

PARISH MINISTRIES

Counting	17 December	Derek & Celia Birchall
Sacristy & Sanctuary Group	23 December	Margaret Scard
Dial a Ride	23 December	Linda & David Walmsley
Readers	23 December	9:30am ! 11:00am Linda Walmsley 6:30pm Linda Corcoran
Ministers of the Eucharist	23 December	9:30am Chris Huddy, Linda Walmsley, Marian Knight 11:00am Margaret Scard, Sharon Hobin, Helen Mather 6:30pm David Porter, Ulrike Yeomans

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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COLLECTORS

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SOLDIERS

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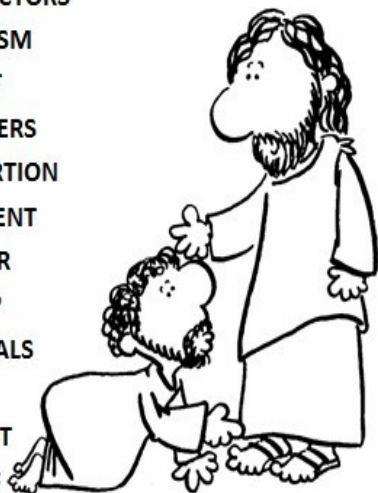
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WHEAT

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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 - 13:00

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Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £308.50
Loose Plate: £427.70
Standing Orders: £168.94

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

REFLECTION



The third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means 'rejoice'.

The opening antiphon for today's liturgy asks us to **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice.**

Indeed, the Lord is near.

Joy is the central message of our readings and prayers this Sunday and as we light a pink candle instead of a purple one on our Advent wreath we are reminded that the Advent season is a season of joy.

When the angels appeared to the shepherds they heard this message, 'Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy.' The good news of Jesus' birth is meant not only for the shepherds, it continues to be good news for each of us today. Up until recently we prayed these words after the Our Father, 'as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.' Although no longer used, this is still the central message of Advent. We are called to wait for the birth of Jesus in joyful hope.

As we wait, we are not to be afraid, anxious or worried; Why? Because, as the opening antiphon tells us, 'The Lord is very near.'

Today each of us is asked to be a person of joy and we are asked to share that joy with others. There are many people who have little reason to be joyful at this time of the year. May we share our joy with all those we meet during these last few days of Advent as we all wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm:

'Sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel'

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Margaret Wood - Bill Burns - Margaret Bower - Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Victoria Birkett - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Gerard McGuigan - Julie Hurley - Thomas Moss - Fred Simpson - Joan Woodruff - Nora Taylor - Marian Leyland - Margaret Wrennall - Harold Sutton - Margaret Fishwick - Yvonne Bell
Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

This afternoon we will celebrate our Advent Service of Reconciliation here at St Gregory's. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask for God's forgiveness and healing at this special time of the year through individual Confession and Penance.

MASS & HYMN BOOKS

If anybody has any Mass books or Hymn books at home that they may have borrowed in the past and would like to return, please leave them at the back of church as we do have a shortage. Thank you.

WINTER WATER SWITCH OFF

As the weather has now turned wintry, the water supply to the graveyard has been switched off to avoid frozen 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.

NEW FRIENDS FOR YOU

Chorley's After-Loss Club
 An opportunity to meet new friends, play cards and chat over a drink.
 Every Monday Evening at 7:30pm at St Joseph's Social Club, Harpers Lane, Chorley PR6 0HR. All welcome

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

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 a neighbour who you think may like to attend one of our beautiful Christmas services. Thank you.

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION & DONATIONS

The SVP would like to say a big thank you for your kind and generous donations which throughout this year have reached the grand total of **£754.52**

CHORLEY FOODBANK

Many thanks for all your generous donations to the Chorley Foodbank. If you have any further donations of food, these can be taken directly to the Living Waters Centre. The cut off date for Christmas donations is 18th December by 13.00. The centre is shut from 21st December 13.00 until Friday 4th January. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our 1st Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve) will be offered for the people of the Parish.
 The two Masses on Christmas Day will be offered for the intentions on our Parish List.
 Sheets are available at the back of Church for you to write the names on. If you wish to leave an offering, please place it in the box with your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one). These Mass Offerings will be donated to the Charity Shelter, who care and provide for homeless people in our diocese. Thank you for your generous support.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 16 Dec	9:30am	Third Sunday of Advent	Teresa Critchley	Gaudete Sunday
Sun 16 Dec	11:00am	Third Sunday of Advent	Tommy Green	
Sun 16 Dec	6:30pm	Third Sunday of Advent	Fr John Smith (B)	
Mon 17 Dec	8:30am		Olive Farnworth (F)	
Tues 18 Dec	8:30am		Jenny McAleenan (LD)	School Advent Service 6pm
Wed 19 Dec	8:30am		Bernard Corcoran (LD)	Adoration 12:00 -2:00pm
Thurs 20 Dec	8:30am		Maureen Clucas (A)	
Fri 21 Dec	8:30am	St Peter Canisius	Peter Evans	
Sat 22 Dec	10:00am		Catherine & Cecil De Lacy	
Sun 23 Dec	9:30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Joseph Robinson & Cyril Iddon	
Sun 23 Dec	11:00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Cyril Moss (A)	
Sun 23 Dec	6:30pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Calderbank & Noblett Families	

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 Fr Graeme after Mass on Sunday