

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM FR GRAEME

A big thank you to all for the many cards, gifts and good wishes received and for your generosity over the Easter period. Despite the unusual times we still find ourselves in, our services were well attended. Sincere thanks to all those who prepared and took part in our liturgies which we were able to conduct safely and with reverence.

God Bless
Fr Graeme

CHORLEY FOODBANK

A big thank you for all your kind and generous donations over Easter, your support for those most in need is greatly appreciated especially during these difficult times. We still need your help though so items such as teabags, coffee, cereal, pasta, rice, tinned goods and toiletries would be gratefully received.

Thank you.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

This month we celebrate Christ's **Resurrection Hope** as we stand in solidarity with the **People of Ukraine**.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/resurrection-hope/>

Our Latest resources for schools and parishes

What do we know about the resurrection and how have artists risen to the challenge? Fleur takes us on a visual journey - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-resurrection-in-art/>

The third article in our super **Meaning of Life** series by Bp David Evans explores **Adaptability: being and becoming** - [godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-3-adaptability](https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-3-adaptability)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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EVENING	DAY	DOORS	FEAR
PEACE	HANDS	SIDE	DISCIPLES
JOY	FATHER	BREATHED	FORGIVE
TWIN	HOLES	NAILS	FINGER



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

24th April 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Easter, Day of Divine Mercy, Year C

REFLECTION

Poor Thomas! Maybe we all too quickly dismiss him for his doubting and apparent lack of faith because looking at it another way, he is really a very good role model for us all. Our faith and belief ultimately cannot be based on blind acceptance or what others have seen and believed, valid as this may be for them. Our believing during this Easter season and our whole life must be grounded in a deep and personal relationship with God. It is true, none of us go through life without struggles and doubts - we are all walking wounded in one way or another. There are times when we are all at our lowest and weakest for various reasons. These are the times when we can repeat the words of Thomas and refuse to believe that Jesus is really with us. However, just as Jesus was with Thomas, so Jesus is with us. He is with us in those who reach out to comfort and support us, when we reach out to help and care for others and as we gather in our communities for the breaking and sharing of the bread. When we are struggling to believe and our faith is weak - that's when we need to ask for God's help. It is natural and even ok to have doubts. We all have them and there is also a natural human impulse to hide our wounds. But Jesus did not try to hide his wounds, nor did he condemn Thomas for his questioning doubt - neither does he condemn us. What we are called to do is not to give in or give up on Jesus, but to turn to him as Thomas did. When we have doubts, can we echo and repeat the ancient prayer of Thomas, 'My Lord and my God'? Today's Gospel invites us to consider the wounds we live with and to ask for courage and help. When we show our wounds, trust is built - truth is spoken - connections are forged. Jesus shares our human experience of being the walking wounded. Unashamed and offering peace, he reveals himself, allowing his wounds to be seen and touched and known. Today let us like Thomas reach out in faith to the risen Christ and offer up our prayers in faith and hope as we pray: 'My Lord and my God'

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 17th Apr 2022

Gift Aid: **£92.00**

Loose Plate: **£508.55**

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

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,
 especially Bernard Marmion

*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, it has been decided that given the major source of transmission of the virus is now generally accepted to be via airborne particulates (according to scientific evidence), both the weekly collection and also the Offertory Procession can now be reintroduced. For the time being we will continue to keep a section of the church with social distancing and also the practice of sanitising on entry and the presence of stewards. We will continue to review the situation on a weekly basis.

MASS OF WELCOME



Next Sunday I am pleased to announce that we are able to reintroduce the Mass of Welcome. At both morning Masses, the families with children who are to be baptised during this coming year will be welcomed into our Parish Communities. Please keep them all in your prayers. Baptisms take place at 1:00pm on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at St Gregory's and at 12:15pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month at St Oswald's.

If you would like to have your child baptised, please see Fr Graeme after one of the Sunday Masses. Thank you.

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY - SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022

Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy) is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter and concludes the Octave of Easter. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church.

There will be a Divine Mercy Service this afternoon at Sacred Heart Church, Chorley. The service will begin with Devotions at 3:00 pm, followed by the Divine Mercy Novena (with opportunity for individual Confession) and Mass. Fr Ball and parishioners extend a warm welcome to all in other parishes to join them in Prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 24 Apr	9:30am 6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ann & Agnes Walsh (A) The People of the Parish	Day of Divine Mercy
SUN 24 Apr	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	William & Ann Higham	Day of Divine Mercy
Mon 25 Apr	10:00am	St Mark	Vicki Birkett	
Tues 26 Apr	9:15am	St George	Sylvester Woods (F)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 27 Apr	8:30am 1:00pm	St Maughold REQUIEM MASS	Tommy McGuigan Clare Barton	ST OSWALD'S
Thur 28 Apr	9:15am	St Peter Chanel & St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort	Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 29 Apr	8:30am	St Catherine of Siena	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 30 Apr	10:00am	St Pius V	Special Intention (MK) John Calveley	
SUN 01 May	9:30am 6:30pm	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Thomas Livesey (A & BR) LISCF	ST GREGORY'S Mass of Welcome
SUN 01 May	11:00am	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	William Ingram (A) Shaun McGeown	ST OSWALD'S Mass of Welcome