



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th April 2022
Palm Sunday

Holy Week and Easter

Saturday 9th April

6.30 p.m. Mass with Blessing of Palms

Palm Sunday 10th April

10.00 a.m. Mass with Blessing of Palms

Monday 11th April

10.00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday 12th April

10.00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday 13th April

10.00 a.m. Mass

12.00 noon Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday 14th April

7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 9.30 p.m.

Good Friday 15th April

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

Holy Saturday 16th April

8.00 p.m. The Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 17th April

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass of Easter

Beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday Evening, we celebrate The Three Days of Easter. These three days - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday - are the days when Christian communities throughout the world celebrate the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection in a very special way. These are the most special days of the year for us Catholic Christians. Over the Three Days we celebrate one mystery. Lent ends and Easter begins with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening. The tabernacle is empty; holy water fonts are dry; no votive candles are lit; we do not genuflect entering or leaving the church.

On Holy Thursday the focus is on the Eucharist, the Last Supper, the washing of one another's feet as an expression of humble service and the holy oils of Baptism, Chrism and the Sick. On Good Friday we focus on the Passion of the Lord and the Wood of the Cross. On Holy Saturday night we light the Easter Candle from a newly lit fire. We listen to the story of our salvation told by the Word of God. We bless the water of Baptism, renew our own Baptismal Faith and as usual celebrate the Eucharist. These days are not so much holidays as HOLY-days. Friday is a day of fast and abstinence and it is fitting that Saturday be observed as a day of fasting also.

We invite you to come and to help form the Community of Faith to celebrate Easter here in our Parish Church over the Three Great Days of Easter.

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.

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 and will be taken to the Salvation Army for the needy in Preston.

MASSES TO BE SAID NEXT WEEK

Thursday 14th April Pierre Marchetti
Saturday 16th April Alan Siddall
Sunday 17th April Mary Hoggatt

MASS INTENTIONS

Rita Farry, Alan Siddall and Pierre *Marchetti*

MUSIC PRACTICE

The Music Group will meet in church on Monday 11th April at 7.00 p.m. to prepare the music for the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join us.

MASS ATTENDANCES LAST TWO WEEKS

Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th March - 36 & 73
Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd April - 44 & 107

COLLECTIONS LAST TWO WEEKS

Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th March £402.20
Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd April £515.40
Back Nos. £73.00 and £553.00
Buildings' Fund £9.40 and £22.60

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

Genesis 1 vv 1-2, 2 Exodus 14 v 15 to 15 v 1
Isaiah 55 vv 1-11

Mass Readings

Romans 6 vv 3-11 Luke 24 vv 1-12

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, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Joan Muir, May Eccles, Marian Roberts, Gerard

Renaudin, Rudolph Carlisle, Sarah Gaile, Members of the Wood and Madden Families, Kath Turner, Anne Ritchie, Robert Swan, Mary Hammond, Isabelle Grundy, Veronica Johnson, Baby Daisy Elizabeth Rose Randall 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 Joe Bamber; for all whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Rita Farry, Alan Siddall and Virginia Royer 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. Please contact Sandra McGrath for details.
- 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, please have a word with Deacon Jim.
- We are very sad to announce the death of Joe Bamber last Tuesday, 29th March. Joe, alongside his wife Rosemary, worked long and hard for St. Gregory's Parish and Rwanda and he will be sadly missed. His reception into church will be on Tuesday 19th April at 6.00 p.m. and Requiem Mass on Wednesday 20th April at 10.00 a.m.

EASTER FLOWERS: Any donations towards the cost of flowers for Easter would be gratefully received. These may be handed to Deacon Jim or any of our flower organisers.