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Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st January 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

JESUS BEGAN HIS PREACHING WITH A CALL TO REPENTANCE.

"Repent and believe the Good News"

Every time we pick up a Newspaper or turn on the radio or television we are confronted with bad news; much of it, during the last twelve months, of a very sad and distressing nature. The wars in Ukraine and the Holy Land; much unrest and serious crimes in our towns and cities. It leaves us numb and helpless.

Jesus came with "Good News"; the Good News of the Father's love, acceptance, compassion, forgiveness. Forgiveness is available to everyone, recovery is possible. God's love is unconditional and is available to us all through His Son, Jesus Christ. All we have to do is to recognise our need and seek His help with humility and a sincere heart.

"Lord, in Your gentle mercy, guide our wayward hearts for we know that, left to ourselves, we cannot do Your will."

FROM OUR MUSIC LEADER, PETER COBB

I have been running to raise money for CAFOD every year for the past twenty-six years and this year has been no different. Last Tuesday I completed a pleasant six mile run around my local area on a mild, sunny Boxing Day afternoon. If you would like to sponsor me in order for CAFOD to fund humanitarian aid in Afghanistan and The Holy Land, please visit my 'Just Giving' page, details at: <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/peter-cobb-7a531/>
Thank You.

POSTAGE STAMPS COLLECTION

Would you please save your used postage stamps, (ensuring there is a border of envelope all around the stamp) as we can send them to CAFOD to raise funds for them. There is a box at the back of church.

THIS WEEKEND at our Masses, we welcome the White fathers for a Missionary Appeal. I am sure you will make them very welcome and be generous with your support.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Octave began on Thursday 18th January and ends on Thursday 25th January, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

"May they all be one, just as Father, You are in me and I am in You, so that they may also be in us too, so that the world may believe it was You who sent me."

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mass will continue to be said at 6.30 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. Sunday with three weekday Masses at 10.15 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR

Monday 22 nd	Barbara Jackson
Wednesday 24 th	John Griffin
Friday 26 th	Mark Ranson
Saturday 27 th	The Parishioners
Sunday 28 th	Jim Durnian

MASS INTENTIONS

Jim Durnian, George Chapple, Frank & Mary Jeffrey and Mark Ranson.

CAKE SALE

The next Cake Sale for church funds will be today, 21st January after the 10.00 a.m. Mass. Tea and coffee will also be available so buy a cake to have with it or some to take home.

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 24 th January	St. Francis de Sales
Thursday 25 th January	The Conversion of St. Paul
Friday 26 th January	SS. Timothy & Titus

MASS ATTENDANCES

Saturday 13 th January	6.30 p.m.	32
Sunday 14 th January	10.00 a.m.	110

COLLECTIONS

	£
Collection Last Week	304.80

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.

AN APPEAL FROM CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join them in their *mission*. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin. or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more details or get in touch with lancaster@cafod.org.uk.

FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET

The first Fulwood Farmers' Market of 2024 will be held on Saturday 27th January from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, Fulwood.

Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, browse the New to You stalls and stay for a drink and a snack. Do spread the word and hope to see you there.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Samuel 5 vv 1-7, 10	Mark 3 vv 22-30
Tuesday	Samuel 16 vv 12-15, 17-19	Mark 3 vv 31-35
Wednesday	Samuel 7 vv 4-17	Mark 4 vv 1-20
Thursday	The Conversion of St. Paul	
	Acts/Apostles 22 vv 3-16	Mark 16 vv 15-18
Friday	Samuel 11 vv 1-10, 13-17.	Mark 4 vv 26-34
Saturday	Samuel 12 vv 1-7, 10-17	Mark 4 vv 35-41
	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B	
	Deuteronomy 18 vv 15-20	Paul/Corinthians 1 vv 32-35
	Mark 1 vv 21-28	



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

for Sam Dowd, Jackie Lyons, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Gerard Renaudin, Rudolph Carlisle, Members of the Wood and

Madden Families, John Allen. Maureen Sharrock, Harry Oulton, John Monty Black, Martin Gee, Cynthia Maguire, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, Agnes Jordan, Frank Jeffrey. John Griffin 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 Peggy Flowers; for Jim Durnian, George Chapple and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

FOOD BANK APPEAL

Please continue to bring in items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Anything you can give will be taken to them. They are desperate for tinned and dried food (but not pasta and cereals). Also welcome are tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk and meals in a tin e.g. meat - also, anything for homeless people with no cooking facilities. There are boxes at the back of church.

Parish Draw Results - December

Prize	No.	Name	Prize	No.	Name
£50	143	Alan Thomas	£10	261	Pam Giddins
£30	180	B. Roberts	£10	295	Maggie Stone
£10	77	D. Rawsthorn	£10	43	Joe Ryan
£10	130	James O'Donnell	£10	56	Margaret Nuttall
£10	119	J. Maguire			

Subscriptions now due for those who pay annually in January. New members always welcome.