

## MASS INTENTIONS

Please note: when requesting a Mass Intention going forward, please be aware that if you ask for a specific date for a Mass to be said, it will automatically be said on that date at whichever church I am saying Mass on that day. Likewise, if you want to request a Mass to be said at a specific church, please make it clear on your request and it will be said on the earliest date available, nearest to the date of your request. Thank you.

## NEW DEANERY MASS TIMES

Churches across the Chorley Deanery have now published their amended Mass/Service times as of 1st August 2021. To view the full list, please follow this [link](#)

Sunday evening Mass at 6:30pm will be returning at St Gregory's from Sunday 22nd August.

## CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

This year our **Concert in the Garden** event will be held on **Sat 21st August** from 2pm here at St Gregory's. The event is free, so bring your friends and family and your own chairs and picnic blankets. There will be live music from 3pm. Bring your own food or enjoy delicious food from our own BBQ and refreshment stall. All welcome.

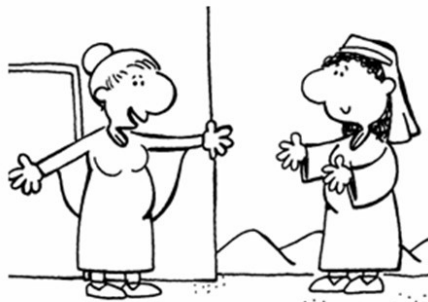
## APPEAL FOR CHURCH CLEANERS

I am very grateful that throughout the lockdown we have managed to keep the church cleaned and sanitised on a daily basis and thanks to a small group of volunteers we have also undertaken a more thorough clean on an ad hoc basis. However, I feel now is the time to resume the regular weekly cleaning schedule we had in place pre-pandemic. If you could spare an hour or two on a Friday morning to help with church cleaning on a rota basis, please could you let me know asap. Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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MARY	JUDAH	ZECHARIAH
ELIZABETH	CHILD	WOMB
HOLY	SPIRIT	CRY
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# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

15th August 2021 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year B

## REFLECTION

Today's Gospel account of the Visitation provides us with a rare glimpse into the heart of Mary. Here we see the longest recorded account of Mary's own words in what is traditionally called the Magnificat. After experiencing the announcement from the Angel Gabriel that she will bear Jesus, Mary went quickly to her cousin, Elizabeth, where she was greeted with great joy. Filled with the Holy Spirit, she exclaimed, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb' (words familiar to us all from the Hail, Mary). Elizabeth recognised the great privilege Mary had been given in being chosen to be the mother of the Messiah and the tremendous faith Mary must have had to say yes to God. But Mary did not respond by patting herself on the back – instead she turned immediately to praising and thanking God. The beautiful words in her Magnificat show us her beauty and humility. She was filled with joy that God would choose her for this task and she praised God for the many gifts he had bestowed upon her. Mary's words evidence the purity of her soul and bring great promise that all the evils of the world are simply upside down pathways by which God will bring about great things - victory for the meek, bestow power on leaders who act as servants, bring the hungry at last to the table, and widely show mercy to all - God's grace in action makes the upside-down world right-side up again!

Mary was a faithful servant of God throughout her life, always able to say 'yes' to Him because of the grace poured out upon her. Her alignment with God's will (based on her Immaculate Conception) is what allowed her to be assumed into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Unlike the ascension in which Jesus 'ascended' into heaven, an action done by Himself as God; Mary was 'assumed' into heaven, an action done by another other than herself. God assumed the one whom He chose to be the mother of Jesus. It is both because of Mary's place in God's plan, and her courageous and humble response, that we too are here to live our faith in Jesus Christ. Let us pray today that God's grace in us will do what it did for Mary.

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### Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

### Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 15:30

### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

## WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 8th August 2021

Gift Aid: **£234.75**  
Loose Plate: **£191.37**  
Standing Orders: **£186.25**  
Online Giving: **£53.35**

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

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

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Margaret Shaw Thomas Moss - Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding  
Neil Haydock - Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Neil Bass - Shirley Langstrath  
Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown

*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 Eileen Nuttall.

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### COVID 19 - CHANGES FROM 19TH JULY

In the light of further guidance received from the Archdiocese, going forward, the following will apply at both St Gregory's & St Oswald's from **Monday 19th July 2021**

- The wearing of facemasks will be **mandatory** for those attending all church services (except in the case of medical exemption).
- Social distancing will no longer be mandatory but taking into consideration that some people may still have concerns given the current infection rates, a section of the church will remain with social distancing restrictions in place.
- Hand sanitising will remain a requirement on entering the church but not on exit.
- We will no longer be taking details for track and trace purposes.
- Holy Communion will revert to the normal time and place in the Mass.
- Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.
- Stewards will invite people to the altar to receive Holy Communion row by row.

### MASS/SERVICE TIMES

#### WEEKDAY SERVICES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

THURSDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

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SATURDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

#### SUNDAY MASSES

**HOLY MASS** 9:30am (St Gregory's) & **11:00am** (St Oswald's)

### BAPTISMS AT ST OSWALD'S

This week we welcome in Baptism,

**Louie Andrew Paul Brown, Carter James Burke & James Patrick Burke**

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 15 Aug	9:30am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED	Phyllis Barton Eileen Nuttall (LD)	St Gregory's
Sun 15 Aug	11:00am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	The People of the Parish	Baptism at St Oswald's
Mon 16 Aug	10:00am	St Stephen of Hungary	Teresa Critchley (A) Margaret Berry (A)	
Tues 17 Aug	9:15am		Jake Monk (A)	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Wed 18 Aug	8:30am		Eileen Delikan B(R) Edmund & Timothy Donegan	
Thur 19 Aug	9:15am	St John Eudes	Private Intention	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Fri 20 Aug	8:30am 9:15am	St Bernard	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 21 Aug	10:00am	St Pius X	Mary Lovatt (B) Mary Gibbons (A)	Baptisms at St Oswald's
Sun 22 Aug	9:30am	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fr Graeme & Parishioners	Baptisms at St Gregory's
Sun 22 Aug	11:00am	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	In Thanksgiving	St Oswald's