



# ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> /Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Second Sunday of Lent - Year B**



**EACH YEAR** on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church puts before us the Transfiguration of Jesus. The experience on Mount Tabor had a great

significance, first of all for Jesus Himself. It came at a crucial moment in His public life - the start of His journey to Jerusalem and to His Passion and Death.

The experience was also of great importance to the three Apostles as they heard the words, "This is My Son, the Chosen One, listen to Him." It confirmed their faith in Jesus and helped them face the dark future without Him.

*"Let us pray that we may never grow faint on our journey but may have the courage to persevere in faith and love."*



The Good  
The Bad  
The Ugly

Isn't it strange how something can be both good and bad at the same time – contain the positive and the negative together. Habit is like that. It can make a spiritual exercise that we undertake become a positive and natural part of our life of faith, or it can simply put us into a coma – unreflective repetition. Buddha said, "To insist on a spiritual practice that served you in the past is to carry the raft on your back long after you have crossed the river"

*Fr Ted*

## Lenten schedule

- Each Wednesday evening in Lent, starting this coming Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 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 during Lent, 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. If you can help make soup please sign the list at the back of church.

### A REMINDER .....

- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon. During the winter months this will take place in the Parish House.
- 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. 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.

### LITURGY NEXT WEEK

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m. Mass - Mary & Joe Traynor

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

12.00 noon Mass - Carl Roden

1.45 p.m. - Funeral Service for Irene Maguire

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

12.00 noon Mass - Patrick Gallagher

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**8.30am in the School Hall Mass - Thomas Yates**

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

10.00 a.m. Mass - Agnes Burke



### LADIES' GROUP

The Ladies will meet in the Parish Social Centre on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February after the 7.00 p.m. Mass in the Parish House. David Brown will speak about "Street Pastors". All Welcome.



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fair Trade goods, will be at the back of church after both the Masses on the second weekend of every month. Tea and Coffee will also be served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **DID YOU KNOW ...** every pound you donate to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will be doubled by the UK Government? The money from the UK Government will fund a three-year project to improve nutrition in Zimbabwe, Eritrea and Zambia. This is the fourth time the Government has selected CAFOD to receive match funding. Since 2012, match funding has helped to ... bring drinking water to 400,000 people; support 11,000 families to grow a new crop less vulnerable to pests and diseases; provide toilets for 166,000 people; and train 35,000 farmers to change their farming techniques in response to weather forecasts. Thank you for your generosity. It really is providing hope and transforming lives.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Agnes Burke, Thomas Yates and George Richardson

### FEAST NEXT WEEK

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March St. David, Patron Saint of Wales



### 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, especially Irene Maguire and for Thomas Yates, George Richardson 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** (including Buildings' Fund): £701.34

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** - Parish Buildings' Fund £57.00

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY:** CAFOD Lenten Fast

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Rwanda Group Trust

**PARISH BUILDINGS FUND TOTAL TO DATE = £7,125.03**

**MASS ATTENDANCES:** 6.30 p.m. Vigil = 78 10.00 a.m. = 146

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Daniel 9 vv 4-10	Luke 6 vv 36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1 vv 10, 16-20	Matthew 23 vv 1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18 vv 18-20	Matthew 20 vv 17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17 vv 5-10	Luke 16 vv 19-31
Friday	Genesis 37 vv 3-4, 12-13, 17-28	Matthew 21 vv 33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Micah 7 vv 14-15, 18-20	Luke 15 vv 1-3, 11-32
	Sunday - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B	
	Exodus 20 vv 1-17	Corinthians 1 vv 22-25
	John 2 vv 13-25	



The Music Group will meet in the Parish Social Centre on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 do not wish to be part of the group. A special invitation to any instrumentalists who wish to come and play. Peter and Clare Cobb would like to thank everyone for their great generosity in sponsoring them for 'The CAFOD Christmas Run 2017'. £230 was raised in total.

### ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)  
Why not visit our friendly club?

**THE CHAPTER OF CANONS** of our Diocese has invited donations towards a farewell gift for Bishop Michael Campbell. Accordingly there will be a Special Collection the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March. If you assist the Parish with Gift Aid please put your donation in an envelope marked with your Offertory Envelope Number and "Bishop's Retirement".

**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](http://www.stgregoryspreston.org.uk).