



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>/ Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



**THANKS TO** the writers of the Gospels, the words of Jesus remain with us to this very day.

Jesus says, 'Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away'. The words of Jesus remain with us; comforting us, guiding us, challenging us. They turn our values upside down. Once heard they can never be forgotten but, for all that, they will benefit us little unless we act on them. If they are left in a jar, they remain just so many seeds but if they are taken out and planted, they produce a rich harvest.

In comparison with faith, there is nothing sure or lasting in the world. Human opinions are rooted in appearances and change from day to day but the words of Jesus do not change or pass away. We would all do well to build the houses of our lives on His words.

*We pray, therefore, Lord, that Your word may not only be in our hearts and on our lips but active in our daily lives, so that we may love and serve You daily more and more.*

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

**"The hope of the Poor shall not perish for ever"**  
(Psalm 9:19)

**TODAY** is "World Day of the Poor". The day was initiated by Pope Francis at the end of the Year of Mercy. Here at St. Gregory's we have observed this special day and we will do so again this year. Our focus will be on helping to maintain the dignity of men, women and children most in need, living on the margins of life in our society.

If you would like to support this day, please place anything you wish to donate - men's, women's and children's toiletries - in the Food Bank box at the back of church.

**DURING NOVEMBER, The Book of the Names of the Dead** will be placed on a Lectern in the Sanctuary. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends prayed for during this month of the Holy Souls and **you have not already written their names in the Book** then please enter them now. They will then be remembered at all our Masses during this month. Mass Intentions/Offerings can be handed in in the usual way.

## We will remember them



Peter Melling  
Joseph Swarbrick  
John L. Thompson  
Michael Tomin  
Francis Wilson

Francis Baron  
John Cairns  
Dennis Delahunt  
Cyril Dwyer  
Robert Graham  
James Hall  
Thomas Holden  
Thomas A. Holden  
John McKerney  
Richard N. Moss  
Thomas Taylor  
Gerald Tipping  
Wilfrid Westwell  
Robert Yates

This chalice was presented to our parish by the family of Sgt. Thomas Holden and bears all the above names; servicemen from the parish who died in the Second World War. Please pray for them and for all who have lost their lives in conflicts across the world. *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

## MASSES & SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Mass will continue to be said at 6.30 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. Sunday with weekday Masses at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

### MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fiona Giles McHie
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parkinson & Chapple Families
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All deceased relatives, friends and parishioners of our parish
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Truman
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Parishioners

## MASS INTENTIONS

Marjorie Seed, Fiona Giles McHie, Colin Worden and Mark Patrickson.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

- **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 p.m.** There will be a Service of Reconciliation with Sacramental Absolution. Whilst this is held here at St. Gregory's, it is a joint service with parishioners of St. Anthony's and Holy Family.

#### Christmas Masses:

- Our Christmas Masses this year will be at 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 10.00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

### A MESSAGE FROM NIGERIA

Fr. John Mark has contacted us and wishes the parishioners to know that, after a long journey, he arrived home safe and well. He says that the governorship election in his home state of Anambra is on-going and thankfully there has not been any serious cases of killings and destructions of lives and properties. He also mentioned that his mother's wake-keep Mass will be celebrated by their Bishop on Thursday (the 11<sup>th</sup> November) at 5.00 p.m. and that the auxiliary Bishop will preside over her funeral on Friday (the 12<sup>th</sup> November).

### FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Margaret of Scotland
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:** the true spirit of Christmas giving. World Gift Catalogues are now available on the table in the church porch. The pandemic has pushed more people into poverty and increased inequality. World Gifts is a way of supporting those most in need.

**RWANDA GROUP TRUST:** £30.00 will buy a goat for families struggling in Rwanda. More details next week.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Adam Thomas Duxbury** and **Sara Elizabeth Cray** who were married at St. Gregory's this weekend. We wish them a long and happy life together.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Maccabees 1 vv 10-15, 41-43, 54, 62- 64	Luke 18 vv 35-43
Tuesday	Maccabees 6 vv 18-31	Luke 19 vv 1-10
Wednesday	Maccabees 7 vv 1, 20-31	Luke 19 vv 11-28
Thursday	Maccabees 2 vv 15-29	Luke 19 vv 41-44
Friday	Maccabees 4 vv 37, 52-59	Luke 19 vv 45-48
Saturday	Maccabees 6 vv 1-13	Luke 20 vv 27-40
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Feast of Christ the King</b>		
	Daniel 7 vv 13-14	Apocalypse 1 vv 5-8
	John 18 vv 33-37	



### YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

for Sam Dowd, Eric Grimes, Jackie Lyons, Bernadette Benson, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Joan Muir, Susan Lavelle, May Eccles, Marian Roberts, Gerard

Renaudin, Joan Sullivan, Rudolph Carlisle, Sarah Gaile, Members of the Wood and Madden Families, Kath Turner, Kath Harrison, Anne Ritchie, Robert Swan, Mary Hammond 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 our clergy and all our parishioners.

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

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

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

### ATTENDANCES LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 6.30 p.m.	28
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 10.00 a.m.	66

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Collection	£408.40
Back Envelopes	£32.00

**Next Weekend:** Special Collection for Youth Services

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 in order that we can claim back the tax.

### A REMINDER

Please continue to bring in food to help the Food Bank at the Salvation Army, especially tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk and meals in a tin also, suitable items for homeless people with no cooking facilities. There are boxes at the back of church.