



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th November 2018
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



TODAY we celebrate the feast of Christ our King.

When we think of a king we think of someone who is very remote from his people and who lords it over them. Christ is not like that. He lives among us and came, not to rule but to serve; perhaps the best way for us to show our loyalty to Him is by serving one another.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "Many today are starving for ordinary bread but there is another kind of hunger - the hunger to be wanted, to be loved, to be recognised. Nakedness, too, is not just the want of clothes but also the loss of dignity, purity and self-respect. Homelessness is not just the want of a house; there is the homelessness of being unwanted in a throw-away society. The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for; the greatest evil in the world today is the lack of love and the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour."

"Lord, warm our cold hearts with Your grace so that we, Your disciples, may provide the fruits of Your love."



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale each week at the back of church. There will be a first prize of £50.00. We would be

grateful for donations of other prizes and all proceeds will go towards the Parish Buildings' Fund.

A REMINDER

- Each Saturday morning there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 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 food to help the Food Bank at the Foxton Centre, especially tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk and meals in a tin e.g. meat - also, anything suitable for homeless people with no cooking facilities. However, the Centre is not able to accept any alcoholic drinks. There are boxes at the back of the church.
- Please also 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 fit for sale can be weighed in for cash. There is a box in the church porch.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 26th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

11.15 a.m. Funeral Service for Lilian Marsh

Tuesday 27th

7.00 p.m. Service of the Word

Wednesday 28th

12.00 noon Mass - Casey Family

Thursday 29th

10.00 a.m. Funeral Liturgy for Michael O'Leary

12 noon Mass

Friday 30th

12.00 noon Mass - Joan Skingsley

Saturday 1st December

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

Sunday 2nd

10.00 a.m. Mass - Josephine Councill

MASS INTENTION

Mary Frances Woodward

FEAST NEXT WEEK

Friday 30th Nov. St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland

LADIES' GROUP

The Ladies will meet in the Social Centre on Tuesday 27th November after Service of the Word at 7.00 p.m. in church. The title of the talk will be "The Clatter of Clogs". All welcome.

ST. GREGORY'S PARISH DRAW

Would you like to be in our monthly draw for cash prizes? Don't miss out - take a leaflet from the back of church.

May we remind people who pay annually that their money for Jan.-Dec. 2019 is now due.



MUSIC GROUP

The group will meet in the Social Centre on Monday 26th November at 7.00 p.m. to look at music for Advent. Anyone who can sing or play is very welcome to join us - all levels of ability. If you do not wish to be part of the group but want to learn the music you are also very welcome.

CAFOD
Just one world



- **THE STALL**, with a selection of Fairtrade 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.
- **CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now on sale each week-end and others may be ordered from the poster on the stall.
- **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS:** Buy a goat for Rwanda or a CAFOD World Gift from the catalogue. See the notice board.
- **DID YOU KNOW** ... one year on, there are more than 700,000 mainly Rohingya people in the refugee camps of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Most of those refugees - mainly women and children - having escaped the violence in neighbouring Myanmar need humanitarian aid for their survival. CAFOD and its partner Caritas Bangladesh are distributing shelter kits along with repairing safe water points. Bishop Rozario the head of Caritas Bangladesh says this is a long-term crisis, with continued funding required beyond the first anniversary. "Where will the funding come from as the crisis goes into a second year? No political solution appears likely in the foreseeable future." Please keep all refugees in your prayers.



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For all who are sick; especially Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Pam Raggett, Betty Whiteside, Eric Grimes, Jackie Lyons, Maureen Hetko, Maria Butterworth, Fred Griffiths, Bernadette Benson, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Rainie Tallon, Hughie Gaille, Joan Muir, Susan Lavelle, Mary Gallagher, Fiona Turnbull, Teresa Flanagan, May Eccles, Marian Roberts and Jim Durnian. 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 Lilian Marsh and Michael O'Leary and for all 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): £630.20
SPECIAL COLLECTION: CAFOD £75.00
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Youth Services
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Diocesan Poor Missions
PARISH BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £10,983.03
MASS ATTENDANCES: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 75 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 131

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Revelation 14 vv 1-3, 4b-5	Luke 21 vv 1-4
Tuesday	Revelation 14 vv 14-19	Luke 21 vv 5-11
Wednesday	Revelation 15 vv 1-4	Luke 21 vv 12-19
Thursday	Revelation 18 vv 1-2, 21-23 and 19 vv 1-3, 9A	Luke 21 vv 20-28
Friday	St. Andrew: Romans 10 vv 9-18	Matthew 4 vv 18-22
Saturday	Revelation 22 vv 1-7	Luke 21 vv 34-36
Sunday 2 nd December - 1 st Sunday of Advent Year C		
	Jeremiah 33 vv 14-16	Thessalonians 3 v 12 to 4 v 2
	Luke 21 vv 25-28, 34-36	

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 1st December - 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?

NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Sunday 2nd December:** 7.00 p.m. at Our Lady and St. Edward's Church Hall. Global Healing - a film. How our faith helps us care for our common home.
- **Wednesday 12th December:** Brownedge Festival's Annual Christmas Concert. St. Mary's, Brownedge at 7.30 p.m. Admission £5.00 inc. refreshments.
- **Wednesday 19th December:** Corpus Christi Christmas Party for 'Pensioners'. 12.00 noon to 2.30 p.m. Please sign the list at the back of church.
- **Saturday 8th December:** Preston Orpheus Choir Christmas Concert. 7.00 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels, Egerton Road, Ashton. Tickets £10.00 (under 18's £5.00) payable at the door.
- **Saturday 15th December:** Christmas Concert with The Valley Singers. Broughton & District Club, Whittingham Lane at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £8.00 (under 18's £5.00) from 07702 907 587.

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.