



## ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Easter - Year B**



**JESUS** says to us as He said to Thomas:

“See my wounded hands and side.  
See the proof of my love for you  
so cease doubting and believe.”

Like the apostle, Thomas, all of us have doubts and fears but we should learn from the example of Thomas. What a refreshing honesty he showed. He made no attempt to hide his doubt. He did not pretend that all was well when it was not.

Like Thomas, Christ invites us to draw close to Him in faith and to look at those wounds of His. While it is true that we cannot touch them physically, we can draw very close to Him spiritually and, having been “touched” by Him, He sends us faith to touch others who do not believe in Him.

*“Lord Jesus, grant us the will to reach out even when we do not want to; the love to comfort even when we are without comfort ourselves; the grace to see in darkness and the faith to go on believing in You, even in the midst of our doubt for You live and reign for ever and ever.”*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Topping Family, Noel Hammond, Gerard Swarbrick and Irene Swarbrick.

### LITURGY NEXT WEEK

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Bishop Paul's Ordination - **No** Service of the Word

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

12.00 noon Mass - William O'Donnell

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

12.00 noon Mass - V.P. Paul

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

12.00 noon Mass - A.M. John

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

12.00 noon Mass - Gerard Swarbrick

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 a.m. Mass - Graham Clifford Hart



**Sunday**  
**15<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10.00am**

Next Sunday morning we begin our celebrations of First Holy Communion which will be taking place over four Sundays. I am sure that the community will join in giving a special welcome to the families and their friends on these special occasions.

On Sunday next, 15<sup>th</sup> April, we will welcome  
Megan Roberts, Maisie Ibrams,  
Sharna Walmsley and Malwina Hiszynska  
with their families and friends.

Please pray for this group of children during the coming week.

### RWANDA GROUP TRUST NEWS



David Bamber has sent this photograph from the top of Kilimanjaro (19,000 feet). Joe Bamber or Bernadette Roberts will be at the back of church to collect the money from all who kindly sponsored him.

**Thanks also to:**

- All who supported the recent Lenten Lunches which raised a total of £193.00.
- All who give to the monthly collection at the back of church which averages about £60.00.
- All who regularly bring in clothing and bedding to be sold in the Rwanda charity shop or re-cycled.
- Those parishioners who give of their time to help in the charity shop.



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fair Trade goods, will be at the back of church after both Masses this weekend with tea and coffee served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **THE "DID YOU KNOW"** column is taking a break for Easter but will return soon.
- **DO YOU HAVE** any spare or left over coins or banknotes, holiday money or old stamps? All donations are gratefully received and all proceeds go to CAFOD. There will be a box at the back of church for anything which you wish to give.

### FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April                      The Annunciation of the Lord  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April                      St. Stanislaus

### MASS ATTENDANCES

Maundy Thursday	150
Good Friday	191
The Easter Vigil	145
Easter Sunday	238

**THANKS** for a donation of £116.00 for the Buildings' Fund.



### 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 Michael Robinson, Gerard Swarbrick, Irene Swarbrick and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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



**COLLECTION LAST WEEK - EASTER OFFERINGS**                      £1,226.00  
**HOLY THURSDAY - THE FOXTON CENTRE**                      £251.22  
 (plus many bags of food - thank you all for your generosity)  
**GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY PLACES**                      £242.52  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY:** Lourdes Group  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Church Buildings' Fund  
**PARISH BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £8,634.73**

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>		
	Isaiah 7 vv 10-14	Hebrews 10 vv 4-10	Luke 1 vv 26-38
Tuesday	Acts/Apostles 4 vv 32-37	John 3 vv 7-15	
Wednesday	Acts/Apostles 5 vv 17-26	John 3 vv 16-21	
Thursday	Acts/Apostles 5 vv 27-33	John 3 vv 31-36	
Friday	Acts/Apostles 5 vv 34-42	John 6 vv 1-15	
Saturday	Acts/Apostles 6 vv 1-7	John 6 vv 16-21	
	Sunday - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter		
	Acts/Apostles 3 vv 13-15, 17-19	John 2 vv 1-5	
	Luke 24 vv 35-48		

### A REMINDER .....

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon.
- 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. There is a box in the church porch.



### ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB PARISH DRAW

The next draw will take place after the 10.00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Each month there are prizes of £100, £50 and £30 plus eight prizes of £10 each. In addition, twice a year in June and December there is an additional prize of £300. New members are always welcome. See Steve Jordan or Deacon Jim. Remember: "you've got to be in it to win it!!"