



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 19th/Sunday 20th January 2019
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C



AT A WEDDING in Cana, Jesus changed water into excellent wine. Wine is a symbol of God's love and forgiveness. This wine came into the world with Christ and is available in abundance to those who realise their need of it and who seek it with all their hearts.

With the coming of Christ, the wine of God's love - forgiveness, acceptance and peace - has come to all those who answer the invitation to partake of the banquet of the Kingdom of God.

"Change us Lord, so that we may be able to contain the new wine and then, through us, it will flow to others and the world will know that You live among us."

MASS INTENTIONS

Margaret Morris, Teresa Hayhurst and Molly Mary Rego

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 21 st	St. Agnes
Thursday 24 th	St. Francis de Sales
Friday 25 th	The Conversion of St. Paul
Saturday 26 th	SS. Timothy & Titus

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 and take the Sacraments to them.

A REMINDER

- Each Saturday morning there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 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.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18th to 25th January 2019)

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.



LANCASTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The pilgrimage this year runs from Friday 26th July to Friday 2nd August. The Lourdes Group will fully sponsor two sick pilgrims and one young person and will give two helpers £400 each towards their fares. If you would like a chance of sponsorship, please write your name and contact number in the relevant category on the list at the back of church. This year's Lourdes Prize Bingo will be held on Wednesday 30th January in St. Gregory's Social Centre, 7:00 p.m. for a 7:30.p.m. start. There will be a raffle and a hot-pot supper. Donations of prizes will be greatly appreciated. These can be brought to church or given to Fr. Ted, Deacon Jim or a member of the Lourdes Group.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 21st
9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 22nd
12.00 noon Service of the Word

Wednesday 23rd
12.00 noon Mass - Rosalie Ann Hoggatt
(We will be joined by a class from St. Gregory's School)

Thursday 24th
12.00 noon Mass - Kathleen Haythornthwaite

Friday 25th
12.00 noon Mass - John & Elizabeth Walling

Saturday 26th
6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Chris Wilson

Sunday 27th
10.00 a.m. Mass - The Parishioners

RWANDA CHARITY SHOP

Unfortunately, and in spite of all your help, for which we will always be very grateful, we have run into a major problem. We find that in the month of February we have many sessions, mornings and afternoons, for which we cannot find staff and which will result in our having to close the shop many times if we can't find more volunteers. So we appeal to your generosity yet again. You don't need experience - help will be given. Couples would be very welcome. Sessions are every day, except Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. If you think you can help, or just for more information, please ring Joe Bamber (01772 700102).

I cannot stress strongly enough how important that little shop is to the poor in Rwanda.

Joe Bamber



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Pam Raggett, Betty Whiteside, Eric Grimes, Jackie Lyons, Maureen Hetko, Maria Butterworth, 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, Jim Durnian, Mary Randall and for 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 Teresa Hayhurst and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Hebrews 5 vv 1-10	Mark 2 vv 18-22
Tuesday	Hebrews 6 vv 10-20	Mark 2 vv 23-28
Wednesday	Hebrews 7 vv 1-3, 15-17	Mark 3 vv 1-6
Thursday	Hebrews 7v 25 to 8 v 6	Mark 3 vv 7-12
Friday	The Conversion of St. Paul	
	Acts 22 vv 3-16	Mark 16 vv 15-18
Saturday	Hebrews 9 vv 2-3, 11-14	Mark 3 vv 20-21
Sunday	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	
	Nehemiah 8 vv 2-6, 8-10	Corinthians 12 vv 12-30
	Luke 1 vv 1-4, 14-21	



COLLECTION LAST WEEK (including Buildings' Fund) £710.85

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Rwanda Group Trust £63.60

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Lourdes Group

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: CAFOD

MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 77 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 150

BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £11,285.76

CAFOD
Just one world

- **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 after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **STALL LAST WEEK:** Fairtrade Sales - £70.05
Donations: - £20.91
- **DID YOU KNOW ...** as Syria's civil war enters its eighth year, it remains the worst humanitarian crisis of our time. An estimated 6.1 million Syrians are homeless inside the country and more than half the country's pre-war population, 13.1 million people, are in need of urgent humanitarian aid. Since the launch of CAFOD's Syria Crisis Appeal, the Catholic Community in England and Wales has donated more than £3.7 million, allowing CAFOD to continue to work with our partners in delivering emergency aid to tens of thousands of vulnerable Syrian families. Thank you for your generosity and please keep all refugees and those working to assist them in your thoughts and prayers.
- **DO YOU HAVE** any spare or left over coins or banknotes, holiday money or old stamps? All proceeds go to CAFOD.



ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB PARISH DRAW JANUARY WINNERS

£100	219	Tony Maguire
£50	2	Jim Maguire
£30	28	Shelagh McElhone
£10	158	Margaret Johnson
£10	242	Maddie Birch
£10	48	George Daniel
£10	98	Maggie Stone
£10	236	Simon Rawsthorn
£10	153	Mrs. M. Gregson
£10	39	Dee Diston
£10	215	Martin Ryan

You could be missing out - you have to be in to win!
New members welcome!

Information in the leaflet on the table at the back of church. May we remind members who pay annually that their subscription for Jan. to Dec. 2019 is now due. Please place in collection marked "300 Club" together with your details - cheques payable to "St. Gregory's 300 Club".