

# St. Gregory's Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

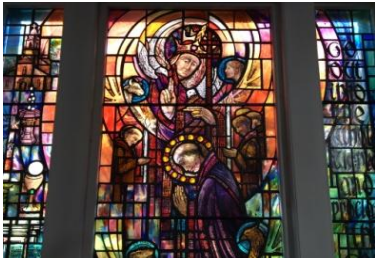
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## Feast Day of the Week The See of Peter

Rome is the Apostolic See, because its occupant perpetuates the Apostolate of Blessed Peter extending over the whole Church. The See is the symbol of the highest papal authority; it is, by its nature, permanent, whereas its occupant, the current Pope at any one time, holds that authority but for a time and inasmuch as he sits in 'The Chair of Peter'. The supreme authority is a supernatural gift, the same in all successive holders, independent of their personal worth. Papal infallibility is limited to definitions ex cathedra, meaning it is not personal, but only when pronounced by the pope as the holder of the privileges granted by Christ to Peter, the Rock upon which He built His Church. As visible Head of the Universal Church the pope sits in 'The Chair of Peter' as Shepherd and Teacher of all Christians.



## Children's Corner

## Pope Francis calls for a Worldwide Day of Prayer and Fasting For Peace - 23 February Also CAFOD Family Fast DAY

Pope Francis invited Christians, members of all faiths, women and men of goodwill to join him in praying for an end to violence and conflict, especially in South Sudan and in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Can we respond to his appeal?

Perhaps we can invite other Christian Churches, members of different religions to join us in praying and fasting for peace on Friday 23rd February, which falls during the first full week of Lent, when fasting from food and extra acts of charity are encouraged as a sign of penitence.

Pope Francis specifically asked members of other faiths to join in the initiative in any way they can. He highlighted the vital role that religions play in achieving and consolidating peace and urged members of other faith communities to take up the appeal and to join in "moments of prayer, fasting and reflection, according to their own traditions and in their own places of worship".

### No to violence

The Pope added: *"Everyone, in their own conscience, before God, should ask: What can I do for peace? We certainly can pray, but not only: each one of us can say concretely "no" to violence in their own way. Because the victories obtained with violence are false victories while working for peace does everyone good!"*

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## Storehouse Food Bank

Items can be left as usual in the box in the church porch, hygiene products as well as non perishable food.

Thank you

# First Sunday of Lent *Welcome to the Great Joyful Lent!*

## 18<sup>th</sup> February

9:30am Bert Southworth  
11:00am Mary Spedding (A)  
6:30pm Susan Clapham & Catherine Beesley

## Weekday Mass

Monday, 8:30am Helen Owens (LD)  
Tuesday 8:30am Maureen McIver (LD)  
Wednesday 8:30am Father Firth  
Thursday 8:30am Marie Henry  
Friday 8:30am Mr. Gee (LD)  
Saturday 10:00am Mary Eileen Farrell

Weekly Confession: Saturday after morning Mass

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays after morning Mass, Fridays 6:30pm

## 25<sup>th</sup> February

9:30am Anne Critchley (A)  
11:00am Leon Dickinson (R.I.P.)  
6:30pm Frank Smith (A)  
**3:00pm Holy Hour**

St. Peter Damian  
See of Peter  
St. Polycarp

Rosary: 20 minutes before weekday Mass

## Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Margaret Wood, Bill Burns, Margaret Bower, Margaret Brindle, Winifred Calderbank, Hugh O'Daly, Victoria Mary Birkett, Lois Chiasson, Mildred Bridge, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Bill Barnes, Maureen Jackson, Olive Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill, Fred Simpson, Thomas and Joan Woodruff

## PARISH NEWS

### Baptism

Welcome to Arlo James Mather who was baptised here on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February. We wish him and his family every blessing as they start out on their new faith journey.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day and World Wide Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace - Friday

Envelopes are at the back of church. We are invited by CAFOD to give up a meal and give the saving to help some of the poorest people in the world. The government will match every pound given with another, up to a total of £5million, so our donation will have double the impact. Please give generously.

Also see over for an appeal by Pope Francis for prayer and fasting to end violence and conflict, especially in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. *Let us each do our part towards world peace, so much under threat.*

### Lenten Menue - to feed our charity by prayer, penance and fasting

Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm every Sunday We will use the resources for the Holy Hours in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in September and for the Synod.

Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays after Morning Mass and Fridays at 6:30pm

Volunteers willing to lead this devotion when Father Graeme is not available would be very helpful, please see him ASAP. If people wish to follow the devotions privately, resources will be available in Church, but please do not remove them.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – see above

Lenten Alms – box at back of church

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Wednesday evening this year's cohort of children from our Primary School will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We wish them a lovely celebration and thank the sacramental preparation team for their dedication to this important ministry.

### YOUTH CLUB

We are meeting this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>. The younger group will meet at 6pm-7pm and the older ones at 7pm-9pm. *We would love to see some new faces!* 😊😊😊

A Big Thank You to the parishioner who volunteered as a driver for the minibus service which permits some of our elderly parishioners to come to Mass on Sundays. One or two more volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

### Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £911.22.

SCRIPTURE GROUP - starting at 7:30pm this Wednesday, not 6:30 as usual. All most welcome!

200 Club January - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50 No: 59 Mary Wakeman 2nd Prize £30 No:72 Rypel family 3rd Prize £20 No:53 Mrs J. Denham

'Come and Sing' - John Stainer's THE CRUCIFIXION St. Leonard's Church, Penwortham. See poster.

## MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting 19<sup>th</sup> February Denise and Bruce Conway

S.A.S. 25<sup>th</sup> February Sandra Donnelly & Madge Martin

Readers " Pauline Doyle

Eucharistic Ministers " Richard Jackson

Margaret Scard

Chris Huddy

Dial a Ride TBC

Sara Norse

Helen Mather

George Walmsley

Nora Ball

Paul Tate

Carol Hardman

Ulrika Yeomans