

## ALPHA & RCIA COURSES

St Gregory's and St Oswald's are supporting an all-Chorley parishes Alpha and linked RCIA course initiative, starting in September this year. The Alpha Course is best described as an intro to Christianity and is designed for people who do not go to church but perhaps are searching for answers to life's big questions. It is also suitable for those who have stopped practising their faith but are also searching. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for those who wish to take their interest further and, perhaps, become Catholics. Each Parish has also been asked to nominate one or two parishioners to join the Alpha team. The plan would be that they would accompany any current or prospective members of their Parish through both the Alpha and RCIA process. Training and support will be provided, and to be successful you don't need to have any qualifications, just a love of your own faith and an ability to make guests feel welcomed and respected, and a willingness to work in a team!

Find out more about how Alpha works at: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/214170130>

Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested or need more information or alternatively email The Chorley Network of Catholic Laity on: [cnocl@hotmail.com](mailto:cnocl@hotmail.com)

## VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

A vocations weekend will be held in Liverpool from 27th—29th May organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). The theme of the weekend will be Discernment and Vocation. There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at: [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website: [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

22nd May 2022 - 6th Sunday of Easter, Year C

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### Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

### Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

### WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 15th May 2022

Gift Aid: **£149.00**  
Loose Plate: **£310.88**  
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection next week will be for World Communications

### REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we continue to hear the words of Jesus to the disciples at the last supper, words which are very appropriate as we draw near to the Feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. At the beginning of the Gospel John speaks of God dwelling in the disciple, making his home within each one. This means that the Jerusalem temple, beautiful as it was, no longer had any importance, because God had chosen to live in the hearts of the believers. John uses the word Advocate or Paraclete to describe the Holy Spirit and in doing so he is reminding us that the work of the Spirit is twofold. On the one hand, the Spirit is with us to act as our lawyer or defence counsel against an unbelieving world whilst on the other, he is our teacher who brings to light all that Jesus has said, leading us to an understanding of Jesus' words and the truth that God does indeed dwell within us. Having experienced the pain and sorrow of the crucifixion and the joy and new life of the resurrection, the followers of Jesus then have to face the reality of the Risen Lord's departure – again! Jesus senses their confusion, pain and sense of loss. But before he leaves them, he gives them two parting gifts; The Holy Spirit and his own Peace. He doesn't give them all the answers to the questions they have. He knows that going forward they will have to face difficulties, disagreements and differences on the way. So he prepares them for the road ahead by strengthening and encouraging them with his risen life through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and his own inner Peace. He is sending them out to proclaim the good news, but he does not expect them to do it on their own. Encouraged by his presence they will never be alone or helpless. The same is true for each one of us today. We are also asked to face difficulties in our daily lives not just with optimism but with faith and hope in the risen Jesus and each other. Through celebrating and sharing in the resurrection, each of us also shares in and experiences the Peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. As we continue our journey through Easter, let us pray that we will be blest with the gifts of Christ's Peace and be encouraged by the power of the Holy Spirit, especially when we face our own difficulties.

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

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Neil Haydock  
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown  
 Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery - Derek Birchall  
 Christine Zawistowicz - Joanne Hardyman - Catherine - Kathleen Green

*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

### WEEKLY REVIEW OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following a further review of Covid requirements by the Archdiocese, the following changes will take effect week commencing **Monday 2nd May**:

1. **Face-coverings** will now become optional for people who attend a service in church.
2. **Sanitiser** will be available for those who wish to use it on entering the building but this will no longer be mandatory.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will **no** longer be a section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - the priest and Ministers of the Eucharist will continue to wear a face covering and will still cleanse their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will **not** be reintroduced at this time.

### PARISH CELEBRATION 2022

Just a reminder, all ticket request forms must be returned by tomorrow.

Unfortunately we will not be able to accept any requests made after the deadline. In the event that you are unable to attend, please let us know in good time so that your ticket can be allocated to somebody on the waiting list. Thank you.

### CONFIRMATION 2022

A warm welcome to all those who have registered to be Confirmed this year from the parishes of St Gregory's and St Oswald's. Confirmation at St Gregory's will be on **Wednesday 6th July at 7:00pm**. If this date is not suitable, please let Mrs Walmsley know as soon as possible. She will also inform you of any Parish activities before that date.

Dear Parishioners, please keep all of our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our children who have made their First Holy Communion and received the sacrament of Reconciliation. These celebrations will continue in both parishes over the next few weeks. Please remember them in your prayers as they take the next step on their faith journeys.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

| Date        | Time             | Dedication                 | Intention                                                          | Notes                                    |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| SUN 22 May  | 9:30am<br>6:30pm | 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER       | Canon Richard Firth (F)<br>John Calveley<br>Private Intention (MG) | ST GREGORY'S                             |
| SUN 22 May  | 11:00am          | 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER       | LISCF                                                              | ST OSWALD'S                              |
| Mon 23 May  | 10:00am          |                            | Karen Francis (LD)<br>Teresa Jamieson                              |                                          |
| Tues 24 May | 9:15am           |                            | Private Intention (GD)                                             | DEVOTIONS<br>1:00pm - 2:00pm             |
| Wed 25 May  | 8:30am           | St Bede the Venerable      | John Todd (A)<br>Harry & Doreen Ainscough (BR)                     |                                          |
| Thur 26 May | 9:15am<br>6:30pm | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  | People of the Parish<br>Michelle Stirzaker                         | DEVOTIONS<br>1:00pm - 2:00pm             |
| Fri 27 May  | 8:30am<br>9:15am | St Augustine of Canterbury | EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE<br>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE                       |                                          |
| Sat 28 May  | 10:00am          |                            | Vera Critchley (BR)<br>Eugene Cross (LD)                           |                                          |
| SUN 29 May  | 9:30am<br>6:30pm | 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER       | Special Intention<br>People of the Parish                          | World Communications Day<br>ST GREGORY'S |
| SUN 29 May  | 11:00am          | 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER       | Private Intention                                                  | World Communications Day<br>ST OSWALD'S  |