



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**



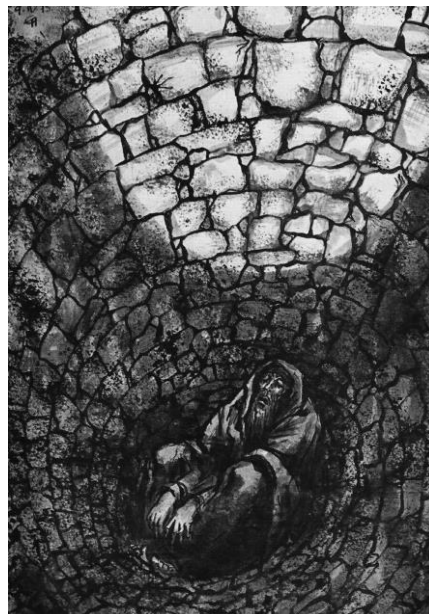
**TODAY**, Jesus describes our lives quite simply in times of trouble. The conflict that marked Jesus' life marks our lives too. The Gospel of love, the Gospel of the Resurrection is signed with the Cross and if we are followers of Jesus then we, too, will be signed with that Cross. We are urged today to keep our eyes firmly fixed on our Lord and not to lose sight of Him. We are encouraged in our struggles by the example and the spiritual company of all God's faithful people who, together, walk the road to Calvary and Easter.

Pope Benedict described the life of a Christian in the world. Our first task is to preach the Gospel of Jesus, our second is to bring the fire of God's love to the world and our final task is to suffer for the sake of others as our Lord Himself did. This is the basis for all disciples of Christ. This is the way we are to follow.

*"Let us pray that the fire Jesus came to kindle may burn brightly in our lives and that we may enkindle it in our world."*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Fiona Turnbull, Dennis Ramshead and Mary McAvoy



They took Jeremiah and threw him into the well, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank (1st Reading)  
Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm)

## RWANDA GROUP TRUST

**THANK YOU** from the Bamber family for the magnificent sum of **£785.00** donated by the parishioners of St. Gregory's as sponsorship for their recent Cross Wales Walk. Together with money from Just Giving the total amount raised is **£1,665.00** with possibly a little more still to come.

## 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.

## LITURGY NEXT WEEK

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

12.00 noon Service of the Word

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

12.00 noon Mass - Phyllis Burns

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

12.00 noon Mass - Andrew Ritchie

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

12.00 noon Mass - Steve Worthington

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

10.00 a.m. Mass - Dennis Ramshead



- **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.
- **THE 'DID YOU KNOW'** column is taking a break for a few weeks but will return at the end of August.
- **DO YOU HAVE** any spare or left over coins or banknotes, holiday money or old stamps? All donations are gratefully received and all proceeds go to CAFOD. There will be a box at the back of church.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW** of anyone who is in hospital or in a nursing/care home so that arrangements may be made to visit them. If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound and cannot get to church; we can make arrangements to have the Sacrament of the Eucharist taken to them.

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

That families, through their lives 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, 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) £581.44  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Rwanda Group Trust £50.51  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY:** Lourdes Group  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Catholic Trust (This is a levied collection and our levy due to the Diocese is **£1,005.50**).  
**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 72 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 118

**READINGS NEXT WEEK**

Monday	Judges 2 vv 11-19	Matthew 19 vv 16-22
Tuesday	Judges 2 vv 11-24	Matthew 19 vv 23-30
Wednesday	Judges 9 vv 6-15	Matthew 20 vv 1-16
Thursday	Judges 11 vv 29-39	Matthew 22 vv 1-14
Friday	Ruth 1 vv 1, 3-6, 14-16, 22	Matthew 22 vv 34-40
Saturday	<b>St. Bartholomew</b>	
	Apocalypse 21 vv 9-14	John 1 vv 45-51
	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>	
	Isaiah 66 vv 18-21	Hebrews 12 vv 5-7, 11-13
	Luke 13 vv 22-30	

**SINCERE THANKS** for a very generous anonymous donation of **£10,000** to the Church Buildings Fund. The Buildings Fund total is now **£23,555.18**.

**FEASTS NEXT WEEK**

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	St. Bernard
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	St. Pius X
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Bartholemew

**ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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?

**PARISH REGISTER**

To register as a parishioner of St Gregory's Parish, please complete a registration form which you can find on the table at the back of the church benches. The form can be handed to Fr. Ted, Deacon Jim, put into the collection basket or posted through the letterbox of the Parish House.

**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](http://www.stgregoryspreston.org.uk).