

HOLY ROSARY: will be prayed twenty five 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	24 Feb	Marie Dewland & Mary Hargreaves
Sacristy & Sanctuary	23 Feb	Margaret Scard
Minibus	23 Feb	Taxi Replacement Service
Readers	23 Feb	9:30am Alex Duxbury 11:00am Dominic Stone 6:30pm Helen Graham
Ministers of the Eucharist	23 Feb	9:30am David Chadwick, Chris Huddy, Clare Meredith 11:00am Helen Mather, Denise Conway, Richard Jackson 6:30pm Anthony Hooson, Ulrike Yeomans
Church Cleaning	w/c 23 Feb	Teresa Gilgun, Kathleen Critchley & Kath Carsley

CHILDREN'S CORNER

C	A	P	U	R	P	O	S	E	Y
O	N	U	E	L	O	A	R	F	R
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P	E	P	O	I	L	O	T	F	N
L	S	O	R	K	T	L	S	O	A
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ABOLISH COMPLETE PURPOSE
KINGDOM HEAVEN VIRTUE
ANCESTORS KILL ANGRY
ALTAR THRONE FOOTSTOOL



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

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

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Edward Brierley

REFLECTION

From a very early age, we are encouraged to do what we are asked. When we are young we listen to and learn from our parents example and this then continues through school where we are asked to follow the rules of the school. There are also rules of the road to help us drive safely with care and concern for other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. Religion has rules too and this was as true at the time of Jesus as it is for us today. However, there is always the danger that the letter of the law becomes more important than the spirit of the law; there is always the danger that the law becomes more important than the religion it seeks to guide and uphold. We know from the gospels that Jesus had many battles and arguments with the Pharisees and Sadducees, the two groups who controlled and organised all the rites and rituals of the Jewish religion. However, Jesus said to the people, 'Do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on your shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Despite their well-meaning intentions, they had let the letter of the law overtake the heart and spirit of the law. All too easily we can become like the Pharisees and the Sadducees; we can become slaves to the law of the gospel and miss what its message of hope and new life are really about. Pope Francis offers these words of warning to us, 'people rigidly bound to the law suffer pain, pride and often live a double life. God's laws are not meant to make us slaves but to make us free, to make us sons and daughters of God. God prefers mercy, tenderness, goodness and humility. May the Lord teach each of us to walk within the Lord's laws with these ways.' Jesus is not asking us to break the law, particularly the law of the gospel. He is calling us to go beyond the letter of the law and to deepen our appreciation of the message of the gospel. May we love the Lord, ourselves and our neighbours with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: **£181.45**

Loose Plate: **£406.94**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson

Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - 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.

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

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism Rory Maxwell Harty. We wish him and his family every blessing as they start out on their faith journey.

LUNCH WITH THE CATENIANS

Next **Sunday 23rd February**, Chorley Catenians are having a Sunday Lunch at Shaw Hill. The event is being subsidised by Circle funds and is therefore priced at only £20.00 per head. It would be great if parishioners could join us to take advantage of this fantastic offer and to enjoy excellent food in the fabulous surroundings of Shaw Hill Golf & Country Club. All bookings should be made through Bill Critchley, by email if possible. Pauline and I will look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Bill Critchley, President – Chorley Circle Tel: 07801 020227 or Email: billandpolly.critchley@virgin.net

IMPORTANT UPDATE

At the end of February Fr Mark Beattie will be taking up the role of parish priest of St Bede's and St Chad's parishes. From the weekend 29th February/1st March Mass times will be:
Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede's 6:00pm
Sunday Mass at St Chad's 9.15am
Sunday Mass at St Bede's 11:00am

OPEN PARISH MEETING

Just a reminder, the next Open Parish Meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 7:00pm**. If anybody has any items for the Agenda, please let me know as soon as possible. All are welcome to attend the meeting, do please try to come along.

Synod 2020 Theme 4

Building Community Nurturing belonging
The meetings for the final theme are as follows:

Tuesday 25th February at St Chad's social centre
Wednesday 26th February at St Mary's Social centre
Thursday 27th Sacred Heart School

All begin at 7:30 pm. Please do try to attend and have your say on what proposals should be sent to the Archdiocese to make up the agenda of Synod 2020.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 16 Feb	9:30am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Paul & Avril Whiteside (GW) Rita & Norman Hutchinson & Family	
Sun 16 Feb	11:00am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Bernard Routledge (LD)	BAPTISM AFTER MASS
Sun 16 Feb	6:30pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Mary Eileen Farrell (A)	
Mon 17 Feb	8:30am	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	Teresa Hamer (B)	
Tues 18 Feb	8:30am	St Simeon	Kathleen Marmion (B)	Open Parish Meeting 7:pm
Wed 19 Feb	10:00am	St Boniface	Dorothy Brimley	
Thu 20 Feb	8:30am	St Jacinta & St Francisco	Kathleen M Cornwell (Nee Kellet)	
Fri 21 Feb	8:30am	St Peter Damian	Eucharistic Service	
Sat 22 Feb	10:00am	See of St Peter	Alan Mullineaux	
Sun 23 Feb	9:30am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	William, Ann & Elizabeth Fearson Bert Southworth (A)	
Sun 23 Feb	11:00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Raymond & Pat Walmsley 60th Wedding Anniversary	
Sun 23 Feb	6:30pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Paul McManus (A)	