



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th February 2019

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C



ISAIAH, PAUL AND PETER are at the centre of today's readings. All three men did great things for God yet each of them had a low opinion of themselves. They did not put themselves forward but were called by God. They accepted the call reluctantly, convinced that they were unworthy of it but in accepting God's invitation they received strength arising out of weakness, empowering them to do things they never thought possible.

By our Baptism we, too, are called to follow Christ and to offer His words of truth and love to all we meet. The Lord asks us to concentrate on His love, mercy and strength, working in and through us. Together with Him we can be God's apostles, God's messengers. Together with God, we, too, can do great things.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Universal:

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution and of violence.

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. Likewise, 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.

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.

CAFOD
Just one world

- **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.
- **DID YOU KNOW ...** CAFOD's 'Hands On' programme supports communities as they undertake a three year project and lets you follow their progress. Our latest 'Hands On' project is in the Magdalena Medio region in Colombia, South America. For over 50 years, Colombia has suffered so much. More than 280,000 people have been killed in the conflict, many of these children. Working with our local partner Programa de Desarrollo y Paz (Peace and Development Programme), people living in the Magdalena Medio region plan to educate and empower young people to resolve conflict peacefully. The project will begin by running peace building workshops in 34 schools, teaching young people how to avoid a life of violence.
- **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>.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 11th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 12th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Wednesday 13th

12.00 noon Mass - Cecilia & Patrick

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

Thursday 14th

12.00 noon Mass - Joe Holmes

Friday 15th

12.00 noon Mass - Topping Family

Saturday 16th

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

Sunday 17th

10.00 a.m. Mass - George Chapple

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	Genesis 1 vv 1-9	Mark 6 vv 53-56
Tuesday	Genesis 1 v 20 to 2 v 4	Mark 7 vv 1-13
Wednesday	Genesis 2 vv 4-9, 15-17	Mark 7 vv 14-23
Thursday	Genesis 2 vv 18-25	Mark 7 vv 24-30
Friday	Genesis 3 vv 1-8	Mark 7 vv 31-37
Saturday	Genesis 3 vv 9-24	Mark 8 vv 1-10
Sunday	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	
	Jeremiah 17 vv 5-8	Corinthians 15 vv 12, 16-20
	Luke 6 vv 17, 20-26	



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, John Thornton 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.



Apologies – the usual statistics are not available this week: Parish Holiday!!

COLLECTION LAST WEEK (including Buildings' Fund)

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Parish Buildings' Fund

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Rwanda Group Trust

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: CAFOD

MASS ATTENDANCE: FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £12,367.82

ACTA - A CALL TO ACTION

A commitment to neighbourhood. Prayer, reflection and discussion with Fr Gerry Proctor M.B.E on Saturday 9th 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. or telephone 01772 555483.

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 left at the Parish House.

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 16th 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)

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday 14th February SS. Cyril & Methodius



ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB PARISH DRAW

The next draw will take place this Sunday, 10th 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.

You've got to be in it to win it!!

DIARY DATES

Saturday 23rd February: An introduction to Ignatian Spirituality at The Xaverian Missionaries, Sharoe Green Lane at 10.30 a.m. An exploration of Ignatian prayer and discernment.

Saturday 2nd March: Winckley Square Convent Annual Reunion from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. at Our Lady and St. Edwards Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood, Preston. PR2 9EU.