

<b>HOLY ROSARY:</b> will be prayed twenty five 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

PARISH MINISTRIES		
Counting	02 Mar	John & Mary Mark
Sacristy & Sanctuary	01 Mar	Janet Critchley & Pauline Critchley
Minibus	01 Mar	Paul Thompson & Ruth Simpson
Readers	01 Mar	9:30am Terence Donnelly 11:00am Nora Ball 6:30pm Ulrike Yeomans
Ministers of the Eucharist	01 Mar	9:30am Louise Cogan, Jack Knight, Geoff Dixon 11:00am Sharon Hobin, Edward Brierley, Angela Woods 6:30pm Janet Haydock, Melvyne Cunliffe
Church Cleaning	w/c 01 Mar	Yvonne Cunliffe, Kath Wilson


## CHILDREN'S CORNER

E	O	K	A	O	L	C	T	O	M
N	C	L	W	O	R	R	O	B	E
A	I	E	Y	E	E	U	O	L	E
T	N	D	D	N	E	O	T	H	T
S	U	I	E	V	I	B	H	O	O
I	T	M	O	K	A	H	O	K	O
S	Y	L	O	M	I	G	H	E	T
E	C	N	A	T	S	I	S	E	R
R	E	C	H	K	E	E	W	H	O
S	I	N	U	T	I	N	I	C	E

**EYE**  
RESISTANCE  
CLOAK  
NEIGHBOUR

**TOOTH**  
CHEEK  
BORROW  
ENEMY

**WICKED**  
TUNIC  
LOVE  
CREDIT




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

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**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**

Gift Aid: **£280.47**  
Loose Plate: **£543.54**  
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

**REFLECTION**

All we have to do is look at the news on TV to see countries and sadly different religious nations at war with each other. When one side is attacked and bombed, the other side strikes back with equal if not more destructive force. We even see this from politicians who frequently threaten each other as they try to shout each other down. In our own daily lives there are times too when someone says or does something to us that is painful. In the gospel today, Jesus puts before us the question and the dilemma of what we should do when this happens to us. Do we return one painful word or action with the same anger? Jesus quotes the Jewish Law in which it was allowed to take an eye for an eye to prevent all out war between families, villages and even countries. However, Jesus wants his disciples and us to follow his own example, and asks us not to respond with anger, aggression or violence when a wrong is done to or against us. We are called not to let another person's behaviour towards us give us permission to lash out in violence, verbally or in action. Challenging and difficult as this is, we are to take as our model, the life and actions of Jesus himself. This may sound naïve, simplistic, unrealistic and even foolish, and whilst it is possible, it is by no means easy. There are three examples that we can look to and learn from.

Mahatma Gandhi responded to unjust laws and oppression with passive non-resistance. He stood up and spoke out against the wrongs he saw, but he did not respond with violence. Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life in the concentration camp for that of another man's, refused to hate those who killed him. And finally Martin Luther King, following Gandhi's example also protested against racism peacefully. By following the example of Jesus, these three great figures also had their life brutally taken from them, yet their message and example lives on today for us. We may not be asked to give our lives for the gospel, but we are asked to offer each other the hand of peace, reconciliation and forgiveness.

### Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson

Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - 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 Sheila Alcroft

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### MASS OF WELCOME

Next Sunday at the 11:00am Mass we welcome the families with children who are to be baptised during this coming year. We welcome them into the community of St Gregory's. Please keep them all in your prayers. Baptisms take place at St Gregory's at 12:15pm on Sundays. If you would like to book a baptism for your child, please see Fr Graeme or Fr Kenny after one of the Sunday Masses.

### OPEN PARISH MEETING

Many thanks to all those who attended the Open Parish Meeting and for all your valuable contributions. There are copies of the notes of the meeting at the back of church, please do take one.

### THE MEETING PLACE

Next get together is Tuesday 3 March in the Parish meeting room starting at 2pm. We are looking forward very much to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones. Following the great success of our 'One Pot Meals' afternoon in February, we are bringing along 'Light Lunch' options to sample and recipes to take home. Don't sit at home bored, if you would like good company (and food) please give us a try!

### ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT 2020

Lent begins this Wednesday and is a day of fasting and abstinence for those who are well and under the age of 80 years. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both the morning and evening Mass, reminding us of our mortality. As we begin our forty days of preparing for Easter, we focus on greater charity through prayer, penance and repentance. During the Sundays of Lent, starting next Sunday, there will be a ***Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm***. We will use the SYNOD2020 themes as the basis for our Lenten reflections. Traditionally the ***Stations of the Cross*** are prayed on Fridays in Lent. Volunteers willing to lead the prayers would be very welcome, could you please sign up on the sheet in the porch. If people wish to follow the devotions privately, resources will be made available at the back of Church, but please don't remove them. The first communal celebration of the ***Stations of the Cross will be on Fri 28 Feb at 6:30pm, then every Friday thereafter.***

### SYNOD 2020 THEME 4

#### 'Building Community Nurturing Belonging'

The meetings for the final theme are as follows:

[Tues 25th February at St Chad's Parish Centre](#)

[Wed 26th February at St Mary's Parish Centre](#)

[Thursday 27th Sacred Heart School](#)

All begin at 7:30 pm. Please do try to attend and have your say on what proposals should be sent to the Archdiocese to make up the agenda of Synod 2020.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 23 Feb	9:30am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	William, Ann & Elizabeth Fearson Bert Southworth (A)	
Sun 23 Feb	11:00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Raymond & Pat Walmsley 60th Wedding Anniversary	
Sun 23 Feb	6:30pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Paul McManus (A)	
Mon 24 Feb	8:30am	St Lucius	Jack McIver (LD)	
Tues 25 Feb	8:30am	St Ethelbert	Christina Ashworth	
Wed 26 Feb	9:30am 7:00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY	William Moore (F) People of the Parish	ADORATION 12:00 - 2:00pm
Thu 27 Feb	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Sheila Alcroft	
Fri 28 Feb	8:30am	St Oswald	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30pm
Sat 29 Feb	10:00am	St Hilary	Canon Cuthbert Waring (F)	
Sun 01 Mar	9:30am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Barbara McGinty (LD) Mary Robinson (B)	
Sun 01 Mar	11:00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Frank & Margaret Wrennall Marian Leyland (A)	MASS OF WELCOME HOLY HOUR 3:00pm
Sun 01 Mar	6:30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Patricia Bond	