

ONLINE GIVING WEBSITE

The Archdiocese has now set up an online giving website which can be used to donate both one-off and regular monthly donations.

Each parish has been given its own unique link on the website with a photograph of the church to provide additional reassurance to donors that they are donating to their parish.

All donations will go to the parish selected by the donor.

The link to the page for our parish is:

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-gregory-chorley>

TEXT GIVING

Text Giving is also now available and the details below can be used to make both one-off and regular donations.

Text **SAINTGREGORY** to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **SAINTGREGORYNOINFO** to 70085.

Text **SAINTGREGORY** to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £3 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **SAINTGREGORYNOINFO** to 70450.

Text **SAINTGREGORY** to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **SAINTGREGORYNOINFO** to 70460.

Text **SAINTGREGORY** to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **SAINTGREGORYNOINFO** to 70470.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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TRUTH	WORLD	ORPHANS
UNDERSTAND	SHOW	MYSELF



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

17th May 2020 - Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A

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

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REFLECTION

We are now some distance from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. Today a new dimension of the story comes out - Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit.

So, in today's Gospel we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate" Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

He contrasts his own impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit - Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realise that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp.

Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us.

Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION
w/c 3rd & 10th May 2020**

Gift Aid: **£332.00**

Loose Plate: **£140.50**

Standing Orders: **£392.50**

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley
 Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - 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

CORONA VIRUS - IMPORTANT UPDATE

All public Masses, sacraments and other services are suspended until further notice (this will be reviewed regularly by the Bishops). The obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday and Holy Days is also suspended at this time.

This coming Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation - or would be under normal circumstances! Please do make every effort to tune in to our Church Livestream if you are able and to make this a special day of prayer joining it with Pope Francis' appeal for people of all faiths to unite in prayer, fasting, and works of charity for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Exceptions are as follows:

- Funerals will take place with restrictions fulfilling pastoral needs.
- The Sacrament of the Sick will continue in extreme circumstances, however, Holy Communion to the sick and housebound is suspended until further notice.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be arranged in extreme circumstances by phoning the presbytery.

The Parish will maintain links with our parishioners in the following ways:

- Masses will be streamed live - the times will be as on the newsletter. Please note: we are currently experiencing some difficulties with the live stream at peak times relating to the volume of people trying to access the system. We are therefore recording all Masses and these can be viewed by clicking on the recordings button on the Live Stream page or follow this link: <https://www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk/church-livestream>
- A telephone conversation service (ChorleyBuddies) is now available for those who are self-isolating, further details can be found on the Parish Website.
- The presbytery number (01257 262462) is always available if you wish to speak with one of the priests. If he is not available, please do leave a message and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

In these strange times that we are living in, our life and our communion together in the Lord will continue in new and different ways. Please continue to support each other especially the vulnerable and let us keep each other in our prayers. *Fr Graeme.*

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 17 May	9:30am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Harry Ainscough (F) Gerald Thompson	
Sun 17 May	11:00am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Harold & Hilda Haworth	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 17 May	6:30pm	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Maureen Hall (B)	
Mon 18 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	St John I, Pope & Martyr	Bridget McManus Angela Sawyer	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Tues 19 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Dunstan	Valerie Bretherton Private Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 20 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Bernadine of Sienna	Fred & Monica Bates (F) Fred Bower (A)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 21 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Tommy McGuigan (LD) Safe Delivery	SONGS OF PRAISE 3:00pm
Fri 22 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Rita of Cascia	Brian Smith (LD) Fr Joe Weston (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat 23 May	8:30am 6:00pm	St William	Bernard Dickinson (LD) Fred & Margaret Bower	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 24 May	9:30am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Gerald & Teresa Thompson	
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