

**THE PARISH OF**  
**SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA**  
**CHURCHES OF OUR LADY AND ST GREGORY, LYDIATE**  
**4<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**



**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

**LIITURGY:** During the coming week:

**First Mass of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	at 4.30pm	in St. Gregory	Andrew Albertina
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> October	at 10.00am	in Our Lady	Vincent and Catherine Brown
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> October	at 12.00noon	in our Lady	Thanksgiving Sr. K.
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> October	at 9.00am	in St. Gregory	Sick and Housebound
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> October	at 9.00am	in St. Gregory	Richard Larkin
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> October	at 12noon	in Our Lady	Emile Ward Remembrance

**First Mass of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> October	at 4.30pm	in St. Gregory	Jess Stubbs
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	at 10.00am	in Our Lady	Teresa Bruce

**Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes**

**including...** James Bolger, Agnes Brown, Alfred Chapman, Charles Clark, Jeremy Conlon, Colin Ennis, Jack Conyngham, Bernard Dawes, Peggy Doyle, Claire Houghton, Alexander Mangan, Christine McKeown, Vincent Mullen, Chris Murphy, Patricia Norris, Theresa Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Sinnott, Joseph Turner, Darren Woods, Theresa Dawes, Anne Sinnott, Allan Doyle, Doreen Brown, Lawrence Benson, Vin Curran, Marie Hughes, Gladys & Don Lofthouse, Michael Murphy, Nikki Robinson, Jeanette McGarrigle, Pat Leadbetter and Sally Croughan-Mosey. *(Please inform us if names are to be added or removed.)*

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** - Sr. Kathleen would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and gifts which she received for her Golden Anniversary. She was absolutely overwhelmed by your kindness and will be offering a mass of thanksgiving for you all.

**Walsingham** – Unfortunately, due to Covid, we have had to postpone our Pilgrimage to Walsingham which was due to take place from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Fortunately, all being well, we have transferred the booking to next year, 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021. If you reserved a place for this year and would like to keep your booking, please contact the parish office. There are still places available, if anyone else would like to join us please contact the parish office.

**Parish Prayer Garden in Our Lady's Grounds – Marble Altar** - If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one towards its installation, please do so online (via the website) or place a donation, the name of the person/family you wish remembered in an envelope and hand it in to the presbytery or the parish office. Fr Grant will let us know the costs when he has met with the Stonemasons this coming week.

**Parish Office** - Due to the current Covid Regulations, Maureen will be in the office at her usual times however, contact is restricted to telephone conversations and emails according to Diocesan Protocol following risk assessment. Hence, we now are able to produce a simple one-use newsletter which we hope you will take and share with those of our community who are not on line and who, during these months, may have felt tremendously disconnected due to lockdown.

**First Holy Communion Update:** First Holy Communions will go ahead on the dates as planned. At this moment in time Churches are exempt from the present restrictions as they are Covid safe and have been appropriately risk assessed. However, can I please stress that it is extremely important, in order to comply with Covid Regulations, that all families leave the grounds of the church immediately

**following the Mass and are fully aware of recent lockdown rules concerning gatherings.**

**Provision of Mass** - As you can see from our weekly mass schedule, we still have not returned to any sense of normality because of the changing situation of the pandemic. The Sunday obligation to Mass is still lifted and we encourage people, where possible, to join us during the week. Masses in Our Lady's, where possible, will take place outside where we can accommodate more people socially distanced than either of our churches can sustain. Our current numbers per mass are 44 for Our Lady's Church and 54 for St. Gregory's Church.

**Appeal Stewards** - Please contact the parish office as soon as possible where we can forward to you the role description and responsibilities of stewards. **If we fail to have the minimum number of stewards, we will not be able to celebrate the Masses publically. Please be aware that this could happen even on the morning of the Mass when only 1 steward or no stewards turn up.** Thanks to all those who have volunteered so far.

**Baptisms – New Covid rules concerning Baptisms mean that there can only be 6 people in attendance for these celebrations.** For all information about Baptism please contact the parish office preferably via email where Maureen can forward to you all the appropriate information and application forms. We look forward to celebrating with you the gift of your Child's Baptism and membership into the Body of Christ, the Church.

**New Encyclical:** On Saturday (3rd October) Pope Francis is going to Assisi to sign a new papal encyclical.

**Track + Trace App:** If you can download the NHS App that will help us to play our part in stopping the spread of the virus. Please note as you come into church you can register with the QR code in the porch.

**Justice & Peace Commission - Prepare the Future: Taking the Common Good Seriously.** You are invited to join Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD who will be giving a talk on Zoom on Saturday 10 October, 2020 at 10:00am – 12 noon including small group discussions to identify local actions. Registration to receive the link is on the Liverpool J&P website [jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

**Restored Lives - Recovery from Divorce and Separation** - The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings by Zoom starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or at any time in the past. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. For further details please contact Maureen O'Brien [m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk)

**Can you Help?** One of our parishioners is working locally with a group of people who are seeking asylum here having fled from conflict. Their most pressing need is for smart phones so that they can contact family and also deal with the complexities of life in this country. If you have an old smart phone and charger please contact her for further information on the email below. Please make sure they have been cleared of your information and unlocked. Your contact details would be useful. Many thanks. [annhenders@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annhenders@yahoo.co.uk)

**Baby Loss Awareness Week 9-15 October:** According to statistics from the national charity, Tommy's, and the Government, every day: 8 babies are stillborn, 515 babies are miscarried, 550 babies are aborted. That's 2,146 mums and dads whose child died ...How do we bring God's love to them? For more information go to <http://babylossmatters.lifecharity.org.uk/churches/>

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