

## HOLY HOUR & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our devotions which take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm are now open for Public Worship. Please do join us for a period of quiet prayer and reflection. There will also be Stations of the Cross on Friday 26th March 2021 at 6:30pm.

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

As we celebrate a 'A Year of Saint Joseph' and as we celebrated his feast day earlier this week, please find below a special prayer to St Joseph in this special year.

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

Further prayers to St Joseph can be found [here](#)

## LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR DENIS McBRIDE

Father Denis McBride leads us on a FREE online retreat this Lent, based on his two books *Reflecting with Paintings* Vol 1 and Vol 2.

Part 4 (Facing The Truth) can now be viewed on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBHwmlhjHIA&t=1s>

## NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR COVID 19

Tuesday 23rd March has been designated as a National Day of Prayer & Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown. Please remember in your prayers all those who have died from the virus, especially those from our own parish.

## NUGENT/LENTEN ALMS/CAFOD

If anybody has not yet sent in their donations for the above special collections and would still like to do so, please could you have these in by Palm Sunday at the latest so that we can send the monies off to the relevant funds. Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

21st March 2021 - 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

## REFLECTION

At this time of the year, we are all hopeful that the long cold darkness of winter is behind us - we notice the lighter mornings and the days start to get longer. The time of hibernation is coming to an end and new life is beginning to be seen all around us. Some of us will have sown seeds and bulbs during the winter, watered and nurtured them, patiently waiting for nature to take its course. As spring approaches what was sown begins to grow and flourish. As if by a miracle, new life begins to spring from the dark earth and the small seed sown months ago has now changed and transformed into something incredibly beautiful. But the circle of life is not always romantic, it can be harsh and even violent - the seasons come and go, the fruitfulness of spring and summer gives way to the harvest of autumn. Nature doesn't hold on to things, there is always a dying and a letting go. There are many different images and symbols used in scripture to describe Jesus. He talks about himself as Light, Water, Bread, the Vine and being like a Shepherd. In the gospel this Sunday, he talks about himself in terms of a seed being sown in the ground. Jesus tells us that if a seed does not fall to the ground and die, it is still only one single small seed. However, it falls to the ground and dies, something miraculous happens - over time the seed ceases to be a seed and in the dark earth it becomes something altogether different. As it gives up its life, something powerful comes to light and to re-birth. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, this is what happens for us. Jesus goes into the earth and there through the power of God he is changed and transformed and emerges from the earth with new and everlasting life. This is the mystery of the cross and the fruit of the resurrection. Jesus offers himself to each of us as the seed that falls to the ground and dies only to be resurrected. We are almost coming to the end of our Lenten Journey. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday - Jesus knows his time of suffering his approaching. As we began our Lenten journey with him, so too, Jesus now asks us to remain with him.

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## Part of the

## ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

## Church Office Hours:

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

## Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

## Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 14th March 2021

Gift Aid: **£160.00**

Loose Plate: **£285.76**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

### Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Eileen Nuttall - Anne Knowles - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley  
 Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan  
 Fr Laurence Mayne - Kathleen Dunn - Paul Spedding - Canon Albert Shaw - Hannah Lister

*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 especially Winifred Calderbank & Kathleen Winstanley (Coppull)

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### CHURCH REOPENING UPDATE

Following the Prime Ministers announcement of a 4 step road map out of lockdown earlier this week, we are now looking forward to the re-opening of churches.

Assuming there are no further changes to the advice and following further guidance received from the Archdiocese, St Gregory's is now open for Public Worship.

All previous precautions including social distancing, the wearing of face masks and sanitisation regimes must remain in place. There will also be no toilet facilities available.

The following will also apply in Step 1:

**Funerals are permitted to go ahead and can be attended by close family only (max 30 people)**

**Burials of ashes can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance**

**Weddings can go ahead from 29th March 2021 with 6 attendees and are no longer limited to exceptional circumstances**

**No Baptisms to take place at this time including Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday**

We will update the guidance re: Steps 2-4 as we progress through each stage of the governments roadmap.

May God continue to Bless you and your families  
 Fr Graeme

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2021

As the numbers at each of the Triduum services and at Mass on Easter Sunday are still restricted in line with current government guidelines, unfortunately once again these will need to be ticketed events. Requests for tickets must be made in writing stating the number of tickets required, the names of those attending and a contact address and telephone number. Please also state whether you would like to receive your tickets via email, post or collection. Tickets will be allocated to those who regularly attend Mass in the first instance. Those attending must be in their seats at least 15 minutes before the start of the Mass/service. A request form can be downloaded [here](#)

Masses/Devotions will be LiveStreamed and recorded at the advertised times

### Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 8:30am Tues/Thurs/Sat - 10:00am

**Sunday Masses:** 9:30am (St Gregory's), 11:00am (St Oswald's - not Live Streamed)

**Devotions** will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 21 Mar	9:30am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Paul Spedding (S) Evan Critchley & Family	St Gregory's Weld Bank
Sun 21 Mar	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	John & Elaine McGreevy	St Oswald's Coppull
Mon 22 Mar	8:30am		Bridget McManus John Thompson (LD)	
Tues 23 Mar	10:00am	St Turibius of Mongrovejo	Chorley Buddies (1yr Anniv) John Cooper (F)	Day of Reflection for COVID 19 Holy Hour 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 24 Mar	8:30am		Paul Spedding (S) Mary Jane Barton (BR)	
Thur 25 Mar	10:00am	The Annunciation of the Lord	James Critchley (BR) Mary Winifred Booth (BR)	Holy Hour 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 26 Mar	8:30am		Peter Evans (BR) John Walker (F)	Day for Survivors of Sexual Abuse Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
Sat 27 Mar	10:00am		Marie Meehan	
Sun 28 Mar	9:30am	PALM SUNDAY	Baby Gabriel Grimes (A) John & Annette Armstrong (GW)	St Gregory's Weld Bank
Sun 28 Mar	11:00am	PALM SUNDAY		St Oswald's Coppull