



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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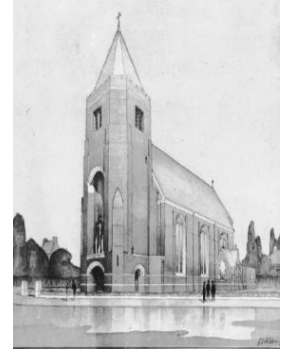
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**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**First Sunday of Lent**



## Pope Francis has appointed Fr Paul Swarbrick as the new Bishop of our Diocese

Fr Paul is presently the Parish Priest of The Parish of Christ the Good Shepherd in Workington, Cumbria. Aged 59yrs, he grew up in Garstang, one of a family of four. He has spent his whole priestly life in parish ministry, including 15yrs as a Parish Priest in Zambia. Fr Paul will be ordained Bishop at 11.30am on April 9<sup>th</sup> in our Cathedral Church of St Peter in Lancaster which is when he will take over from Bishop Michael as the seventh Bishop of Lancaster. In the meantime, he asks us for three things - that we pray for him each day; that we be patient with him; and that we prepare to collaborate with him and with each other.

## Lenten schedule

- Each Wednesday evening in Lent, starting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7.00 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00 p.m.
- Each Friday during Lent, starting Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, there will be a Lenten Lunch in the Parish House following the 12.00 noon Mass. £1.00 for a bowl of soup and a bread roll. All proceeds will go to the Rwanda Group Trust.

### A REMINDER .....

- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon. During the winter months this will take place in the Parish House.
- The church is open for private prayer on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. until dusk.
- Please continue to 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 suitable for sale can be weighed in for cash. There is a box in the church porch.

### LITURGY NEXT WEEK

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word (in the Parish House)

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

9.00 a.m. Mass - Noel Hammond

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

7.00 p.m. Mass - Colin Hoggatt

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

12.00 noon Mass - Maria Ciavatta

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

12.00 noon Mass - Doris Lakin

(All Weekday Masses in Church)

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

10.00 a.m. Mass - Agnes Burke



The Music Group will meet in the Parish Social Centre on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. to look at music for Holy Week. Anyone who wishes to join them will be very welcome even if they do not wish to be part of the group. A special invitation to any instrumentalists who wish to come and play.

- **FRIDAY** of this week is CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. Please return Lenten Fast envelopes next week.
- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fair Trade goods, will be at the back of church after both the 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 ...** this Lent, Family Fast Day focuses on the work our partners are doing to fight hunger and malnutrition in Zimbabwe? By fasting, we can focus on what really matters - our relationship with God and love for our brothers and sisters. Money raised towards CAFOD's Lent appeal between Shrove Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May will be doubled by the UK Government, up to £5 million. Your gift will make double the difference this Lent. Thank you for your support and prayers; it enables us to transform the lives of families and communities overseas.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Patrick Gallagher and Agnes Burke

**FEAST NEXT WEEK**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle



**YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE**

For all who are sick; especially Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Pam Raggett, Betty Whiteside, Eric Grime, Joe Meehan, Peggy Fletcher, Jackie Lyons, Maureen Hetko,

Maria Butterworth, Bernadette Benson, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Fred Griffiths, Rainie Tallon, Hughie Gaille, Susan Lavelle, Fr. Joe Maley, Mary Gallagher, Joan Muir, Grace Fernando, May Eccles and Fiona Turnbull.

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.*



**COLLECTION LAST WEEK** (including Buildings' Fund): £702.70

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** - Lourdes Group £103.00

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** CAFOD Lenten Fast

**PARISH BUILDINGS FUND TOTAL TO DATE = £6,888.03**

**MASS ATTENDANCES:** 6.30 p.m. Vigil = 81 10.00 a.m. = 156

**READINGS NEXT WEEK**

Monday	Leviticus 19 vv 1-2, 11-18	Matthew 25 vv 31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55 vv 10-11	Matthew 6 vv 7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3 vv 1-10	Luke 11 vv 29-32
Thursday	<b>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</b>	
	Peter 5 vv 1-4	Matthew 16 vv 13-19
Friday	Ezekiel 18 vv 21-28	Matthew 5 vv 20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26 vv 16-19	Matthew 5 vv 43-48
	Sunday - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B	
	Genesis 22 vv 1-2, 9-13, 15-18	Romans 8 vv 31-34
	Mark 9 vv 2-10	

**ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE**

Saturday 24<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?



**ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB**

**PARISH DRAW**

**FEBRUARY WINNERS**

£100	35	S. Wright - Lowthorpe Road
£50	267	S. Weyer - The Oaks
£30	140	Mrs. P. Fishwick - St. Oswald's Close
£10	253	Pat Cairns - Butterlands
£10	246	Norma Thornton - Ronaldsway
£10	295	Grace Holme - Watling Street Road
£10	75	John Hills - Woodside Avenue
£10	01	Fr. Ted Gannon - Blackpool Road
£10	191	Mr. J. McDonald - Plover Street
£10	27	Mr. & Mrs. Oulton - Watling Street Road
£10	110	Mrs. Hewitson - St. George's Road

May we remind members who pay annually (Jan.-Dec.) that their payment is due  
New members welcome!

**LENT IN THE MINSTER 2018**

Talks on five Mondays 19<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> March inclusive at 7.30 p.m. See poster on Notice Board.

**THE PARISH BULLETIN** is issued every weekend. It is distributed at our Parish Masses, 6.30 p.m. Saturday evening and 10.00 a.m. Sunday morning. It is then available throughout the week on the table at the back of church or you can view it on-line at [www.stgregoryspreston.org.uk](http://www.stgregoryspreston.org.uk).