

SONGS OF PRAISE

It has been suggested that we introduce a 'Songs of Praise' service that can be viewed via our Live Stream with viewers sending in requests for their favourite or special hymns to be featured. We have decided to give it a go and see how successful it is bearing in mind that we can only try our very best to download the hymns or pieces of music chosen! The first of these will be on Thursday at 3pm and will replace Exposition that afternoon. Please email your requests with either an intention or the reason why you have chosen the hymn to: [St Gregory's Weld Bank](#)

MASSES FOR THE SICK, NHS WORKERS & OTHERS

Starting on Thursday, there will be a series of weekly Masses, each Thursday at 7.00 p.m., for the sick and their families, all front-line workers in the NHS and those who work in social care. The Masses will be celebrated by a different bishop each week in his own cathedral and the celebrations will be live-streamed.

Details of the timetable can be found [here](#)

A MESSAGE FROM FR GRAEME

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. Sincere thanks from Fr Kenny and myself for all your kind thoughts, messages and prayers they are much appreciated. May God's blessing be upon you all.

Fr Graeme



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank

19th April 2020 - Second Sunday of Easter, Cycle A

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

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION
w/c 5th & 12th April**

Gift Aid: **£409.00**

Loose Plate: **£294.60**

Standing Orders: **£196.25**

Thank you for your kind and generous donations.

If you wish to do so, you are still welcome to post your envelopes through the presbytery door. This would be much appreciated.

REFLECTION

In today's gospel we meet the apostle who is forever known as 'Doubting Thomas.' After all their hopes and plans had been dashed, the apostles were in hiding from the Romans afraid that they would do to them what they had done to Jesus. They were anxious, worried and doing all they could to protect and save themselves; perhaps like so many of us around the world today in the wake of Coronavirus. Now more than ever we have a sense of what they were experiencing - all they had hoped and believed in had been taken from them, all seemed lost and hopeless. And so, what seems to be out of nowhere, Jesus appeared to them and causally said, 'Peace be with you.' To prove beyond all doubt that it was him, Jesus showed them the signs of his sufferings; his hands and his side. Then Jesus commissioned them with carrying on his ministry and mission. However, Thomas one of the group was missing and on his return, the others told him that the Lord had appeared to them and had spoken to them. Just like the others, he was not convinced and needed some real proof and evidence before he could believe what they had told him. So when Jesus reappeared eight days later, he spoke directly to Thomas and invited him to put his fingers into his wounds as proof of his presence and resurrection. Thomas instead prayed the great prayer that we still use today, 'My Lord and my God!' This is not the prayer of one who doubts, but the prayer of someone who has faith and believes. Without any doubt, these are very challenging and difficult times for all of us. We may feel like the apostles - whilst not hiding, we are being asked to keep our distance from others or for many of us 'self-isolate.' We may feel like Thomas - doubting, unsure and even afraid. But just as Jesus stood with his friends and brought them his peace at their time of greatest need, the same risen Lord says to us, 'Peace be with you.' We are not alone - rather than doubt, we are being called to pray with and for each other. Can we, like Thomas respond in faith as we say, 'My Lord and my God'?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

R	O	F	D	E	I	S	A	M	D
K	E	E	K	E	E	W	H	O	E
E	S	A	E	L	S	A	F	H	R
V	O	R	S	A	M	O	H	T	F
E	C	A	E	P	R	T	L	H	I
I	S	E	H	G	T	H	A	C	N
L	K	R	I	O	N	G	I	G	G
E	E	V	O	I	L	I	F	I	R
B	E	W	R	O	N	E	F	E	E
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WEEK DOORS CLOSED
FEAR PEACE HANDS
FORGIVE THOMAS HOLES
FINGER EIGHT BELIEVE



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

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.

We remember especially Tommy McGuigan, whose funeral service will be held at Charnock Richard Crematorium on Wednesday at 10:30am, and Marie Ashworth who was previously a teacher at St Augustine's & Holy Cross. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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. Exceptions to this 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>
- Outside of Mass, the live stream will focus on the exposed Blessed Sacrament or the tabernacle and cross to help with private prayer.
- There are many spiritual resources available online including messages from both Archbishop Malcolm and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. A number of prayer resources are also available at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/>
- 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.
- Although the church will no longer be open for private prayer, parishioners are welcome to pray whilst walking around the church grounds. Please ensure social distancing is maintained at all times and observe that dogs are strictly prohibited in the cemetery areas (except guide dogs).

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 19 Apr	9:30am	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ann Andjelcovic, Elizabeth Cavanagh & Marian Ball	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Sun 19 Apr	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Andrew Evans (B)	DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS 3:00pm
Sun 19 Apr	6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	
Mon 20 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Beuno	Florence Robinson (LD) Private Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Tues 21 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Anselm	Vincent Bell (A) Stephen Rainford (F)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 22 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Theodore	Phyllis Barton & Family Private Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 23 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon	St George	Tommy McGuigan (LD) Private Intention	SONGS OF PRAISE 3:00pm
Fri 24 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Fidelis	Shama & Hakumi Azma (Get well soon) Marie Ashworth (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat 25 Apr	8:30am 6:00pm	St Mark Evangelist	Valerie Bretherton Dolly Dunne (A)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 26 Apr	9:30am	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ann & Agnes Walsh Robert Parkinson (A)	
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Sun 26 Apr	6:30pm	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Private Intention	