

SYNOD 2020 UPDATE

During these days of isolation and social distancing we are experiencing different ways of being Church - our sense of community is challenged as we find creative and new ways of coming together to meet, to socialise, to work, or to check in on each other. Today begins our extra period of reflection as we consider what our Synod can learn from the experience of living through these difficult and different times. A [short film](#) and a [leaflet](#) has been produced to help guide your reflection. Visit our [website](#), reflect and submit your proposals for action. We will close the online submission form on Mon 4 May 2020.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember in your prayers the children who would have made their First Holy Communion this coming Saturday.

CHORLEY FOODBANK

As we continue through the lockdown, Chorley Foodbank are urgently appealing for items such as tinned food, dried pasta, toiletries, UHT milk etc. You are welcome to drop off your donations at the presbytery but ideally straight to the Livingwaters Foodbank. Items can be dropped off at the Foodbank on any Tuesday or Friday between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Thank you for your continued support.

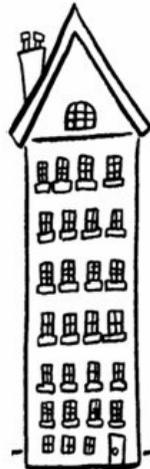
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The following amounts have been sent off in your name to the relevant funds:

- CAFOD - £348.13
- LENTEN ALMS - £248.13
- NUGENT - 49.50

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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- HEARTS
- TROUBLED
- TRUST
- ROOMS
- HOUSE
- TRUTH
- BELIEVE
- FATHER
- LIVING
- EVIDENCE
- REASON
- PERFORM



**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank**

3rd May 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A

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REFLECTION

As we continue through lockdown, most of us will have come to realise there is more news and information available through radio, TV and the internet than we can manage or cope with. The news and its headlines change at a great pace and yesterday's news is no longer news! Celebrities come and go. However, throughout all this turmoil, Jesus remains our constant. In a world in which we are surrounded by fast changing news – and some of it 'fake news' - we can rely on the fact that Jesus is our Way, our Truth and our Life, every minute of every day.

The media and advertisements tell us that unless we have the latest phone, the fastest car and the latest designer clothes, that we won't be happy or contented. This is 'fake news' and not the good news Jesus offers us.

Our unique dignity does not come from what we buy or own. Our deepest and truest sense of self-worth comes from being created and loved by God. It doesn't matter who we are or where we come from; we are loved just as we are. As the second reading this Sunday clearly tells us, 'we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart; we are called out of darkness and brought into the light of God'.

This is good news, not fake news. Jesus is not a celebrity - He is not here today and gone tomorrow. He does not offer us quick, easy or instant solutions to life's daily problems. But he does promise to be with us walking by our side every step of the way. When we are lost, Jesus is our Way, when we are confused, Jesus is our Truth and when we are experiencing darkness, Jesus is our Life.

As we continue our journey through Easter and as we continue to face the challenges of Coronavirus, may we realise and appreciate that we are indeed a chosen race, a royal priesthood and a consecrated nation – a people set apart.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

If you wish to do so, you are still welcome to post your envelopes through the presbytery door. This would be much appreciated.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw

Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley

Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - 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., especially Francis Flynn & David Holding. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CORONA VIRUS - IMPORTANT UPDATE

All public Masses, sacraments and other services are suspended until further notice (this will be reviewed regularly by the Bishops). The obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday and Holy Days is also suspended at this time. Exceptions to this are as follows:

- Funerals will take place with restrictions fulfilling pastoral needs.
- The Sacrament of the Sick will continue in extreme circumstances, however, Holy Communion to the sick and housebound is suspended until further notice.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be arranged in extreme circumstances by phoning the presbytery.

The Parish will maintain links with our parishioners in the following ways:

- Masses will be streamed live - the times will be as on the newsletter. Please note: we are currently experiencing some difficulties with the live stream at peak times relating to the volume of people trying to access the system. We are therefore recording all Masses and these can be viewed by clicking on the recordings button on the Live Stream page or follow this link: <https://www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk/church-livestream>
- Outside of Mass, the live stream will focus on the exposed Blessed Sacrament or the tabernacle and cross to help with private prayer.
- There are many spiritual resources available online including messages from both Archbishop Malcolm and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. A number of prayer resources are also available at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/>
- A telephone conversation service (ChorleyBuddies) is now available for those who are self-isolating, further details can be found on the Parish Website.
- The presbytery number (01257 262462) is always available if you wish to speak with one of the priests. If he is not available, please do leave a message and you will be contacted as soon as possible.
- Although the church will no longer be open for private prayer, parishioners are welcome to pray whilst walking around the church grounds. Please ensure social distancing is maintained at all times and observe that dogs are strictly prohibited in the cemetery areas (except guide dogs).

In these strange times that we are living in, our life and our communion together in the Lord will continue in new and different ways. Please continue to support each other especially the vulnerable and let us keep each other in our prayers. Fr Graeme.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 10 May	9:30am	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	James Dunn (A)	
Sun 10 May	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	All Frontline Workers	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 10 May	6:30pm	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Private Intention	
Mon 11 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Ignatius of Laconi	Priests of the Parish Cardinal Pell	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Tues 12 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Nereus & St Achilleus	The Bridcut Family (F) Brian Smith (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 13 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	Dedication of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral	Tommy McGuigan (LD) Gerry Martland (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 14 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Matthias	John Farnworth (F) Private Intention	SONGS OF PRAISE 3:00pm
Fri 15 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	Our Lady of Fatima	Bernard Dickinson (LD) Eileen McQuillan (A)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat 16 May	8:30am 6:00pm	St Simon Stock	1st Holy Communicants Bernard Dickinson (B)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 17 May	9:30am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Harry Ainscough (F) Gerald Thompson	
Sun 17 May	11:00am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Harold & Hilda Haworth	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 17 May	6:30pm	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Maureen Hall (B)	