

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM McMAHON OP

Archbishop Malcolm has prepared a Good Friday Reflection which may be downloaded [here](#) and an Easter Message which may be downloaded [here](#)

WATCH TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE FROM FORMED

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a beautiful, 30 minute contemplative documentary which walks us through the locations of the Holy Week story, re-presenting the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Triduum draws Catholics and those with open hearts and minds to experience a deeper understanding of these events and places, and offers rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.

The unusual situation we now find ourselves in allows us the opportunity to reflect upon how the Corona Virus Pandemic has turned our lives upside down. With what is a challenging Holy Week, meditating on Jesus Christ crucified is a precious balm which sweetens all pains. As Saint Pope John Paul II said – “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song”

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/triduum>

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR GRAEME

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. Sincere thanks from Fr Kenny and myself for all your kind thoughts, messages and prayers they are much appreciated. May God’s blessing be upon you all this Easter.

Fr Graeme

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Y	R	E	N	A	W	A	E	L	S	MARY	SEPULCHRE	EARTHQUAKE
A	R	K	J	E	S	O	J	G	E	ANGEL	STONE	ROBE
M	O	A	U	S	S	T	N	O	M	SNOW	JESUS	RISEN
N	B	U	M	U	S	I	O	S	A	AWE	JOY	GREETINGS
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

12th April 2020 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Cycle A

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

I have been asked by a number of people what I would prefer people to do with their weekly donations at this time i.e. post them through the presbytery door or to keep them safe until things return to normal. Either would be OK and as always, we are very grateful for your generosity which goes towards the upkeep of the church.

EASTER REFLECTION

Easter Sunday - a day of New Life and Resurrection. Sadly, in our families, parishes, countries and across the wider world, people are facing and dealing with the effects and reality of the Corona virus. It's not easy to celebrate the new life and joy of the Resurrection when the news around is often the very opposite! How many of us have realised over the last few days and weeks that which we take so much for granted – going out when we want to, meeting friends, going for a walk, embracing our families, shopping for what we want not necessarily for what we need. These last few weeks, we have all been stripped back not only to our own essentials but to that which is fundamentally essential. We have been forced to think about what we truly value the most in our daily lives. Ironically, while the virus has driven us apart, at the same time it has also brought us together, hopefully nationally and globally. This virus does not recognise or respect borders and countries; it does not separate colour, race, creed or nationality – it treats us all equally - in its eyes, we are all the same. So many different celebrations have been postponed and cancelled in recent weeks - where and how then on this Easter Sunday do we celebrate given what is going on around us? Maybe we are being called to celebrate in smaller, quieter and more meaningful ways. Perhaps now, more than ever, the celebration of the Resurrection can simply be focussed in our everyday lives. It would have been so wonderful to gather today in our churches with our parish communities to celebrate Easter but although that is not to be, it doesn't stop us from celebrating the love, life and presence of God in our own homes and around our own tables. The church is not the building, we are the Church, the Body of Christ, wherever we are. As Jesus reminds us, 'wherever two or three of you gather in my name, I am with you.' Let us remember then, the Risen Lord is with us this very day in our homes – we are not alone.
We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song!

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 - Tommy McGuigan

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.

We remember especially Gerard McGuigan.

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).

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 12 Apr	9:30am	EASTER SUNDAY	John Kellett	
Sun 12 Apr	11:00am	EASTER SUNDAY	Canon Richard Firth (A) Jack Simmonds (A)	
Sun 12 Apr	Please note: there will be no evening Mass today			
Mon 13 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon		Staff & Residents of Jasmine Court Private Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Tues 14 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon		Joseph & Beatrice Turner (F) John Cowdall (80th Birthday)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 15 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon		Teresa Kershaw (A) Bill & Barbara Tennant	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 16 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon		David Porter Private intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Fri 17 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon		Glenys Gregory Private intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat 18 Apr	8:30am 6:00pm		Vera Critchley Private intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 19 Apr	9:30am	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ann Andjelcovic, Elizabeth Cavanagh & Marian Ball	
Sun 19 Apr	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Andrew Evans (B)	DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS 3:00pm
Sun 19 Apr	6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	