

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 or call the office during office hours

PARISH MINISTRIES

Counting	19 Aug	John & Mary Mark
S & S Group	25 Aug	Margaret Scard
Minibus	25 Aug	Replacement Taxi Service
Readers	25 Aug	9:30am John Oswell 11:00am Dominic Stone
Ministers of the Eucharist	25 Aug	9:30am Louise Cogan, Yvonne Cunliffe, David Chadwick 11:00am Denise Conway, Edward Brierley, Richard Jackson
Church Cleaning	w/c 25 Aug	Teresa Gilgun, Kathleen Critchley, Kath Carsley

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A	G	E	C	A	E	P	M	A	N
E	N	T	R	A	E	S	P	H	D
S	I	O	H	R	I	E	O	B	I
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E	A	F	P	S	S	C	Z	F	T
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I	L	F	A	T	H	E	R	D	E
D	A	U	G	H	T	E	R	E	S

FIRE
EARTH
BLAZING
BAPTISM
DISTRESS
PEACE
DIVISION
HOUSEHOLD
FIVE
FATHER
SON
DAUGHTER



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

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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: **£262.92**
Loose Plate: **£381.19**
Standing Orders: **£180.48**

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel has a definite shock value to it as it names things we tend to avoid: fire, division and anguish. The message that Jesus speaks is not mild, gentle or timid. The message that Jesus offers us is life-changing, radical and has the power to transform our lives. Jesus calls us to follow him, therefore we have to respond in some way, we can't ignore the call. We have to make a decision whether to follow Jesus or not. If we decide to follow him, he clearly spells out the cost of being his disciple. His coming brings 'fire', his own 'baptism' causes him pain. When Jesus speaks he doesn't soften his message. Instead, he clearly spells out the cost of living the good news. Some people will accept his message, others will not. His spoken words and actions put before us the choice we are asked to make if we are to faithfully follow him. As Jesus warned us in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. A commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this in turn can put strains on relationships. We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel, but it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. In essence, the Gospel this Sunday is a challenge by Jesus to remain faithful to him at all times and against all odds. In our lives, there will be times when we have to make important choices - that is why he talks of fire and division. Following Jesus faithfully has some difficult and painful consequences and requires great inner strength. As the first commandment says: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and will all your strength.'

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Theresa Joyce
Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Margaret Wrennall - Harold Sutton
Margaret Fishwick - Julie Hurley - Joan Woodruff - Danny Harrison
Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please 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 Henry Wilkins. We wish him and his family every blessing as they start out on their faith journey.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note, there will be no morning Mass this week but there will be a Eucharistic Service each day. Sunday Masses as normal.

THE PEBBLE POOL

Some of you will have already noticed our Pebble Pool at the back of the Church and wondered what it is for. Each pebble placed in the pool represents a prayer - either for yourself, for someone else, or in memory of a loved one. You are invited to choose a pebble and to put it in the pool on top of the other stones. Each Saturday before Mass, the stones will be taken from the pool, placed in a basket at the foot of the Altar. The Pebble Pool Prayer will be said, holding before God all the prayers offered in the past week and the people who offered them. There are some leaflets which explain this, with the prayers, please do take one.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Today sees the start of the new Church Offering Envelopes. If you have not yet collected yours, please do so a.s.a.p. The Gift Aid Envelopes are in the Sacristy - please mark your name off on the list and the ordinary envelopes are in the porch. Thank you.

CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

A big thank you to those who very kindly braved the weather at our Concert in the (very wet!!) Garden last weekend! Although the weather was appalling, a good time was had by all. Grateful thanks also to those who volunteered to help out at the event, it was much appreciated.
Fr Graeme

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your kind and generous offerings of
£188.68

QUIET DAY

Henri Nouwen:
The life and spirituality of a wounded healer
St. Laurence Church invite members of all Chorley Churches to a quiet day with Mike Ford, an excellent speaker and ex BBC Radio 4 journalist.
Saturday 7th September, 10:00am - 3:00pm.
For further information, please see the poster in the church porch or contact St Laurence on
Tel: 01257 266037.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 18 Aug	9:30am	20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Valerie Bretherton	
Sun 18 Aug	11:00am	20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Catherine Corcoran (A) Kathleen Swarbrick (A)	Baptism after Mass
Mon 19 Aug	8:30am	St John Eudes	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Tues 20 Aug	8:30am	St Bernard	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Wed 21 Aug	10:00am	St Pius X	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Thu 22 Aug	8:30am	The Queenship of Mary	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Fri 23 Aug	8:30am	St Rose of Lima	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 24 Aug	10:00am	St Bartholomew	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sun 25 Aug	9:30am	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ann & Elizabeth Frearson	
Sun 25 Aug	11:00am	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	David & Linda Walmsley (SW)	Baptism after Mass