



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th February 2019

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL we are plunged into the world of the Beatitudes. Here we discover the values Christ held up before His disciples. Christ faced them with a radical choice - they could either take the ways of this world and its values (the pursuit of money, pleasure, popularity, power, prestige) or they could take His way and live the values of the Kingdom (poverty of spirit, cleanliness of heart, capacity to show mercy, suffer for the cause of right). Christ offered His disciples a whole new set of goals and values. These are the exact opposite of those coveted by the world. To which world do we belong? When making important decisions, do we ever consult Christ and His Gospel?

God our Father, You are the same yesterday, today and forever. Help us to have confidence in Your unfailing love and goodness, for Your love surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive us our failings, keep us in Your peace and lead us in the path to eternal life.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Universal:

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

FEAST NEXT WEEK

Friday 22nd February The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

In a world steeped in violence, conflict and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of every human person and the necessity of building peace, prosperity and justice for all. We need to open our hearts to those who face this hatred.

"As you did this for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 18th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 19th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Wednesday 20th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

1.30 p.m. Funeral Service for Elizabeth Whiteside

Thursday 21st

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Friday 22nd

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Saturday 23rd

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Michael O'Leary

Sunday 24th

10.00 a.m. Mass - Colin Hoggatt

MASS INTENTIONS

Jim Durnian, Doris Lakin, James Casey, Teresa Madden, William Worden, Maria Ciavatta, Delores Chatwin, Denis Walton, Gerard Kellett and Frank Boyle.

THANK YOU

- Many thanks from Teresa Durnian and family to Fr. Ted and Deacon Jim for all the spiritual help they received during Jim's illness and to all the parishioners of St. Gregory's for prayers, Mass cards and good wishes received at this time. God bless you all.
- Sarah Gaile would like to say thank you to all at St. Gregory's for prayers and Mass cards received during Hugh's illness. May he rest in peace. Thank you and God bless you all.
- Thank you to all friends and family who have raised £460.00 for the St. Gregory's Lourdes Fund in celebration of Josette Black's 90th birthday.



- **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.
- **DID YOU KNOW** ... CAFOD has worked in sub-Saharan Africa since the 1970s. Today our work continues to span diverse cultures and environments across the continent with programmes in West Africa and the Great Lakes Region, Horn and East Africa and Southern Africa. We work with both Church and secular organisations at local, national and regional level to bring about positive and long-lasting change to the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable. We provide support by responding to emergencies such as droughts, floods and armed conflict; helping communities to recover and move into long-term development. Without your generosity and prayers, CAFOD would be unable to carry out any of its works. Thank you.
- **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 for anything which you wish to give.
- **LANCASTER BLOG:** To read all about what is happening in parishes within the Lancaster Diocese, visit <https://cafodlancaster.wordpress.com>.



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, especially Elizabeth Whiteside and Teresa Madden and for James Casey, William Worden, Maria Ciavatta 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 Buildings' Fund) £652.22
SPECIAL COLLECTION: Rwanda Group Trust £69.88
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Lourdes Group
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: CAFOD
BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £12,367.82
MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 90 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 137

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Genesis 4 vv 1-15, 25	Mark 8 vv 11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6 vv 5-8, 7 vv 1-5, 10	Mark 8 vv 14-21
Wednesday	Genesis 8 vv 6-13, 20-22	Mark 8 vv 22-26
Thursday	Genesis 9 vv 1-13	Mark 8 vv 27-33
Friday	Genesis 11 vv 1-9	Mark 8 v 34 to 9 v 1
Saturday	Hebrews 11 vv 1-7	Mark 9 vv 2-13
Sunday	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	
	Samuel 26 vv 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23	Corinthians 15 vv 45-49
	Luke 6 vv, 27-38	

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Hill and Angela Clifford who were married at St. Gregory's last weekend. We wish them every happiness in their future together.



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

£100	173	Mr. D. Vickers	You could
£50	17	Mr. D. Jackson	be missing
£30	43	Mr. J. Ryan	out. You
£10	162	Anne-Maria Cornwell	have to be
£10	22	Mrs. O'Leary	in to win!
£10	204	Maureen Ramshead	New
£10	122	Sandra Wright	members
£10	36	Brian Ainsworth	welcome.
£10	39	Dee Diston	See Steve
£10	34	Mr. N. McElhone	Jordan or
£10	201	Mr. M. Doody	Deacon Jim

May we remind members who pay annually (Jan. - Dec.) that their subscription is now due.

SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

Meeting to re-launch the Preston branch on Saturday 23rd February at 10.30 a.m. at the SPUC office, Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Docklands. More information from Edward Gibbons on 020 7820 3140 or Mary Donlan on 01772 723094.

ACTA - A CALL TO ACTION

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, Sharoe Green Lane. To book please email anne.foley@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 01772 555483.