



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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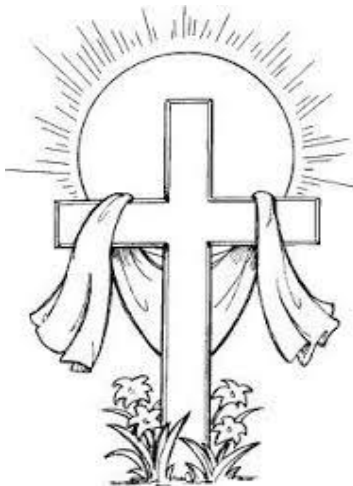
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Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter - Year B



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL we find the apostles behind closed doors, wounded in heart and spirit but Jesus appears to them, gives them His peace and breathes new life into them. In Luke's Gospel, his primary interest is to show that the risen Christ is the same person whom the apostles had known prior to His resurrection but he makes it clear that the

resurrection is not a return to earthly life - Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death.

It was only by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept that the suffering Messiah was a part of God's plan of salvation. Luke, therefore, has the risen Lord showing the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold how Christ would suffer and so enter into glory. Jesus also gave them a mission - the proclamation of repentance and the forgiveness of sin.

"Risen Lord, help us to believe that You are always with us and that nothing in life or death can ever separate us from You."

MASS INTENTIONS

Roy Nuttall and Alan Siddall

FEAST NEXT WEEK

Monday 16th April

St. Bernadette Soubirous

A REMINDER ...

- Each Saturday morning there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon.
- The church will be open each day from 8.00 a.m. until dusk for private prayer.
- Please continue to bring in clothes/bedding (but no duvets please) for the Rwanda Group Trust Charity Shop; any condition as those not suitable for sale can be weighed in for cash. There is a box in the church porch.



**Sunday
22nd April**

Next Sunday morning we continue our celebration of First Holy Communion which will be taking place over three more Sundays. Please give a special welcome to the families of these children and their friends:

Urszula Maj, Norbert Leszczynski,
Zach Harvey, Harmony Pugh,
Kian McDermott, Maisie Wareing,
Leon Harrison, Lucas Pickering,
Mary Hughes, and Halle Gregory.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 16th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 17th

12.00 noon Mass - Noel Hammond

Wednesday 18th

12.00 noon Mass

(We will be joined by a class from St. Gregory's School)

Thursday 19th

12.00 noon Mass - Irene Swarbrick

Friday 20th

12.00 noon Mass

Saturday 21st

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

Sunday 22nd

10.00 a.m. Mass - William Worden (100th Birthday)

PLEASE LET US KNOW of anyone who is in hospital or in a nursing/care home so that arrangements may be made to visit them. Likewise, if you know of anyone who is ill or housebound and cannot get to church; we can make arrangements to have the Sacrament of the Eucharist taken to them.



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fair Trade goods, will be at the back of church after both Masses on the second weekend of every month with tea and coffee served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.
- **FAIRTRADE SALES** this weekend came to £103.95.
- **DONATIONS** for CAFOD were £22.55.
- **MESSAGE FROM CAFOD:** “Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12th May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people but we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent “
- **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.

POPE’S INTENTION FOR APRIL

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



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 Alan Siddall 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): £783.50

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Lourdes Group £66.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Parish Buildings’ Fund

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Ecclesiastical Education Fund

PARISH BUILDINGS’ FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £8,734.73

MASS ATTENDANCES: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 87 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 162

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Acts/Apostles 6 vv 8-15	John 6 vv 22-29
Tuesday	Acts/Apostles 7 v 51 to 8 v 1	John 6 vv 30-35
Wednesday	Acts/Apostles 8 vv 1-8	John 6 vv 35-40
Thursday	Acts/Apostles 8 vv 26-40	John 6 vv 44-51
Friday	Acts/Apostles 9 vv 1-20	John 6 vv 52-59
Saturday	Acts/Apostles 9 vv 31-42	John 6 vv 60-69
	Sunday - 4 th Sunday of Easter	
	Acts/Apostles 4 vv 8-12	John 3 vv 1-2
	John 10 vv 11-18	

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN (20s and 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life

Dates: 25th-27th May 2018 Location: Liverpool

Organised by the FCJ Sisters - an opportunity to live community life for a weekend.

For more information contact Sr. Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com. or visit www.fcjsisters.org.

ST. GREGORY’S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 21st April - 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?



ST. GREGORY’S ‘300’ CLUB PARISH DRAW

The next draw will take place after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 13th May. 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.

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.