Fletcher
Sunday 11^h
10.00 a.m. Mass - The Parishioners



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fairtrade goods, will be at the back of church after both Masses next weekend with tea and coffee served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **DID YOU KNOW ...** What does CAFOD do? We are an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We reach out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture. Through our global Church network, one of the largest in the world, we have the potential to reach everyone and we campaign for global justice, so that every woman, man and child can live a full and dignified life. Whether you donate, campaign, download prayers or volunteer you are saving lives and helping us ensure that no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST
Families, Schools of Human Growth**

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."



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 Alice Cottam and 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) £666.80

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Good Shepherd Fund £44.90

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Rwanda Group Trust

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Parish Buildings' Fund

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

MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 80 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 110

SINCERE THANKS for the anonymous donation of £1,000 to our Buildings' Fund

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday Numbers 11 vv 4-15 Matthew 14 vv 13-21

Tuesday **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
Daniel 7 vv 9-10, 13-14 Peter 1 vv 16-19 Luke 9 vv 28-36

Wednesday Numbers 13 vv 1-2, 25 and Matthew 15 vv 21-28
14 vv 1, 26-29, 34-35

Thursday Numbers 20 vv 1-13 Matthew 16 vv 13-23

Friday Deuteronomy 4 vv 32-40 Matthew 16 vv 24-28

Saturday Deuteronomy 6 vv 4-13 Matthew 17 vv 14-20

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Wisdom 18 vv 6-9 Hebrews 11 vv 1-2, 8-19

Luke 12 vv 32-48

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 10th 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)

RWANDA GROUP TRUST

The Bamber Family successfully ended their 24 hour "Cross Wales" walk on Sunday morning, 28th July. Joe Bamber will again be at the back of church after both Masses this weekend to collect the money from 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, Cockermouth. CA13 0EJ
Fr. Tom Singleton is kindly hosting the day in Cockermouth and we are grateful to him for this. It would be great to see you there.

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.