



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th February 2019

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C



JESUS SAYS: "Be compassionate, do not judge, do not condemn. Treat others as you would like them to treat you."

How easy it is to be critical; to be over hasty in making judgements, to be intolerant of the faults of others. How terribly, arbitrarily and superficially people criticise and judge. By our judgements we convict ourselves.

Jesus said: "Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves."

Next Wednesday we see the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent, during which we prepare for Easter by entering the wilderness with Our Blessed Lord. It is a time of prayer, fasting and abstinence. Let our Lenten journey help us to understand ourselves in an intimate and personal way in the light of the words of Jesus and realise that we are the cherished children of God.

The season of Lent is a penitential time and, with anything in life, the more we put into it the more graces we will receive from it.

"Lord, only by the help of Your grace can we love as You love. Give us strength to overcome anger with love and evil with good."

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.



ST. GREGORY'S LOURDES GROUP

A sincere thanks to Teresa Durnian and family for their kind donation of £441.00 in memory of Jim and to

Joseette Black for £460.00 from her 90th birthday. Thanks also to parishioners for all anonymous donations and the monthly collections.

David Stone will also be sponsored to go on this year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Thank you all for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Alex Schroder, Teresa Madden, David McEvoy, Thomas Yates and Jim Durnian.

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 and have the Sacraments taken to them.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 25th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 26th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

6.00 p.m. Reception into church for Edward Ryan

Wednesday 27th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

1.30 p.m. Funeral Service for Edward Ryan

Thursday 28th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Friday 1st March

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Saturday 2nd

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Tony Yates

Sunday 3rd

10.00 a.m. Mass - Noel Hammond



- **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** ... Isacko Jirma, an aid worker for Caritas Kenya in Burgabo, is helping to rebuild people's lives after the East Africa drought in 2017. The crisis, leaving over 13 million people without enough food to eat, may be over according to our TV screens, but for people like Kushi Huka, a single mum, it is still very real. She says, "Without you, I don't know what would have happened. Maybe we would be dead." CAFOD, as part of an extensive global Catholic Church network, is one of the very few organisations working with people on the fringes of society. Thank you for your support.
- **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 Edward Ryan and for Alex Schroeder, Thomas Yates 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) £649.92
SPECIAL COLLECTION: Lourdes Group £62.00
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: CAFOD
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Parish Buildings' Fund
BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £12,367.82
MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 89 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 141

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Ecclesiasticus 1 vv 1-10	Mark 9 vv 14-29
Tuesday	Ecclesiasticus 2 vv 1-11	Mark 9 vv 30-37
Wednesday	Ecclesiasticus 4 vv 11-19	Mark 9 vv 38-40
Thursday	Ecclesiasticus 5 vv 1-8	Mark 9 vv 41-50
Friday	St. David, Patron Saint of Wales	
	Philippians 3 vv 8-14	Matthew 5 vv 13-16
Saturday	Ecclesiasticus 10 vv 1-12	Mark 10 vv 13-16
Sunday	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	
	Ecclesiasticus 27 vv 4-7	Corinthians 15 vv 54-58
	Luke 6 vv 39-45	

FEAST NEXT WEEK

Friday 1st March St. David, Patron Saint of Wales

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 2nd March - 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

- **Co-ordinator of School Chaplaincies** required by the Diocese to support the chaplaincy teams. 10 days per academic year. For more details please contact Heather Watts at the Education Centre on 01524 841190 or hew@lancasterrcdiocese.org.uk.
- **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 contact on 01772 555483 or anne.foley@blueyonder.co.uk.
- **Castlerigg Youth Service:** Retreat for Young Adults from **8th to 10th March**. A chance to meet and get to know other young people from the diocese. More information on the website www.castleriggmanor.co.uk.
- **27th May to 1st June:** Pilgrimage to Assisi. Visiting all the major sites. Only double/twin rooms available. Cost £795.00 per person. For more details contact St. Clare's on 01772 719604 or enquiries@saintclares.co.uk.