



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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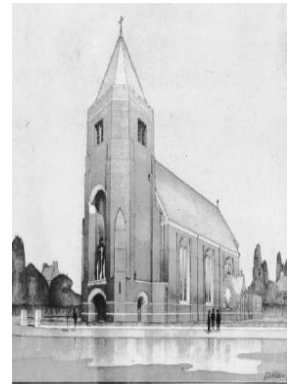
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**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Palm Sunday**

## Holy Week and Easter

**Palm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March**

Vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m. and Mass at 10.00 a.m. with the Blessing of Palms

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00 p.m.

**Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

6.30 p.m. The Solemn Easter Vigil (Shortened Form)

**Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00 a.m. Mass

Although our Masses and Services for Holy Week and Easter are of a shortened form, we invite you all to join us as we celebrate the Passion, Death and Glorious Resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**To those parishioners who are isolating at home owing to the ongoing pandemic** - we encourage you to participate in these celebrations at home, knowing that Fr. John Mark, assisted by Deacon Jim, will be celebrating these Masses and Services in church along with your fellow parishioners.



**TODAY we begin the Drama of Holy Week:**  
**The Joy of Palm Sunday**  
**The Intimacy of Holy Thursday**  
**The Sorrow of Good Friday**  
**The Glory of Easter**

Let us, during all our Services and Devotions, follow the Lord, this humble and Holy Man, in the Joys and Sorrows of Holy Week..

*"Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends."*

This week, Jesus lived out the truth of these words. He took upon Himself our sins and the sins of the world.

*"O King of the Friday, whose limbs were stretched upon the cross;*

*O Lord who did suffer the bruises, the wounds and the loss;*

*We stretch ourselves beneath the shield of Thy might; May some fruit of Thy Passion fall on us this night."*

### MASSES TO BE SAID NEXT WEEK

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March Living & Deceased Members of the Wood and Madden Families

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April Thomas, Jane, Sheila & Pat Rowlands

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April The Parishioners

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April May McGuinness

### HOLY THURSDAY

We invite you to bring gifts of food (tinned and processed not fresh) for the homeless in Preston. These can be left in the Food Donation box at the back of church.

### GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, the Special Collection will be for the upkeep of the "Holy Places". Good Friday is also a day of Fasting and Abstinence and it is fitting that Holy Saturday be observed as a day of Fasting also.

### THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER

There is still time to book places for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. You will not be sure of a seat unless you have a reservation. Please telephone Marian Vaughn on 01772 883578. Alternatively you can text to 07913 966916 or e-mail [marianvaughn362@gmail.com](mailto:marianvaughn362@gmail.com).

Please note that we still have to adhere to the Guidelines regarding mixing indoors so you must be with your own family/support bubble. When you arrive at church your name will be checked off the list (for track and trace purposes) and a steward will guide you to your seat. You will be directed out for Holy Communion and, at the end, please remain in your seat until directed to leave by a steward.

### DECORATING THE CHURCH

Any donations towards the cost of decorating our church with flowers for Easter would be gratefully received. These may be handed to Deacon Jim..

### MASS ATTENDANCES LAST WEEK

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March - 6.30 p.m. 31  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March - 10.00 a.m. 63

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> /Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March £488.70

If you prefer to sign a Standing Order or undertake a Bank Transfer, please use the following details:

A/c Name: Parish of St. Gregory, Preston  
A/c No: 81335332  
Sort Code: 40-27-02

Please make sure you add your name to the payment, especially if you are a Gift Aider so we can claim back the tax.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday Isaiah 42 vv 1-7 John 12 vv 1-11  
Tuesday Isaiah 49 vv 1-6 John 13 vv 21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday Isaiah 50 vv 4-9 Matthew 26 vv 14-25

#### Holy Thursday

Exodus 12 vv 1-8, 11-14 Corinthians 11 vv 23-26  
John 13 vv 1-15

#### Good Friday

Isaiah 52 v 13 to 53 v 12 Hebrews 4 vv 14-16; 5 vv 7-9  
Passion According to John 18 vv 1-19, 42

#### Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil

Exodus 14 v 15 to 15 v 1 Romans 6 vv 3-11  
Mark 16 vv 1-7

#### Sunday - Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10 vv 34, 37-43  
Paul/Colossians 3 vv 1-4 John 20 vv 1-9



### YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For Sam Dowd, Eric Grimes, Jackie Lyons, Bernadette Benson, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Mary Gallagher, Joan Muir,

Susan Lavelle, Teresa Flanagan, May Eccles, Marian Roberts, Gerard Renaudin, Joan Sullivan, Rudolph Carlisle, Creena Hamilton, Sarah Gaile, Members of the Wood and Madden Families, Kath Turner, Bob Partington and 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.

For all who are battling the Coronavirus and those risking their own lives and safety to care for them.

*Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.*

For all who have died recently, especially George Benson, for all whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

### RWANDA GROUP TRUST

- As a result of our successful Christmas appeal to provide goats for the poorest people in Rwanda, we have a Lenten appeal ongoing. Goats are highly valued in Rwanda. They cost £30 and, if purchased as a present, a card can be provided to let the recipient know it has been bought on his/her behalf. Contact Bernadette Roberts on 07734 972897 or [grannyrizzle@sky.com](mailto:grannyrizzle@sky.com).
- Unfortunately, owing to the current restrictions, our Friday Lenten Lunches have been unable to take place. All proceeds from these usually go to Rwanda so if anyone would like to make a donation to Rwanda, please have a word with Deacon Jim.

### THE POPE'S INTENTIONS

#### For March - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

#### For April - Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and in democracies in crisis.