

LEAVERS MASS 2022

Congratulations to all our Year 6 children who had their special Leavers Mass this week. We wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education at high school after the summer holidays. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they progress to this next important stage in their education.

LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2022

If anybody would like any candles lighted or any petitions or prayer intentions to be taken, please place your intention in a sealed envelope marked 'Lourdes Petition' and either hand it in at the presbytery or send them direct to: **8 Marylebone Place, Swinley, Wigan WN1 2NS**
The pilgrimage leaves next Sunday 21st July.

ACADEMY STRATEGY FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

The Education Department has completed its work on the Stage 1 Consultation Academy Strategy for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. For those who may be interested in reading the documents, the consultation and associated documents can be found on the Archdiocesan website at: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

The deadline for responses to the Stage 1 Consultation is **Friday 30 September**.

ALPHA 21 DAY PRAYER CAMPAIGN

Are there people you know who you would like to draw into the church? Alpha is a great way to introduce them or bring them back, but you may feel worried about asking. The first most important step is to pray for them. There will be a 21-day Prayer campaign for anyone we would like to invite to Alpha starting on August 11th. We will be handing out prayer cards on which you can name three people that you will pray for. There will be a special prayer and a reminder to pray for them at 11.02. Why 11.02? Further details to follow!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

17th July 2022 - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we are given the two complementary sides of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We have Mary who sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to him as he spoke and Martha who prepared and served the food. Neither one is better than the other - both ways of experiencing and encountering Jesus are an essential part of daily life. We all know people who like Martha seem to be busy and active all the time - conversely, we also know those who have the habit of letting others do all the work! Neither extreme is good for us - we can't be busy all the time and neither should we sit back and let others do all the work. What we all need is a balance of being active and engaged but also taking time to rest and renew ourselves. There will always be times when we are busy with daily routines and activities - this is normal and healthy and these are the times when we can look to Martha as a role model. Serving others is how we put our faith and love into action. However, there are also times when we are called to be silent so that we can hear what Jesus is saying to us - Mary is an example of this attitude. In the scriptures we are encouraged to *be still and know God*. If we are always busy and active we are not allowing ourselves time to maintain our friendship with God. On the other hand, we are also called to live in the ordinary world of housework and normal daily activities. Through our prayer and relationship with Jesus, we can bring a deep quality of service and ministry not only to our own lives but the lives of those we serve and care for. Perhaps today's Gospel poses two questions - *do I take time to rest and pray? What is the quality of my service and care of others?* Jesus himself knew and appreciated this. He didn't spend all his time with the crowds of people teaching and healing them. He often took time to be by himself so he could pray. In St Mark's gospel, we read that *Jesus got up early, left the house and went to a lonely place where he prayed.* Jesus himself realised the importance of taking time off and away from all activity so he could renew his relationship with God and be refreshed for his own daily life of activity and ministry. Let us pray today that we too will make time in our busy lives to refresh and renew our relationship with God.

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Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 10th July 2022

Gift Aid: **£141.00**
Loose Plate: **£313.23**
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection today is for Priests in Retirement

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helms - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown
 Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery - Derek Birchall
 Christine Zawistowicz - Joanna Hardiman - Catherine - Kathleen Green - Philip Compton - Rona Roberts

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
 and all those whose anniversaries occur around about this time.

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

REVISED & REVERSED COVID REQUIREMENTS

With the increase of infection rates and the new variants, the guidelines from the
 Archdiocese have changed and the following now apply:

1. **Face-coverings** are highly recommended for people who attend Sunday Masses.
2. **Sanitiser** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the doors to the church will remain open throughout each service during the summer months.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will no designated section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will be required to wear a face covering whilst distributing Holy Communion and will also cleanse their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will not be reintroduced at this time.

**NB: We have been informed of a number of parishioners suffering from Covid recently
 so please be cautious and do not attend if you have any symptoms.**

NUGENT CARE

Nugent Care is a catholic charity based in the Liverpool Archdiocese providing social services
 for vulnerable children, young people and adults through schools, care homes, and
 community and social work services. In order to help understand the breadth of the work
 they do on our behalf and how your kind and generous donations are used, as an example,
 the charity has recently launched a new project in support of people with learning
 difficulties. The Orchards supported living is situated in the village of Billinge and offers a
 variety of amenities including shops, restaurants & cafés, a community centre, library as
 well as access to health services such as GP and dentist. The onsite communal hub will
 provide adults with learning, physical disabilities or those suffering with mental health issues
 a place to learn, develop and grow. It will provide a safe space where they can build
 friendships, develop life skills in order to help them live a more fulfilled life.

If you would like to know more about the work of Nugent Care
 and the many ways in which you can help, please follow the link:

<https://weare Nugent.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 17 Jul	9:30am	16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Ann & Agnes Walsh (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The People of the Parish	
SUN 17 Jul	11:00am	16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 18 Jul	10:00am		Bryan Topping Margaret Fishwick (B)	
Tues 19 Jul	9:15am	St John Plessington	Sylvester Woods (F)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 20 Jul	8:30am	St Apollinaris	John Calveley Harriet Meehan (BR)	
	2:30pm	FUNERAL SERVICE	Eileen Trafford	
Thur 21 Jul	9:15am	St Lawrence of Brindisi	The Hayden Family (F)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 22 Jul	8:30am	St Mary Magdalene	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 23 Jul	10:00am	St Bridget	Vincent Horan (A) Patricia Bond (A) Olive Morris (B)	
SUN 24 Jul	9:30am	17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Mary Robinson (A) Frank Dearden (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Margaret Hibbert (LD)	
SUN 24 Jul	11:00am	17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Fr Lionel Devaney	ST OSWALD'S