

<b>HOLY ROSARY:</b> will be prayed twenty minutes before the weekday Mass
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> are held after Mass on Saturday morning
If you wish to book a <b>Mass Intention</b> , 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

<b>Counting</b>	30 Dec	Derek & Celia Birchall
<b>Sacristy &amp; Sanctuary</b>	29 Dec	Mary Wakeman & Liz Fowler
<b>Minibus</b>	29 Dec	Replacement Taxi Service
<b>Readers</b>	29 Dec	<b>9:30am</b> Marissa Sanders <b>11:00am</b> Sharon Hobin <b>6:30pm</b> John Oswell
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	29 Dec	<b>9:30am</b> Louise Cogan, Jack Knight, Michael Hall <b>11:00am</b> Sharon Hobin, Edward Brierley, Angela Woods <b>6:30pm</b> Joe Commerford, Melvyn Cunliffe
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	w/c 29 Dec	Teresa Gilgun, Kathleen Critchley, Kath Carsley

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

H	T	R	I	B	D	R	E	A	R	BETROTHED	CHILD	HUSBAND
E	L	E	T	C	E	N	R	U	D	HONOUR	DIVORCE	ANGEL
H	F	W	H	O	H		O	I	I	DREAM	WIFE	BIRTH
M	E	I	M	P	T	N	V	S	V	SON	PROPHET	HOME
O	L	F	W	S	O	O	T	O	O			
D	D	I	T	H	R	R	O	E	R			
E	E	R	S	C	T	O	P	M	E			
N	A	G	E	E	E	O	L	O	C			
A	N	D	N	A	B	S	U	H	I			
L	E	G	N	A	M	O	H	E	S			

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**Church Office Hours:**  
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

**Parish Administrator:**  
Christine Edwards

**Safeguarding Rep:**  
Edward Brierley

### REFLECTION

During the last few weeks, we have been surrounded by all the signs, sounds, symbols of Christmas; decorations, carols, trees, gifts and presents - these are all very important parts of our traditional festivities and it wouldn't be Christmas without them. But in today's first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we are told; *'The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means 'God - is - with - us'.* So let us not lose sight of this sign from God amidst all the other signs surrounding us in these remaining few days before Christmas. At this time, quite rightly, the general focus of our attention is on the person of Mary who is not only central to the narrative of Christmas, but also to the history of salvation. God called and chose Mary personally by name to be the Mother of Jesus - in faith and humility she agreed to what was asked of her but neither asked for, nor looked for, this great honour and responsibility. It was through her courageous act of faith that God breaks into our world and our lives. But today's gospel also highlights another person through whom God worked; Joseph - like Mary, he too was called by name. He too heard the word and message God had for him through an angel. Like Mary, he too was encouraged with the words, *'Do not be afraid.'* In faith and humility, Joseph too said 'Yes' to what God was asking of him. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honour of welcoming Jesus into our hearts and homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have so little to offer, but because we have so little humility, faith and trust in God's goodness. God chooses ordinary humans to be part of his plan for the world. It is through Mary, Joseph and countless millions throughout history that God's kingdom is proclaimed and built. Today, each of us is called by God personally with these words: *'I call you by your name, do not be afraid. You are precious to me and I love you.'*

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: **£319.46**  
Loose Plate: **£553.61**  
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

### Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson  
 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,  
 especially Fr Louis Catterall S.M.M  
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*  
*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sincere thanks to all those who attended our Parish Christmas Lunch earlier this week and those who helped out with taxi service, cooking and serving. A good time was had by all! All the donations received from the event will be sent to our nominated charity **SHELTER**

### PRE-CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those many people who have worked so hard within and for the Parish throughout the year. Your dedication is much appreciated. It only remains for me to wish you all a very Happy & Holy Christmas and may the Prince of Peace bless you and your loved ones.  
 God Bless you all, *Fr Graeme & Fr Kenny*

### NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSINGS 20\*C+M+B+20

Special Blessing stickers and prayer cards will be available at the back of church next week. Please do take one and pray together with those who live and visit your home.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our 1st Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve) will be offered for the People of the Parish. The two Masses on Christmas Day will be offered for the intentions on our Parish List. Sheets are available in the porch for you to write the names on. If you wish to leave an offering, please place it in the box with your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one). These Mass Offerings will be donated to the Charity Shelter, who care and provide for homeless people in our diocese.

### MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Mass on Boxing Day, the Feast of St Stephen (Patron St of Altar Servers), will be offered for the intentions of our Altar Servers.  
 All Altar Servers are invited to attend this special Mass at which two of our youngest Servers will be admitted to the Guild of St Stephen.

### RETIREMENTS

After a number of years of service, Phil & Gilian Southworth (minibus), and Marissa Sanders & David Rostron (readers) have decided to step down from their ministries. We offer our sincere thanks to them all for their years of service and also thanks to all those who continue to serve in Parish Ministries.

### NEW BLOOD!

Grateful thanks to those who have volunteered to assist as minibuss drivers and readers. We still need more helpers on the minibus (but no qualifications required for this role!)

Please could anyone who exercises any ministry within the Parish, please come and pick up a bottle of wine from the sacristy as a small token of thanks for all you do.  
 Thank you all.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 22 Dec	9:30am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Cyril Iddon (A)	
Sun 22 Dec	11:00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Evan Critchley (A) Cyril Moss (A)	Service of Reconciliation & Confession 3:00pm
Sun 22 Dec	6:30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Cardinal Vincent Nichols (Golden Jubilee)	
Mon 23 Dec	8:30am	St John of Kanty	Calderbank & Noblett Families	
Tues 24 Dec	8:30am 8:00pm	Vigil of the Nativity 1st Mass of Christmas	Celia Roche (LD) Agnes Mary Pimblott People of the Parish	Carols in the Church at 7:30pm
Wed 25 Dec	9:30am 11:00am	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LIST INTENTIONS	Children's Mass
Thu 26 Dec	11:00am	St Stephen	Altar Servers	Guild of St Stephen
Fri 27 Dec	10:00am	St John	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 28 Dec	10:00am	The Holy Innocents	Teresa Kershaw	
Sun 29 Dec	9:30am	THE HOLY FAMILY	The Frearson Family Kenneth Wareing (A)	
Sun 29 Dec	11:00am	THE HOLY FAMILY	Mary & Joseph Kenyon & Thomas & Winifred Booth	
Sun 29 Dec	6:30pm	THE HOLY FAMILY	People of the Parish	