

CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2022

A big thank you to all those who came along and supported the event this year and to those who helped with the set up or took part in the event. Your support is much appreciated.

ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

The Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous will be visiting St Mary's Chorley this week from 15th - 17th September 2022. If anybody is available to help, volunteers are still required to assist on **Friday 16th September**. Help is needed in the Parish Centre to serve refreshments, meet and greet, traffic control, general enquiries etc. Please contact : Kinga Grzeczynska at St Mary's Tel: 01257 262537

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY—18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

The Third Sunday in September, formerly Home Mission Sunday, is now called Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the 'Joy of the Gospel', the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. The special collection next Sunday will be in support of the important work of this Mission of the Bishops Conference.

PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL - 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Record monsoon rains and flash flooding across Pakistan has killed at least 1,100 people so far, with millions more displaced from their homes in a situation described as 'a climate-induced humanitarian disaster of epic proportions'. CAFOD are currently appealing for donations to support those affected by getting funds to local experts who are already working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your gift will support people with immediate food and emergency medical assistance. There will be a retiring collection next Sunday for the Pakistan appeal. You can also donate online at: cafod.org.uk/give

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 11th September 2022 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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Registered Charity No: 232709

Church Office Hours:

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 4th September 2022

Gift Aid: **£79.64**

Loose Plate: **£287.32**

Online Giving: **£34.13**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection this week will be for Catholic Education Services.

REFLECTION

We all know how upsetting and frustrating it is to lose something - keys, mobile phones etc. we search for them and feel a great sense of relief when we find them. We might even go out and celebrate and tell others we have found what was lost. The gospel this Sunday portrays to us the experience of being lost and found by God. Jesus uses three images to describe the lengths God goes to in order to find us when we are lost. He uses parables to describe how God rejoices when we are found. The main characters in the Gospel - the shepherd, the woman and the father all have something in common - losing, searching, finding and celebrating. Each of them had lost something that was precious to them and sensed happiness when they were found! Jesus sits in the company of those he feels happiest with; the tax collectors and sinners. But typically the self-righteous Pharisees lodge their formal complaint, 'look this man even eats with sinners.' Jesus takes this opportunity to tell them some stories in which both groups are represented.

He shares with them the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the infamous lost son. He presents them with these deeply tender images to demonstrate that whenever we are lost and stray from God's compassion and love, God searches for us in order to find us, heal us and bring us home. All we have to do is realise and admit that sometimes we do wander off and get lost! We are asked to recognise our need for God, and then begin our journey home where God will rejoice and celebrate. The shepherd, the woman and the father never gave up until they found their most precious belonging.

Likewise, God never gives up on us - he loves each of us personally. When we can admit and recognise that we have lost our way, God comes running to find us and rejoices when we return home to where we belong. In the Old Testament, the Prophet Zephaniah describes God with this powerful image, 'God is in our midst, he will exult with joy over you' he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival'. Our God is a dancing, forgiving and compassionate God so let us not waste any more time in being lost and hurry home to join in the feast and celebration.

Our God is waiting for us!

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 - Christine Zawistowicz - Catherine
 Kathleen Green - Philip Compton - Rona Roberts - Nora Ball - Emmy Moss

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 Marty Kendrick (RIP) and all those whose anniversaries occur around 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

REVISED & REVERSED COVID REQUIREMENTS

With the increase of infection rates and the new variants, the guidelines from the Archdiocese have changed and the following now apply:

1. **Face-coverings** are highly recommended for people who attend Sunday Masses.
2. **Sanitiser** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the doors to the church will remain open throughout each service during the summer months.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will **no** designated section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will be required to wear a face covering whilst distributing Holy Communion and will cleanse their hands before & after distributing Holy Communion.
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.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Anita Bennett & Niall Gammon who were married at St Gregory's yesterday. We wish them every joy and happiness as they begin their married life together.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

The Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a Day of Prayer for Ukraine to be held across Europe on **Wednesday 14 September**, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. There will be a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm followed by a Mass for peace in Ukraine celebrated at 5pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.
 Amen.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Prayers-for-Ukraine>

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 11 Sep	9:30am 6:30pm	24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Phyllis Barton Teresa & Len Jamieson (60th WA) Fr John Smith (A)	Education Day ST GREGORY'S
SUN 11 Sep	11:00am	24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The sick of the Parish	Education Day ST OSWALD'S
Mon 12 Sep	10:00am	Most Holy Name of Mary	Ellen Brown (A) May McCarrick (A)	
Tues 13 Sep	9:15am	St John Chrysostom	Harriet Meehan (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 14 Sep	8:30am		Stephen Murphy (LD)	Day of Prayer for the Ukraine
Thur 15 Sep	9:15am		LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 16 Sep	8:30am 9:15am 12:00noon	St Cornelius & St Cyprian Nuptial Mass	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCHARISTIC SERVICE Emily Sanders & Gianluca Tovey	
Sat 17 Sep	10:00am	St Robert Bellarmine & St Hildegard of Bingen	Marty Kendrick (LD) Hugh O'Daly (F)	
SUN 18 Sep	9:30am 6:30pm	25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Valerie Bretherton Tom Wilcock (BR)	Evangelii Gaudium ST GREGORY'S
SUN 18 Sep	11:00am	25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Sheila Gant (A)	Evangelii Gaudium ST OSWALD'S