



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th January 2019
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C



JESUS BEGAN his ministry by making His own the words of Isaiah, "He sent me to bring the Good News to the poor." He sent it, not to the wealthy or the powerful but to the lowly, the oppressed and the suffering; to all those who, realising their sinfulness, are hungering and thirsting for God's love and mercy.

The Good News is that God's mercy and love are available to all those who hunger for it. Let us not be afraid to admit our sinfulness and spiritual poverty before God, for Jesus made Himself the friend of sinners and of the poor.

"Heavenly Father, through Christ Your Son, we experience in our lives Your love and healing; Your forgiveness and compassion. May we share generously with others the blessings we have received from You."

MASS INTENTIONS

Simon Forrest, George Chapple and Jim Durnian

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 28 th January	St. Thomas Aquinas
Thursday 31 st January	St. John Bosco
Saturday 2 nd February	The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

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.



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. If a draw is necessary it will take place at the Lourdes Bingo which will be held in St. Gregory's Social Centre this coming Wednesday, **30th January**, 7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start. There will be a raffle and 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 28th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 29th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Wednesday 30th

12.00 noon Mass - Kathleen Donaghy

(We will be joined by a class from St. Gregory's School)

Thursday 31st

12.00 noon Mass - Jim Carroll

Friday 1st February

11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Jim Durnian

Saturday 2nd

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Anthony Talbot

Sunday 3rd

10.00 a.m. Mass - Josette & Bernard Black



LADIES' GROUP

The next meeting of the Ladies' Group will be in the Social Centre on Tuesday afternoon, 29th January at **2.00 p.m.**

Pat Ashcroft will speak about her "Latest Escapades". All Welcome.

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Hebrews 9 vv 15, 24-28	Mark 3 vv 22-30	
Tuesday	Hebrews 10 vv 1-10	Mark 3 vv 31-35	
Wednesday	Hebrews 10 vv 11-18	Mark 4 vv 1-20	
Thursday	Hebrews 10 vv 19-25	Mark 4 vv 21-25	
Friday	Acts 10 vv 32-39	Mark 4 vv 26-34	
Saturday	The Presentation of The Lord (Candlemas)		
	Malachi 3 vv 1-4	Hebrews 2 vv 14-18	Luke 2 vv 22-40
Sunday	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C		
	Jeremiah 1 vv 4-5, 17-19	Corinthians 12 v 31 to 13 v 13	
		Luke 4 vv 21-30	



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, 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, especially Jim Durnian and for Simon Forrest, George Chapple 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 Building Fund) £642.82

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Lourdes Group £105.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: CAFOD

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Parish Buildings' Fund

MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 83 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 145

BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £11,888.26

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. Tea and coffee will also be served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **DO YOU HAVE** any spare or left over coins or banknotes, holiday money or old stamps? All donations are greatly received and all proceeds go to CAFOD. There is a box on the table at the back of church.

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 2nd February - Artist Assured

Bingo - Monday, Thursday, 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?

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Quiz Night at St. Anthony's Social Centre on Friday **1st February** at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £3.00 payable on the door. Proceeds to support Francis House Children's Hospice.
- Vocations Weekend for young women from **15th to 17th February** in Liverpool. Theme: Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation. For more information on times contact Sr. Lynne, F.C.J. at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit the website at www.fcjsisters.org.
- PeerTalk, a registered national charity, is looking for volunteer facilitators to help run a peer support group for people living with depression in Preston. Training Day is on **Saturday 16th February** from 9.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in Leeds. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer.
- **Saturday 23rd February** at The Xaverian Missionaries, Sharoe Green Lane at 10.30 a.m. An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality. An exploration of Ignatian prayer, discernment and an opportunity to learn more about Ignatius himself.