

St. Gregory's Newsletter

5th Sunday of Lent 18th March 2018 Page



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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

7th to 9th September at the Echo Arena
 Saturday 8th: 9:30am – 17:00pm
 With Bishop Robert Byrne, The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Malcolm and Cardinal Vincent Nichols e. a.

Eucharist is... sacrifice.
 Remembering Jesus' death cannot be done simply by thinking about it. If we are to remember as we are called to remember, then we need to live as Jesus lived, think as he thought and act as he acted. We celebrate the memory of Jesus in the Eucharistic sacrifice by offering our own lives together with Jesus for the life of the world.

Reflection

'Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths'
(Psalms 25:4)

Every day, God invites us to set out freely on an adventure in which our compass is unselfish love – for him, and for all his children. The ways and paths are opportunities to meet other travellers and find new goals that can be shared.

As Christians we are never isolated individuals, but part of a people travelling towards the fulfilment of the plan of God the Father for humankind.

Through all he said and did, Jesus revealed God's plan to bring about universal fraternity, the civilisation of love.

Lenten Menu

Nourishing our Charity
 Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving

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 the Synod.

Stations of the Cross
 Friday 6:30pm, Wednesday after morning Mass. If people wish to follow the devotions privately, resources will be available in Church, but please do not remove them.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – the fund is remaining open till Holy Week. 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 to help some of the poorest people in the world through CAFOD, affiliated to the international Christian aid organisation CARITAS.

Lenten Alms – Box at the back, for Nugent Care
Lenten Vigil Tuesday 20th March at Newman College prayer, reflection, sacrament of reconciliation, 6:30pm

Children's Corner

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Lenten Service of Reconciliation

Palm Sunday 3:00pm

Services at St. Mary's and Sacred Heart during Holy Week to be confirmed

Please remember that this is a sacrament of God's great love and mercy and is not to be feared.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

18th March

9:30am William Ann & Elizabeth Frearson
11:00am Fred & Bessie Fowler (A)
6:30pm Yvonne Oliver (LD)

3:00pm Holy Hour

Weekday Mass

Monday	8:30am	The Walmsley Family (FM)
Tuesday	8:30am	Rita Charnley
	10:00am	Funeral Service Agnes Martindale
Wednesday	8:30am	Jean Livesey
Thursday	8:30am	Martha Hayes (A)
Friday	10:00am	Requiem Maria Semenjuk
Saturday	10:00am	Ellen Noblett

Weekly Confession: Saturday after morning Mass

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday after 8:30am Mass and Friday 6:30pm

25th March Palm Sunday

9:30am Teresa Critchley
11:00am Jim Critchley (B)
6:30pm Mary Jane Barton (B)

3:00pm Service of Reconciliation

St. Joseph

St. Turibius of Mongrovejo

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, 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

Sadly we announce the death of Agnes Martindale and also of Maria Semenjuk. Also of Roy Sharpe, whose funeral service will be on 26th March. May they all rest in peace.

PARISH NEWS

Family Mass

At the 11am Mass today we welcome the children/families of Year 4 who make their First Holy Communion in May.

Youth Mass

The Evening Mass today is lead by ANIMATE the Archdiocesan youth service, all youth in the area are very welcome to share in this very special opportunity to celebrate mass with young people from throughout the Archdiocese.

Baptism

We welcome into our parish family Valentine Paul Thompson and Finn Steele who were baptised here last Sunday. We pray for them and their families as they start out on their new faith journey.

Youth Group

The next meeting will be next Friday 23rd March, starting at 6pm. It is a joint meeting starting at 6pm and finishing at 8pm for both groups. Children from year 5 upwards are always welcome, so why not come and see what goes on!

Eucharistic Congress – YOU ARE INVITED!

We have been allocated 8 places for the *Congress Day 'Reflecting on the Reality of the Eucharist'*, Sat. 8th Sept., at the Echo Arena/Liverpool. Please let Father Graeme know if you wish to participate, as we are asked to submit names this week. The parish will provide the tickets, but participants need to make their own travel arrangements. Very special event!

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1078.21.

New Parish E-Mail Address – Please see over and start using it, but the old one still works as well.

Chrism Mass – Last Call

Payment needs to be received by tomorrow, 19th March, if you wish to go. List still at the back.

FURTHER AFIELD

Lenten Evening of Recollection for Men

Tuesday 20 March 2018, 8.00pm - 9.30pm @ *St Joseph's Church, Anderton (Adlington)*, Chorley PR6 9NA.

The 'mini retreat' evening starts at 8pm... meditation, guided examination of conscience, individual confessions, Rosary, Benediction. Tea and coffee, no charge. Popular preparation for Easter, ca. 15 attendants expected, further info Robert Aston Tel. 01204 468896

Scripture Weekend @ The Irenaeus Project

13 – 15 April Please see the poster on the notice board. 'The Advocate will teach you everything..': The Holy Spirit in St. John's Gospel

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting 19th March

S.A.S. 25th March Palm Sunday

Dial a Ride “

Readers “

Eucharistic Ministers

Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre

Janet Critchley and Pauline Critchley

TBC

as arranged (9:30am LC CC MH PD 11:00am DF SH LW)

Linda Walmsley

David Chadwick

Anthony Hooson

Edward Brierley

Margaret Scard

David Porter

Richard Jackson

Clare Meredith