



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**The Baptism of the Lord**



**JESUS' BAPTISM** by John in the Jordan was one of the most decisive points in His life. For close on thirty years He had lived a quiet and secure life in Nazareth. Yet, all the time His Father's hand was laid upon Him and He was being guided gently towards His real work.

After His Baptism, Jesus left His old life and opted for the new one - that of teacher, preacher and healer of His people.

Baptism for Christ was His turning point. What about our Baptism? It is like a seed planted in young hearts but, given time, it will bloom into Christ-like living. One day it will demand of us fundamental choices. We will be faced with the choice, either to go our own way - the way of self-promotion and world values - or the way of Christ - to follow the call to live up to our dignity as children of the same Father, who considers the welfare of others as His own. This may not come in a dramatic moment. It may come as a series of little choices but what we have always to look at is the direction of our lives. Are we being true to the direction in which we were pointed at Baptism?

*"Father, You sent Your Son into the world to show us the way to You. Help us to live up to the call we received at Baptism with courage and steadfastness so that we may reach the glory You have prepared for us."*

## A REMINDER:

- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon.
- The church is open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 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, meals in a tin and meals for people with no cooking facilities) and clothes/bedding for the Rwanda Group Trust Charity Shop. There are boxes at the back of church and in the church porch.

## A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Holy God,  
earth and air and water are your creation and the web of life is yours.  
Have mercy on us in the face of climate chaos.  
Help us to be keepers of your Earth:  
to simplify our lives,  
to reduce our use of energy,  
to share the resources you have given us,  
to raise our voices for justice  
and to bear the cost of change.  
Amen.  
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

## MASS INTENTIONS

Anthony Talbot, Tony Yates, Noel Hammond and Mary Traynor.

**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 have the Sacrament of the Eucharist taken to them.

## POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

## LITURGY NEXT WEEK

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
9.00 a.m. Service of the Word  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
12.00 noon Service of the Word  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
12.00 noon Mass - John Walker  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
12.00 noon Mass - Mary Frances Woodward  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
12.00 noon Mass - Thomas, Ashley & Jane Turberfield  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - The Parishioners  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00 a.m. Mass - Francis Terrance Boyle



### LANCASTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The pilgrimage this year runs from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. This year's Lourdes Prize Bingo will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January in St. Gregory's Social Centre, 7:00 p.m. for a 7:30.p.m. start. There will be a raffle and a 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.



### 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, Hughie Gaile, Joan Muir, Susan Lavelle, Mary Gallagher, Fiona Turnbull, Teresa Flanagan, May Eccles, Marian Roberts, Jim Durnian, 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 Tony Yates, Noel Hammond, Mary Traynor and all others 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 1 vv 1-6	Mark 1 vv 14-20
Tuesday	Hebrews 2 vv 5-12	Mark 1 vv 21-28
Wednesday	Hebrews 2 vv 14-18	Mark 1 vv 29-39
Thursday	Hebrews 3 vv 7-14	Mark 1 vv 40-45
Friday	Hebrews 4 v 1 to 5 v 11	Mark 2 vv 1-12
Saturday	Hebrews 4 vv 12-16	Mark 2 vv 13-17
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	
	Isaiah 62 vv 1-5	Corinthians 12 vv 4-11
	John 2 vv 1-11	



**COLLECTION LAST WEEK** (including Buildings' Fund) £688.94

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Parish Buildings' Fund £79.56

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY:** Rwanda Group Trust

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Lourdes Group

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 93 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 123

**BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £11,285.76**



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fairtrade goods, will be at the back of church after both the Masses this weekend with tea and coffee served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **DID YOU NOW ...** CAFOD campaigners have contributed in making the world a better place. Share the Journey: in 2018 we wanted to walk once around the world (24,900 miles) showing our support for people forced to flee their homes; so far, you have walked an incredible 115,000 miles. We've got the power: in 2018, over 30,000 of you spoke up loud and clear to the World Bank and to the UK government emphasising the importance of focusing energy spending that benefits the world's poorest people. The World Bank announced in December that they will no longer finance oil and gas exploration and production after 2019. Thank you for your support. Interested in volunteering with CAFOD? Visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).
- **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.



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

The next draw will take place in church after the 10.00 a.m. Mass today. New members welcome.

Cash prizes every month. Don't miss out - take a leaflet from the back of church. A reminder to those who pay annually that their money for Jan-Dec 2019 is now due. Please place in collection marked "300 Club" together with your details or hand to Steve Jordan or Deacon Jim - cheques payable to "St. Gregory's 300 Club".

### ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

19<sup>th</sup> January - 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

Why not visit our friendly club?