


HOLY ROSARY: will be prayed twenty five minutes before the weekday Mass
CONFESSIONS: are held after Mass on Saturday morning
If you wish to book a Mass Intention , please see one of the priests after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours

PARISH MINISTRIES

Counting	09 Mar	Derek & Celia Birchall
Sacristy & Sanctuary	08 Mar	Sandra Donnelly & Madge Martin
Minibus	08 Mar	Linda & David Walmsley
Readers	08 Mar	9:30am Pauline Doyle 11:00am David Fairclough 6:30pm Paul Tate
Ministers of the Eucharist	08 Mar	9:30am Marian Knight, David Chadwick, Yvonne Cunliffe 11:00am Helen Mather, Barbara Slater, Richard Jackson 6:30pm Joe Commerford, Anthony Pontifex
Church Cleaning	w/c 08 Mar	Mary Wakeman, Eileen Gray, Celia Birchall

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Church Office Hours:
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

Parish Administrator:
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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: **£281.68**
Loose Plate: **£507.76**
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish.

REFLECTION

On Ash Wednesday, we began our Lenten Pilgrimage with Jesus as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Our gospel this Sunday sees Jesus being driven into the desert. The desert in Jewish history was very important as when God freed and saved the People of Israel from slavery in Egypt, they spent forty years in the desert. They wandered and sometimes got lost as they tried to find their way to the Promised Land. This wasn't an easy journey for them - at times they lost faith in each other and in God. They forgot the promise that God made to them; *'I will be your God and you will be my people.'* As they made their way through the desert, many would have stopped travelling and settled near the closest oasis or watering hole, others would have joined other tribes and religions that they met along the way. Famously, when they were at their lowest, they made a statue of a golden calf and began to worship it. They had forgotten where they had come from, what God had done for them and lost sight of where God was leading them. It is no surprise that we begin Lent with Jesus in the desert. Like his ancestors, he too is tried, tested and tempted. However, Jesus refused to give up or give in so quickly or so easily. Jesus knows who he is, where he comes from and where he is going on his own journey. He leaves the desert with these powerful words which he offers us today; *'The time has come, the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'* What is this Good News that Jesus asks us to hear and believe? It is the good news that each of us is created, loved and forgiven by God. As we begin our own Lenten journey, we need to remember that we are not setting out on this journey on our own. God is with us walking by our side very step of way and when we are tempted, we need to follow the example of Jesus and ask for God's help. We will not be able to walk the Lenten journey on our own. We know that God will be with us during Lent as God was with Jesus when he was in the desert. God will never leave us alone.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley
 Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Madge Henshaw

Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This coming Friday is Family Fast Day when we are asked to eat simply or to give up some treat and to donate whatever money we save to CAFOD. Please do take an envelope and place your donation in the box at the back of church. The collection will remain open during Lent. Thank you for your generosity.

CORONA VIRUS GUIDANCE

Whilst the risk of individuals contracting the virus in the UK remains low, following advice from the Catholic Church in England and Wales, please can I ask all those who may be experiencing cold or flu symptoms to only receive Holy Communion on the hand (not by mouth) and to not take the chalice until they are fully recovered.

THE MEETING PLACE

Just a reminder, the next get together is Tuesday 3 March in the Parish meeting room starting at 2pm. Following the great success of our 'One Pot Meals' afternoon in February, we are bringing along 'Light Lunch' options to sample and recipes to take home. Don't sit at home bored, if you would like good company please give us a try!

LENT 2020

As we begin our forty days of preparing for Easter, we focus on greater charity through prayer, penance and repentance. During the Sundays of Lent, there will be a **Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm ending with Benediction at approx. 3:45pm**. We will use the SYNOD2020 themes as the basis for our Lenten reflections. **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at 6:30pm on each Friday during Lent. If you wish to follow the devotions privately, resources are available at the back of Church, but please don't remove them. Thank you.

BLESSED ROGER WRENNO MASS

Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 6:30pm

On Wednesday 18th March, we celebrate the feast day of Chorley Martyr Blessed Roger Wrenno, the Patron of our Chorley Pastoral Area. To mark the occasion, all of the parishes in the Deanery are joining in a special celebration Mass which is being held at St Mary's Church, Mount Pleasant. All are invited to attend this deanery celebration.

ANNUAL ROMERO MASS

To mark the 40th Anniversary of the assassination of St Oscar Romero, the Annual Romero Mass will this year be celebrated here at St Gregory's on **Sunday 28th March at 11:00am** Clare Dixon, the Head of CAFOD's Latin American Department will speak at the Mass.

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your kind and generous offerings of **£156.68** and for your continued support.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 01 Mar	9:30am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Barbara McGinty (LD) Mary Robinson (B)	
Sun 01 Mar	11:00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Frank & Margaret Wrennall Marian Leyland (A)	MASS OF WELCOME HOLY HOUR 3:00pm
Sun 01 Mar	6:30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Patricia Bond	
Mon 02 Mar	8:30am	St David	Sr Manus (LD)	
Tues 03 Mar	8:30am	St Cunegund	Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Senior Citizens	
Wed 04 Mar	10:00am	St Casimir	Sheila Cox (A) Callum John Larkin (A)	HOLY HOUR 12:00 - 2:00pm
Thu 05 Mar	8:30am	St Kieran	Jack & Teresa Critchley	
Fri 06 Mar	8:30am	St Colette	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30pm
Sat 07 Mar	10:00am	St Perpetua & St Felicity	Bertha Gerrard (F)	
Sun 08 Mar	9:30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Fred & Bessie Fowler (A)	
Sun 08 Mar	11:00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	LISCF	HOLY HOUR 3:00pm
Sun 08 Mar	6:30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	