

<b>HOLY ROSARY:</b> will be prayed twenty minutes before the weekday Mass
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> are held after Mass on Saturday morning
If you wish to book a <b>Mass Intention</b> , please see Fr Graeme after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours



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

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## PARISH MINISTRIES

<b>Counting</b>	16 Sept	Eileen Snape & Rita McIntyre
<b>S &amp; S Group</b>	22 Sept	Yvonne Cunliffe & Marian Knight
<b>Minibus</b>	22 Sept	Replacement taxi service
<b>Readers</b>	22 Sept	<b>9:30am</b> Michael Hall <b>11:00am</b> Linda Walmsley
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	22 Sept	<b>9:30am</b> Louise Cogan, Marian Knight, Richard Jackson <b>11:00am</b> Barbara Slater, Darryl Hobin, Gordon Woods
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	w/c 22 Sept	Teresa Gilgun, Kathleen Critchley, Kath Carsley

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

S	E	Y	P	E	E	H	S	E	D	SINNERS	
E	S	R	T	A	T	S	E	R	S	SHEEP	
C	H	E	A	F	A	M	A	I	A	WILDERNESS	
I	O	H	N	S	T	C	E	N	M	SHOULDERS	
O	U	C	A	R	S	H	N	M	H	REJOICE	
J	L	U	M	E	E	N	I	A	C	WOMAN	
E	D	A	O	N	O	D	O	F	A	DRACHMAS	
R	E	B	W	N	C	C	L	S	R	SONS	
O	R	E	N	I	M	A	F	I	D	ESTATE	
E	S	D	I	S	C	L	F	L	W	DEBAUCHERY	
										FAMINE	
										CALF	

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

**Parish Administrator:**  
Christine Edwards

**Safeguarding Rep:**  
Edward Brierley

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Gift Aid: **£210.08**  
Loose Plate: **£499.86**  
Standing Orders: **£180.48**

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

The retiring collection today will be for Home Missions.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

We all know how upsetting and frustrating it can be to lose something - car keys, a wallet or mobile phone. We can hunt high and low and then when we find them feel a great sense of relief and even joy. The gospel this Sunday puts before us the experience of being lost and found by God. Jesus uses not one but three images to describe for us the lengths God goes to in order to find us when we ourselves are lost and how He rejoices when we are found. The shepherd, the woman and the father all have in common losing, searching, finding and celebrating. Each of them had lost something that was precious to them and each of them rejoiced when they were found.

In the gospel, Jesus sits in the company of those he feels happiest with; the tax collectors and sinners. But typically the self-righteous Pharisees lodge their formal complaint, *'look this man even eats with sinners.'* While they complain, the sinners are happy to sit and enjoy the company of Jesus. Jesus takes this opportunity to tell them some stories in which both groups are represented. He shares with them the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the infamous prodigal son. He presents them with these deeply tender images of God to show that whenever we stray from God's compassion and love, God always searches for us in order to find us, heal us and bring us home. All we have to do is realise and admit that sometimes we do wander off and get lost. When we do, we are asked to recognise our need for God, and then begin our journey home where God will rejoice and celebrate. The shepherd, the woman and the father went to great lengths to find what they had lost and never gave up until they found their most precious belongings. In turn, God never gives up on us - he loves us all. When we can admit and recognise that we have lost our way, God comes running to find us. Our God is a forgiving and compassionate God. May we waste no more time in being lost and hurry home to join in the feast and celebration.

Our God is waiting is for us!

### Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Theresa Joyce  
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Margaret Wrennall  
 Julie Hurley - Joan Woodruff - Danny Harrison

*Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.*

Sadly we record the death of Harold Sutton.  
 Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



### BAPTISM

Today we welcome in baptism Betsy Grace Pilkington. We wish her and her family every blessing as they start out on their faith journey.

### PARISH OPEN MEETING

Just a reminder, the next Parish Open meeting will be held **tomorrow evening at 7:00pm**. Please do try to come along if you are able.

### GIN TASTING EVENING

Following last year's successful event, we will once again be holding a Gin Tasting Evening here at St Gregory's on **Friday 18th October at 7:30pm**. Tickets £25 to include 5 gins with food pairings. Tickets are now available from the Parish Office. Please note: Numbers for this event are strictly limited.

### MASS OF WELCOME

Our next Mass of Welcome for those families who wish to have their child baptised into the Catholic faith will take place on **Sunday 3rd November at 11:00am**. Please see Fr Graeme as soon as possible if you wish to take part in the Mass.

### HARVEST

Sunday 22nd September marks a special day of prayer in thanksgiving for Harvest. This is an opportunity to offer to God the contribution we make in bringing food to the table; to give thanks and pray for others who are less fortunate than ourselves; and above all to praise God who starts off each food chain by creating the sun's radiance and giving life to all living things. If you are able to bring an offering of food to Mass next Sunday, these will be brought up to the altar with the Offertory gifts and afterwards sent to Chorley Foodbank for distribution. Items such as tinned food, toiletries, UHT milk, dried pasta and cereals would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION - CES

Thank you for your kind and generous offerings of **£207.92**

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our next charity fundraising event will be a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 28th September from 10:00** in the Parish Meeting Room and will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. All are welcome. Any donations for our tombola would be very gratefully received. Thank you.

### REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Tea/coffee & cake will be available after the **11:00am** Mass today. All are welcome to drop in for refreshments and a chat.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 15 Sept	9:30am	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bridget McManus	Home Mission Sunday
Sun 15 Sept	11:00am	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Thomas Wilcock (B)	Baptism after Mass
Mon 16 Sept	8:30am	St Cornelius & St Cyprian	Valerie Bretherton Teresa Kershaw	
Tues 17 Sept	8:30am	St Robert Bellarmine	Ernest & Muriel Griffiths	
Wed 18 Sept	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Harold Sutton	
Thu 19 Sept	8:30am 11:30am	St Theodore & St Januarius FUNERAL SERVICE	Teresa Critchley Edith Banks	
Fri 20 Sept	8:30am	St Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions	Hugh O'Daly (F)	
Sat 21 Sept	10:00am	St Matthew	In Thanksgiving Our Lady of Lourdes & St Joseph Cupotino Nora Sheriff (A)	
Sun 22 Sept	9:30am	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Judith & James Kenyon Betty Dearden (LD)	Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for Harvest
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