

## FR DENIS McBRIDE'S LENTEN RETREAT

Father Denis McBride is leading a FREE online retreat throughout Lent, based on his book *Journeying with Jesus, A Companions Guide*. Each week, starting on Sunday 6th March a video will be available on the Redemptorist website.

For further information please visit the website [here](#)

## #HELPUKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The Ukrainian churches and community organisations have united to work with accredited charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable.

If you are able to help, here are the ways you can donate:

- through parishes and branches of partner organisations (see below)
- direct to the central appeal fund AUGB Ltd, 80038237, 20-65-89 ref: HelpUkraine
- through the fundraising page on GoFundMe at <https://rb.gy/dcgccc>

In partnership with The International Aid Trust and St Laurence's, SVP Chorley Buddies have also agreed to try to co-ordinate a response from the Catholic Community in Chorley. Donations of the following items are welcome: clothing, footwear, bedding, toiletries, sanitary products, disposable nappies, sleeping bags, cooking pots & pans. First Aid Materials are also desperately needed. Your kind donations can be left at either church. Chorley Buddies will be collecting donated goods from both St Gregory's & St Oswald's this Thursday for distribution by International Aid Trust to families in Ukraine. Thank you.

## TREE PLANTING EVENT

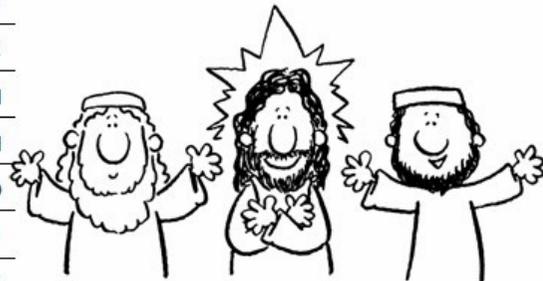
Good News - our trees have arrived! The date for the tree planting event will be **Saturday 26th March 2022 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

If you would like to be involved in the planting but have not yet registered an interest, please email: [stgregory@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stgregory@rcaol.org.uk) or Tel: 01257 262462

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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<b>PETER</b>	<b>JOHN</b>	<b>JAMES</b>	<b>MOUNTAIN</b>
<b>PRAY</b>	<b>ASPECT</b>	<b>FACE</b>	<b>BRILLIANT</b>
<b>MOSES</b>	<b>ELIJAH</b>	<b>GLORY</b>	<b>LIGHTNING</b>
<b>SLEEP</b>	<b>TENTS</b>	<b>VOICE</b>	<b>LISTEN</b>



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

13th March 2022 - Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

### St Gregory's RC Church

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/St-Gregorys-Weldbank-177113458975673/>

### Part of the

### ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

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 6th March 2022

Gift Aid: **£168.00**

Loose Plate: **£274.48**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Giving: **£9.61**

**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 CAFOD Family Fast

## REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, a voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, 'Listen to him'. The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them. The disciples had an experience of the divine that was beyond their ability to explain on that mountain. They saw Jesus transformed before them, and they struggled to make sense of the experience. Yet, they left with a new appreciation of the importance of Jesus' words even if they struggled at that time to understand everything that he had taught them. For us too it can often be a struggle to understand – how can we reflect on the transfiguration of Jesus when the world may be facing a nuclear war? For many of us, the images of the dazzling white face and voice from the cloud may be overshadowed by the terror that our world faces here and now. But in the most difficult of times, the world does not always reflect God or who we are called to be. How quickly do we consider violent solutions even though we know the transformative power of nonviolence.

In dire circumstances violent responses can very quickly come to mind. Just as the disciples were confused, we too are confused about what we are experiencing. Even though the disciples didn't understand their experiences yet, they trusted in Jesus just as we too must rely on God and Jesus to guide us through the difficult times. One holy moment on the mountain served as an affirmation to the disciples of who Jesus was on the dark days when they struggled to know what to do and this relationship would continue to steady and guide them well after Jesus was no longer physically present with them. And just as the disciples learned to trust God in their confusion, so too must we trust God to guide us when the way forward seems unclear. As the disciples were transformed during prayer on the mountain, let us pray that we too will trust in God's promise of abundance even when we cannot see how it will come about. Let the remembrance of the transfiguration of Jesus comfort and inspire us at a time when we are anxious. Let us pray today for peace and an end to war and may our actions be guided by our confidence in God rather than fear.

## Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Neil Haydock  
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Anthony Crilly  
 Sheila McGeown - Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery  
 Derek Birchall - Christine Zawistowicz - Joanne Hardyman

*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 Anne Williams.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### WEEKLY REVIEW OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following a further review of Covid requirements, it has been decided that given the major source of transmission of the virus is now generally accepted to be via airborne particulates (according to scientific evidence), both the weekly collection and also the Offertory Procession can now be reintroduced. These changes will come into effect on **Sunday 13th March**. For the time being we will continue to keep a section of the church with social distancing and also the practice of sanitising on entry and the presence of stewards. We will continue to review the situation on a weekly basis.

### LENTEN APPEALS

During Lent we will be supporting a number of appeals: CAFOD, Nugent and Lenten Alms.

Your kind donations would be gratefully received. You can donate online:

CAFOD at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

or via the envelopes at the back of church

Nugent at: <https://www.weareugent.org/fundraising/donate/>

Lenten Alms: via the purple box at the front of church.

Alternatively you can post your donations through the presbytery door, please mark your envelopes with the name of the respective appeal.

Thank you.

### LENT 2022

There will be a **Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm today** and on each Sunday during Lent at St Gregory's. There will also be **Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm** each Friday during Lent at both churches. If people wish to follow the devotions privately, resources are available in Church, but please do not remove them.

### CONFIRMATION 2022

If you know of anybody who would like to be Confirmed but has not yet registered, please let me know asap. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 13 Mar	9:30am 6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	Anne Andjelkovic & Elizabeth Kavanagh (A) Jim & Kath Dunn	ST GREGORY'S HOLY HOUR 3:00pm
Sun 13 Mar	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	Doreen Haydock (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 14 Mar	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Paul Crook	
Tues 15 Mar	9:15am 11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Anne Williams (LD) Alice Hart & Margaret Coyle (F) Bert Hardman	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 16 Mar	8:30am 10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Bill & Mary Rainford Mary Calderbank & Family (F) James Crone	
Thur 17 Mar	9:15am	St Patrick	Peter Brunt (BR) Matty & Jim Heyes	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 18 Mar	8:30am 9:15am 6:30pm 6:30pm	St Cyril of Jerusalem & Blessed Roger Wrenno	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE STATIONS OF THE CROSS STATIONS OF THE CROSS	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
Sat 19 Mar	10:00am	St Joseph	Harry & Doreen Ainscough The Walmsley Family (F)	
Sun 20 Mar	9:30am 6:30pm	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	Sheila Grady (A) Joanne Hardyman (S) Maureen Turner (F)	ST GREGORY'S HOLY HOUR 3:00pm
Sun 20 Mar	11:00am	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	LISCF	ST OSWALD'S