



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th September 2019

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL we see that Jesus did not hide the reality from His disciples. He pointed out the difficulties, the hardships and the sacrifices that would be required of those who follow him.

Jesus had one great goal in life; namely to carry out the work His Father had given Him. This is what He lived for and He was willing to pay whatever price was demanded in order to fulfil His goal.

The Gospel shows Him headed for Jerusalem. He knew what awaited Him there. Suffering, rejection and death lay at the end of the journey yet He faced all of that and expected nothing less from His disciples. He was telling them that, if needs be, they must be ready to sacrifice the dearest thing in life - in certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between Him and their own relatives.

By means of two short parables he pointed out that discipleship is a serious calling but the goal that Jesus sets before us is immensely worthwhile; the goal of the authentic way of life here and eternal life hereafter. There is no higher goal than that but that doesn't make it easy. No-one can be a disciple without carrying the Cross but Jesus knows our frailty and He lavishes His grace on those who strive to follow Him.

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Friday 13th St. John Chrysostom
Saturday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

This week from the Building Fund we have paid £4,460 for a new roof on the Parish House "Flat"; £500 for work on the church gutter and roof; £108 for a compulsory Lightning Conductor test. Immediate work outstanding includes in the House some electrical work, repairs to leak-damaged ceilings, and redecoration again because of leak damage. We will have to wait for the water-damaged wall in the church to dry out before we can do anything in terms of repainting. Maybe if the rain stops and when we put the heating on again the situation will improve but be assured it's being monitored. Thank you for your continuing support for this fund

MASS INTENTIONS

Frank Madden and Monica Justine McCullagh

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 9th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 10th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Wednesday 11th

10.00 a.m. Mass - Grace McKeivitt
(With our whole School Community)

Thursday 12th

12.00 noon Mass - Fiona Turnbull

Friday 13th

12.00 noon Mass - Mary McAvoy

Saturday 14th

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - John & Mary Jane Holden

Sunday 15th

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 this weekend with tea and coffee served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass. There will also be items for sale, proceeds of which will go to the Rwanda Group Trust.
- **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.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Colossians 1 v 24 to 2 v 3	Luke 6 vv 6-11
Tuesday	Colossians 2 vv 6-15	Luke 6 vv 12-19
Wednesday	Colossians 3 vv 1-11	Luke 6 vv 20-26
Thursday	Colossians 3 vv 12-17	Luke 6 vv 27-38
Friday	Timothy 1 vv 1-2, 12-14	Luke 6 vv 39-42
Saturday	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
	Numbers 21 vv 4-9	Philippians 2 vv 6-11
	John 3 vv 13-17	
	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	
	Exodus 32 vv 7-11, 13-14	Timothy 1 vv 12-17
	Luke 15 vv 1-32	



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) £725.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Parish Buildings' Fund £80.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Catholic Education Services

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Home Missions

PARISH BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE = £23,834.18

MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 91 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 143

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 7th September - 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 MUSIC GROUP will be having a short meeting after Mass next Sunday, 15th September to practice a new Mass setting which will be used in the Sundays leading up to Advent. You are all welcome to join them. No commitment is

required. Just stay behind for a short while and you will be familiar with the new music before it is played in church.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Saturday 14th September - 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Xaverian Spirituality Centre**
Come and join the Xaverian Missionaries team in Preston to explore their charism and mission. Help us examine the ways in which we are called to be missionary disciples in this part of the world. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Phil Callaghan: at phil.callaghan@xavs.org or 01772 717 122.
- **Friday 4th October - 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral**
All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul Swarbrick at the annual Diocese of Lancaster Education Mass. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation; priests, deacons, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector. It is an opportunity to express our thanks to all in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith.

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.