

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - ST GREGORY'S

Just a reminder, our Annual Mass of Remembrance at which we remember all those parishioners who have died in the last twelve months will be held this **Wednesday 30th November at 7pm**. The names of those who have died in the past year will be read out and a candle will be lighted in their memory. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

Christmas Eve (St Oswald's)	6:30pm	1st Mass of Christmas (with carols from 6:00pm)
Christmas Eve (St Gregory's)	8:00pm	1st Mass of Christmas (with carols from 7:30pm)
Christmas Day (St Gregory's)	09:30am	The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day (St Oswald's)	11:00am	The Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS JOY TOY APPEAL

Chorley Buddies in association with Chorley Council and other local schools and parishes are appealing for new toys and gifts to bring some Christmas joy to families who may need some help this Christmas. Donated gifts may be dropped off at the Presbytery. **NB: It has been requested that the gifts are not wrapped. The last date for donations will be noon on Thursday 8th December.** Thank you for your generous support.

URGENT - FAITH REFERENCES

If you have put your child's name down for St Michael's school, please come to see me so I can put faces to names and can give your child a valid faith reference. I would hate anyone to miss out because I didn't recognise their name.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

A huge Thankyou from Aid to the Church in Need to both St Gregory's and St Oswald's for your most kind and generous contributions. A total of **£272.74** was donated from St Oswald's and **£545.46** was donated from St Gregory's.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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FLOOD	EATING	DRINKING
WIVES	HUSBANDS	ARK
FIELDS	WOMEN	MILLSTONE
AWAKE	BURGLAR	READY



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 27th November 2022 - First Sunday of Advent, Year A

REFLECTION

This Sunday we begin a new season in the Church's calendar - the great Season of Advent. There are two messages that we will hear over the next four weeks. The first from the media will be to move faster, stay busy, queue longer in the shops and spend more money on those 'must have' presents so that we will have the 'perfect' Christmas. Over the next few weeks we might feel pressured by the message that unless we buy more and more and surround ourselves with all the trappings of Christmas, we won't be happy. This most definitely is 'fake news'. However there is a very different message and set of values that will be offered to us through the gospels, the prayers and the liturgy of Advent. We are being asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, to make a straight path for the Lord and to get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is most definitely 'Good News'! The message of Advent is an invitation and it also a challenge to us. We are called to look forward, to be prepared and to wait in joyful hope. Waiting is not something that we are usually good at these days. During these sacred days of preparation, we are being asked to take some time to be still and silent as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. While we can't simply ignore all the hype and advertisements over the next few weeks, neither can we ignore the message of Jesus in today's gospel; *'Stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming'*. If we get too caught up in the shopping, there is the danger that we will miss what Advent is really about. This is what the call to 'stay awake' means. We are asked not to miss the next four weeks of Advent and to prepare and get ready as best we can as followers of Jesus. It would be so sad, that if after the shopping and all the other preparations we missed Advent and its joyful message of hope. As we prepare our homes and our hearts, let us remember that the Lord is in our midst - he is in the child who doesn't have any Christmas Presents - in the homeless man who has nowhere to go for Christmas. So to prepare for Christ, we need to make preparations for him in all of the places where we will encounter him during this holy season.

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

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Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 20th November 2022

Gift Aid: **£95.50**

Loose Plate: **£473.47**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Giving: **£73.37**

Sincere thanks for your kind and generous weekly donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

The retiring collection next Sunday will be taken by the SVP.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Joanna Hardiman - Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown - Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Derek Birchall - Paul Gallery Christine Zawistowicz - Catherine -Philip Compton - Emmy Moss - Tony Brown - Margaret Dickinson

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, especially Mary Seddon

and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

COVID REQUIREMENTS

The following guidelines from the Archdiocese are now in place:

1. **Face-coverings** are recommended for those attending Sunday Mass who are vulnerable.
2. **Sanitiser** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - with the onset of the recent cold weather, the church doors will now remain closed during Sunday services.
3. **Social Distancing** - there is **no** designated section of the church with social distancing.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will **not** be reintroduced at this time.

NB: Please be cautious and do not attend if you have any symptoms.

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's **Liliana Emilia Green & Arlo John McGrail**
Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

WRAP UP WARM FOR WINTER APPEAL

A very big thank you from Hollinshead Street United Reform Church for your generous donations of **warm hats, scarves and gloves**. These will be distributed to the homeless, asylum seekers and those less fortunate than ourselves who will be glad of the warmth as the weather turns colder. Items can be left in the church porch or dropped off at the presbytery. Thank you for your continued support.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The Archdiocese has now created a network of warm and cosy spaces for winter with hot drinks, TV and internet access and a chance to meet new friends.

For further information and to see the full list, please go to:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2561>

St Gregory's Presbytery will be open for tea/coffee and biscuits on Wednesday mornings from 9:00am - 11:00am. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

All of the Masses in November will be offered for the intentions of those on the Pious List

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 27 Nov	9:30am 6:30pm	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Eileen Gallagher (A) Roy Carrington (LD) Marina Finnerty	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 27 Nov	11:00am	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Peter Gallery (A) Deceased Members of the Catenians	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 28 Nov	10:00am	St Catherine Laboure	Margaret Mary Ellison Margaret Berry	
Tues 29 Nov	9:15am		Iain Macdonald Fred Cording (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 30 Nov	8:30am 7:00pm	St Andrew	Mary Doreen Ainscough (F) Special Intention (G & I) MASS OF REMEMBRANCE	EXPOSITION 12:00 - 2:00pm
Thur 01 Dec	9:15am	St Edmund Campion	William Dearden (A) Agnes Price (BR)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 02 Dec	8:30am 9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 03 Dec	10:00am	St Francis Xavier	Stephen Rainford Bryan Topping	Day of Prayer for Migrants
SUN 04 Dec	9:30am 6:30pm	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	John & Elizabeth Watmough Bernard Rigby (A)	Bible Sunday ST GREGORY'S
SUN 04 Dec	11:00am	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	John Calveley	Bible Sunday ST OSWALD'S