

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 one of the priests after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours



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

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PARISH MINISTRIES

Counting	02 Dec	Terence & Sandra Donnelly
Sacristy & Sanctuary	08 Dec	Margaret Scard
Minibus	08 Dec	Phil & Gillian Southworth
Readers	08 Dec	9:30am Simon Robinson 11:00am Marian Knight 6:30pm Ulrike Yeomans
Ministers of the Eucharist	08 Dec	9:30am Louise Cogan, Yvonne Cunliffe, Jack Knight 11:00am Angela Woods, Gordon Woods, Michael Hall 6:30pm Joe Commerford, Ulrike Yeomans
Church Cleaning	w/c 08 Dec	Hayley Brabin, Rita Smith, Ursula Mulkeen

CHILDREN'S CORNER

S	A	T	R	U	B	U	G	R	L	FLOOD	EATING	DRINKING
D	H	D	I	L	U	R	N	M	A	WIVES	HUSBANDS	ARK
L	D	U	O	N	R	S	I	E	R	FIELDS	WOMEN	MILLSTONE
E	R	T	S	O	G	L	T	K	O	AWAKE	BURGLAR	READY
I	I	N	T	B	L	E	A	A	T			
F	N	E	O	S	A	F	E	W	S			
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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: **£285.77**
Loose Plate: **£427.67**
Standing Orders: **£180.48**

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

The retiring collection this week will be the SVP Christmas Collection.

REFLECTION


This Sunday we begin a new season in the Church's calendar - the great Season of Advent. There are two messages that we will hear over the next four weeks. The first from the media will be to move faster, stay busy, queue longer in the shops and spend more money on those 'must have' presents so that we will have the 'perfect' Christmas. We will be told and sold the idea that unless we buy more and more and surround ourselves with all the trappings of Christmas, we won't be happy. This most definitely is 'fake news.' However there is a very different message and set of values that will be offered to us through the gospels, the prayers and the liturgy of Advent. We are being asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, to make a straight path for the Lord and to get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is most definitely 'Good News! The message of Advent is an invitation and it also a challenge to us. We are called to look forward, to be ready, to be prepared and to wait in joyful hope. Waiting is not something that we are usually good at these days. During these sacred days of preparation, we are being asked to take some time to be still and silent as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. While we can't simply ignore the shops, the media and the advertisements over the next few weeks, neither can we ignore the words and message of Jesus in today's gospel; *'Stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming'*" If we get too caught up in the shopping and spending, there is the danger that we will miss what Advent is really about. This is what the call to 'stay awake' means. We are asked not to miss the next four weeks of Advent and to prepare and get ready as best we can as followers of Jesus. It would be so sad, that if after the shopping and all the other preparations we missed Advent and its joyful and hopeful message. In what ways can I prepare a way for the Lord this Advent as I get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas?

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Theresa Joyce
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Margaret Wrennall - 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

JESSE TREE



The Jesse tree was created to help people link the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The children will decorate the tree with symbols related to the events of Jesus' birth. If you wish to add a person's name or intention you would like us to remember during Advent, please take a tag from the back of church and hang it on the tree. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Our 1st Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve) will begin at 7:30pm with carols and will be offered for the people of the Parish. The two Masses on Christmas Day (9:30am and 11:00am) will be offered for the intentions of those on our Parish Christmas List. If you would like to place names of your loved ones on the list, forms are available in the porch. If you also wish to leave an offering, please place it in the box with your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one) Mass offerings will be donated to the Charity Shelter who care and provide for homeless people in our diocese. Thank you for your generous support.

MEMORIAL MASS 2019

Thank you to all those who took part in our Annual Mass for deceased parishioners. Yet again, it was a very moving celebration. Please keep the deceased and their families in your prayers.



FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOP AT THE MEETING PLACE



Come and see our warm and welcoming team in the **Parish Meeting Room** on **Tuesday 3 December between 2pm and 5pm**. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided, plus our usual activities will be available along with books, CDs and DVDs to borrow free of charge. There will be a great selection of **FAIRTRADE** goods available, ideal for **Christmas Gifts** and stocking fillers, all at very reasonable prices. Please do call in and see us, **all welcome**. **FREE raffle ticket with every purchase!**

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

A special thank you to all our parishioners who kindly donated much needed food to the Foodbank this week. We were very proud of our church as we unloaded bag after bag of goodies for those less fortunate than ourselves. Spreading Christmas cheer is a wonderful feeling. God bless you all.

ST GREGORY'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

Single cards depicting the nativity stained glass window at St Gregory's are now available at the back of church. Cost is **65p** per card.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 01 Dec	9:30am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Valerie Bretherton Jim Dunn	NEW LITURGICAL YEAR A
Sun 01 Dec	11:00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Bill Dearden (A) William & Margaret O'Brien	
Sun 01 Dec	6:30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	LISCF	
Mon 02 Dec	8:30am		James Bagot (LD)	
Tues 03 Dec	8:30am	St Francis Xavier	James & Sarah Cornwall Rev Isherwood (F)	
Wed 04 Dec	10:00am	St John Damascene	Norman Martin (A)	ADORATION 12:00 - 2:00pm
Thu 05 Dec	8:30am	St John Almond	Elizabeth Swarbrick	
Fri 06 Dec	8:30am	St Nicholas	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 07 Dec	10:00am	St Ambrose	Alice, Charles, William & James Turner (F)	
Sun 08 Dec	9:30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Thomas Gerard (F)	BIBLE SUNDAY
Sun 08 Dec	11:00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Tom Grady (A) Maureen Carrington	FAMILY MASS & UNIT 1
Sun 08 Dec	6:30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Ellen & Anthony Moore (F)	