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Saturday 10th/Sunday 11th March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

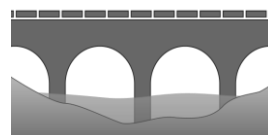


MOTHERING SUNDAY

One thing that may surprise you "Mother's Day" owes its origin to Mother Church!!

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, every year, on what we call "Laetare (or Rejoicing) Sunday", the Church celebrates her "motherhood" as mother of many nations and many peoples. The Church is not an impersonal institution. She is a universal mother and, like any good mother, she serves her children with life, with faith and with forgiveness. The Church is so much a mother that, in English tradition, this Sunday became known as "Mothering Sunday".

On this "Mother's Day" we wish all our Mothers, Grandmothers and Great-Grandmothers a very happy and joyful day.



The news this morning is of talks between Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un. Bridges! Imagine the chaos if Preston's bridges across the Ribble were all destroyed. Like so many things, we take them for granted – till they are not there. There is a very interesting proverb in the Oriental world – "Those who cannot forgive others, break the bridge over which they themselves must cross." To destroy a bridge that we ourselves need in order to keep someone else at arm's length is insane. Yet that's what we do. Each act of forgiveness strengthens the bridge over which we must carry our own load of failings, sins and mistakes. Each refusal to forgive explodes a bomb under the bridge we ourselves must cross if we are to go to God.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 12th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 13th

12.00 noon Mass - George Richardson

Wednesday 14th

12.00 noon Mass - Peter Hills

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

Thursday 15th

12.00 noon Mass - Joseph Jackson

Friday 16th

12.00 noon Mass - Thomas, Jane & Sheila Rowlands

Saturday 17th

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

Sunday 18th

10.00 a.m. Mass – Rohan Dissanayake

MASS INTENTIONS

Rita Farry, Tommy Farry, Joseph Jackson, Thomas, Jane & Sheila Rowlands, Don Green and Rohan Dissanayake.



• **Each Wednesday** evening 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** 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.
- **Our Parish Liturgy of Reconciliation** in preparation for Easter will be on **Tuesday 20th March** at 7.00 p.m. in Church.
- **Each Saturday** morning there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish House from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon.
- **The Church** will be open for private prayer on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. until dusk.

PLEASE CONTINUE to bring in clothes/bedding 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, **but no duvets please.**

- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fair Trade goods, will be at the back of church after both the Masses this weekend. Tea and Coffee will also be served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **DID YOU KNOW ...** Zimbabwe struggles to grow enough food for its population? One in three people are undernourished and going hungry. When children go hungry for months or years on end, their bodies struggle to fight off everyday infections. Many children die from these infections. CAFOD is working with the local Catholic Church to tackle malnutrition in three different ways - through helping people grow more food, training communities to understand good nutrition and providing clean water. In areas where we are working, we have seen malnutrition go right down. Children are happier, healthier, and more likely to stay in school.

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.



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): £756.75

SPECIAL COLLECTION - Rwanda Group Trust £62.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Parish Gift - Bishop Michael's Retirement

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Church Buildings' Fund

PARISH BUILDINGS FUND TOTAL TO DATE = £7325.03

MASS ATTENDANCES: 6.30 p.m. Vigil = 82 10.00 a.m. = 150

FEAST NEXT WEEK

Saturday 17th March St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland)

READINGS NEXT WEEK

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| Monday | Isaiah 65 vv 17-21 | John 4 vv 43-54 |
| Tuesday | Ezekiel 47 vv 1-9, 12 | John 5 vv 1-3, 5-16 |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 49 vv 8-15 | John 5 vv 17-30 |
| Thursday | Exodus 32 vv 7-14 | John 5 vv 31-47 |
| Friday | Wisdom 2 vv 1, 12-22 | John 7 vv 1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Saturday | Jeremiah 11 vv 18-20 | John 7 vv 40-52 |
| | Sunday - 5 th Sunday of Lent - Year B | |
| | Jeremiah 31 vv 31-34 | Hebrews 5 vv 7-9 |
| | John 12 vv 20-30 | |

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 17th 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)



The Music Group will meet in the Parish Social Centre on **Monday 19th 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.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Friday 16th March: Stations of the Cross at St. Clare's at 7.00 p.m. Each station will be accompanied by a story and reflection around one of the countries in which the 'Aid to the Church in Need' works.

Tuesday 20th March: Lenten Vigil at Cardinal Newman College at 6.30 p.m.

Walsingham 2018: Now from 2nd to 5th October 2018. Led by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Paul Swarbrick. Cost £280. Closing date 25th June 2018.

For more on all of the above see the posters on the Notice Board in the Church porch.

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