


HOLY ROSARY: will be prayed twenty minutes before the weekday Mass
CONFESSIONS: are held after Mass on Saturday morning
If you wish to book a Mass Intention , please see one of the priests after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours

PARISH MINISTRIES

Counting	16 Dec	Marie Dewland & Mary Hargreaves
Sacristy & Sanctuary	22 Dec	Sandra Donnelly & Madge Martin
Minibus	22 Dec	Dominic Stone & Catherine Jackson
Readers	22 Dec	9:30am Alex Duxbury 11:00am Nora Ball 6:30pm Linda Corcoran
Ministers of the Eucharist	22 Dec	9:30am David Chadwick, Chris Huddy, Clare Meredith 11:00am Helen Mather, Denise Conway, Richard Jackson 6:30pm Anthony Hooson, Ulrika Yeomans
Church Cleaning	w/c 22 Dec	Yvonne Cunliffe & Kath Wilson

CHILDREN'S CORNER

B	Y	D	P	R	O	E	P	H	S	PRISON
L	P	N	O	S	I	R	P	E	O	BLIND
I	P	I	T	L	O	U	H	P	C	LAME
D	A	L	A	P	E	T	I	P	L	LEPERS
N	H	B	H	A	O	P	P	Y	E	CLEANSED
P	W	E	H	L	L	I	E	P	A	LIFE
A	T	O	C	A	Y	R	F	R	N	HAPPY
L	S	I	M	C	P	C	I	I	S	CLOTHES
A	E	E	T	E	P	S	L	S	E	PALACES
C	L	E	A	S	N	E	D	E	D	PROPHET
										SCRIPTURE
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**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank**

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Registered Charity No: 32709

Church Office Hours:
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

Parish Administrator:
Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:
Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: **£283.25**
Loose Plate: **£485.37**
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish.

REFLECTION

Today we light the single pink candle on our Advent wreath as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday - 'Gaudete' meaning joy or rejoice. The opening antiphon for today's mass gives us the message of our liturgy; **'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.'**

As we take another step closer to our Christmas celebrations, there are signs of this all around us. The shops and streets are filled with more people and we are busier as we have more to do in our homes. But we are also asked to notice and pay attention to the Advent signs and symbols around us. The wreath in our church is coming to life as another candle is lit, making it glow brighter. We may have put up small cribs in our homes. All these wonderful life-giving signs and symbols point and lead us to the great event of Christmas, the real source of our happiness, joy and celebrations. Today we are called to hear and really listen to the message from the Prophet Isaiah; they are as radical and relevant now as when they were first spoken; **'Courage, do not be afraid; look, your God is coming, the Lord is coming to save you.'**

On this third Sunday of Advent, let us take these words to heart - *God is coming to save us*. As the remaining days before Christmas can be so busy, hectic and full of activity, perhaps we could set a little time aside each day for a few minutes of prayer, stillness and silence – even ten minutes would be very beneficial to our health at all levels. This might help us to slow down and remember what we are actually getting ready to celebrate. The radio, television and all the magazines have been saying to us for the last few weeks, *It's Christmas!* It's not – not yet. We still have a little over a week to go. We just need to be careful that in the midst of all the activity we don't lose sight of what these Advent days are really all about!

Rejoice in the Lord always; indeed the Lord is near.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Margaret Wrennall - Kitty Ellison
 Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - 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 Anthony Hill & Annie Miller
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your kind and generous offerings of **£458.18** and for your continued support throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ROMANIA

Unfortunately the lady who usually arranges the transport of gifts to Romania is not well and so for this year we have decided against the usual collection. The other organisations we have looked at need the gifts to be sent well ahead of Christmas which means that for this year it is too late for us to participate. If people still wish to support a good cause over Christmas, donations to the Charity Shelter, who care and provide for homeless people in our diocese, would be gratefully received. Thank you.

WINTER WATER SWITCH OFF

Please note the water supply to the graveyard will be switched off on **Monday 16th December** to avoid freezing pipes etc. When tending the graveyard, please don't forget to bring a bottle of water with you. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Our 1st Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve) will begin at 7:30pm with carols and will be offered for the people of the Parish. The two Masses on Christmas Day (9:30am and 11:00am) will be offered for the intentions of those on our Parish Christmas List. If you would like to place names of your loved ones on the list, forms are available in the porch. If you also wish to leave an offering, please place it in the box with your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one) Mass offerings will be donated to the Charity Shelter.
 Thank you for your generous support.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019

Leaflets detailing the times of Christmas services at St Gregory's can be found at the back of church. Please do take one home and also take one for a relative, friend or neighbour who you think may like to attend one of our beautiful services.

URGENT APPEAL!

READERS & MINIBUS DRIVERS/HELPERS

We are urgently in need of volunteers for both Readers at Sunday Masses and Minibus Drivers/Helpers. If you would be able to help out with either of these ministries, please get in contact a.s.a.p as follows:

Readers - Nora Ball Tel: 07584 494923
 or email nora.t.ball@gmail.com

Minibus Drivers/Helpers - Fr Graeme
 Tel: 01257 262462 or email:
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MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 15 Dec	9:30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	John & Elizabeth Watmough Teresa Hamer (A)	GAUDETE SUNDAY
Sun 15 Dec	11:00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Tommy Green (A)	
Sun 15 Dec	6:30pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mgr J.L. Alston (B)	
Mon 16 Dec	8:30am 10:30am	FUNERAL SERVICE	Teresa Critchley Anthony Hill	
Tues 17 Dec	8:30am	St Lazarus	John Smith (B)	St Gregory's carol service 6:00pm
Wed 18 Dec	10:00am		Cyril Moss	ADORATION 12:00 - 2:00pm
Thu 19 Dec	8:30am	Pope Urban V	Olive Farnworth (F)	
Fri 20 Dec	8:30am	St Dominic of Silos	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 21 Dec	10:00am	St Peter Canisius	Peter Evans	
Sun 22 Dec	9:30am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Cyril Iddon (A)	
Sun 22 Dec	11:00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Evan Critchley (A) Cyril Moss (A)	Service of Reconciliation & Confession 3:00pm
Sun 22 Dec	6:30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Annie Miller (LD)	