



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>/Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C**



**JESUS WENT BACK** to his home place, Nazareth and they invited Him to preach in the synagogue. Their first reaction of Him was extremely favourable; they were astonished at the gracious words he spoke. However, their admiration soon turned into doubt and then into hostility. Sadly, they saw Him as the son of Joseph and they felt that, if he had something to offer then they, the people of His own town should be the first to benefit from it. Yet they had no faith in Him. They could not take the truth that He was telling them. Jesus suffered the same fate as all the prophets - rejection by His own people.

Prophecy is not about pleasing people; it is about telling the truth. That, sadly, some people do not want to hear. Each of us, as well as the world as a whole, needs the voice of a true prophet for there are many things to which we are blind; so many things about which we delude ourselves.

*Let us pray that we always receive Jesus and His message with openness and generosity of heart and that we may be the fearless voice of truth, justice and freedom on behalf of all God's children.*

## MASS INTENTION

Jim Durnian

## A REMINDER .....

- **Owing to a wedding, there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**
- 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

Thanks to all who supported the recent Lourdes Bingo - those who donated prizes, made hot-pots, worked in different ways and all who

came along on the night. The sum of £911.00 was raised.

The following will be sponsored by the Group to attend the pilgrimage.

Sick Person:	Susan Lavelle Steve Jordan
Young Person:	Alfi Biju
Helper:	Abraham Thankachan Steve Mills

## LITURGY NEXT WEEK

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

9.00 a.m. Mass - Thomas Jackson and Thomas, Jane & Sheila Rowlands

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

No Mass or Service of the Word

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

No Mass or Service of the Word

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

12.00 noon Mass - Richard Burns

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

8.30 a.m. Mass in the School Hall - Wally Gaskell

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Simon Forrest

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

10.00 a.m. Mass - Colin Hoggatt

**CONGRATULATIONS** and all our best wishes to **Josette Black**, one of our 10.00 a.m. Mass Eucharistic Ministers, who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

**THANK YOU** from our Music Leader, **Peter Cobb** to all who sponsored him on his recent run. Over £200 was raised for CAFOD.

### 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, 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 all 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 11 vv 32-40	Mark 5 vv 1-20
Tuesday	Hebrews 12 vv 1-4	Mark 5 vv 21-43
Wednesday	Hebrews 12 vv 4-7, 11-15	Mark 6 vv 1-6
Thursday	Hebrews 12 vv 18-19, 21-24	Mark 6 vv 7-13
Friday	Hebrews 13 vv 1-8	Mark 6 vv 14-29
Saturday	Hebrews 13 vv 15-17, 20-21	Mark 6 vv 30-34
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	
	Isaiah 6 vv 1-8	Corinthians 15 vv 1-11
	Luke 5 v 1-11	



**COLLECTION LAST WEEK** (including Buildings' Fund) £692.33

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** CAFOD £51.57

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY:** Parish Buildings' Fund

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Rwanda Group Trust

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 77 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 145

**BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £12,367.82**

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fairtrade goods, will be at the back of church after both Masses next weekend. 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.
- **LANCASTER BLOG:** To read all about what is happening in parishes within the Lancaster Diocese, visit <https://cafodlancaster.wordpress.com>.

### FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February St. Agatha  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February SS. Paul Miki and Companions



### ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB PARISH DRAW

The next draw will take place next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> February after the 10.00 a.m. Mass. Prizes of £100, £50, £30 and eight prizes of £10. New members always welcome. See Steve Jordan or Deacon Jim.

### ACTA - A CALL TO ACTION

**A commitment to neighbourhood.** Prayer, reflection and discussion with Fr Gerry Proctor M.B.E on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Xaverian Missionaries Spirituality Centre, 169 Sharoe Green Lane, Preston. PR2 8HE. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

To book please email [anne.foley@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne.foley@blueyonder.co.uk) or telephone 01772 555483.

### ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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?