

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday 19th March 2021 at 6:30pm.

A LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR DENIS McBRIDE

Father Denis McBride leads us on a FREE online retreat this Lent, based on his two books *Reflecting with Paintings* Vol 1 and Vol 2.

Part 1 of the retreat (Praying the Rosary) can now be viewed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJXmYIpAh0g&t=20s>

Part 2 (Growing Up Hyphenated) can be viewed on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FH3YyJ_NOI

Part 3 (Food For Thought) can now be viewed on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gp1GsAc5_VE&t=14s

4th LENTEN REFLECTION — MERCY & FORGIVENESS

The fourth in a series of Lenten Reflections given by Mike Hall (member of the Chorley Catholic Community Network) can now be viewed on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4grWTamRdc>

SYNOD 2020

Over the weekend, the recommendations for the SYNOD from the consultations and proposals sent in have been released, however, these are very broad and non-specific and so until we have the other information outlining the practical implications of these recommendations, I don't think it's a good idea to publish them. They are available on the SYNOD2020 website and the further information should be with us in the next week or two. Please keep the SYNOD and the process in your prayers.

<https://synod2020.co.uk/>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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NICODEMUS SERPENT DESERT
LIFE CONDEMN SAVED
REFUSES SENTENCE LIGHT
DARKNESS EVIL TRUTH



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

14th March 2021 - 4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

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Safeguarding Rep:
Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 7th March 2021

Gift Aid: £110.00
Loose Plate: £120.00
Standing Orders: £186.25

Sincere thanks for your kind and generous weekly donations which go towards the upkeep of the church. The special collection next week will be for Nugent.

A REFLECTION FOR MOTHER'S DAY

On Mother's Day, we give thanks for those who today and in years gone by have made sacrifices so that we might enjoy life. In many communities now, only to say thank you to Mothers, is to ignore all others who care for us. In families across the world, grandparents, relations, foster parents and social services carers provide motherly love and care to many children. Today therefore, we celebrate all who have provided and continue to provide such care. Loving and caring in this way is a sacrifice of self-giving and a vocation which not only means a daily grind of tiredness and worry but often involves experiencing the deepest of pain. This has been particularly so during the Coronavirus crisis as we have so often had to impotently watch what happens to those we love. Mary understood that pain. At the death of her Son, she bore in her body the pain of the cross – she felt the nails being hammered into his hands, she agonised as she watched him die the most painful of deaths. She had to release her child into God's eternal care long before his time and most likely would have felt a mixture of all the emotions a mother can feel – anger, guilt, shame, and a deep sense of loss. Her grief must have been unimaginable, yet she also understood the joy of motherhood – she watched her precious child grow to be a wonderful man – a special son.

Today we stand with all Mother's who face these emotions, we pray for them and pledge to help those who find the burden of caring too difficult. As we look around our world today, we reflect on the tremendous burden born by mothers and other carers, as they watch the younger generation around our world dying for the lack of drugs to treat those who are HIV positive; children dying for nothing other than the lack of clean water, or the cost of a mosquito net; families struggling to understand and come to terms with the effects of the Coronavirus. In other ways, our celebration today is mixed with sadness as we remember those we have lost. So, in the midst of that loss, let us give thanks for all that our own 'Mothers' mean to us and all that they have meant to us in the past.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Winifred Calderbank - Eileen Nuttall - Anne Knowles - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Kathleen Dunn - Paul Spedding - Canon Albert Shaw

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.

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

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CHURCH REOPENING UPDATE

Following the Prime Ministers announcement of a 4 step road map out of lockdown earlier this week, we are now looking forward to the re-opening of churches.

Assuming there are no further changes to the advice and following further guidance received from the Archdiocese, St Gregory's is now open for Public Worship.

All previous precautions including social distancing, the wearing of face masks and sanitisation regimes must remain in place. There will also be no toilet facilities available.

The following will also apply in Step 1:

Funerals are permitted to go ahead and can be attended by close family only (max 30 people)

Burials of ashes can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance

Weddings can go ahead with 6 attendees and are no longer limited to exceptional circumstances

No Baptisms to take place at this time including Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

We will update the guidance re: Steps 2-4 as we progress through each stage of the governments roadmap.

May God continue to Bless you and your families

Fr Graeme

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2021

As the numbers at each of the Triduum services and at Mass on Easter Sunday are still restricted in line with current government guidelines, unfortunately once again these will need to be ticketed events. Requests for tickets must be made in writing stating the number of tickets required, the names of those attending and a contact address and telephone number. Please also state whether you would like to receive your tickets via email, post or collection. Tickets will be allocated to those who regularly attend Mass in the first instance. Those attending must be in their seats at least 15 minutes before the start of the Mass/service. A request form can be downloaded [here](#)

Masses/Devotions will be LiveStreamed and recorded at the advertised times

Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 8:30am Tues/Thurs/Sat - 10:00am

Sunday Mass:

9:30am

Devotions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 14 Mar	9:30am	4th SUNDAY OF LENT	Anne Andjelkovich Elizabeth Kavanagh Marion Ball	Mother's Day
Mon 15 Mar	8:30am		Maureen Turner (F) The Rev Isherwood (F)	
Tues 16 Mar	10:00am		Rev G. Britt (LD) In Thanksgiving for a successful operation	Holy Hour 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 17 Mar	8:30am	St Patrick	Peter Brunt Edmund & Timothy Donegan	
Thur 18 Mar	10:00am	St Cyril of Jerusalem	Kathleen Marmion (A) Carol Kneen (LD)	Holy Hour 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 19 Mar	8:30am	St Joseph	The Walmsley Family (F) Bernard Halstead	
Sat 20 Mar	10:00am		Valerie Bretherton One who is sick (G&I)	Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
Sun 21 Mar	9:30am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Paul Spedding (S) Evan Critchley & Family	