

THE BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL I

Plans were announced this week for the beatification of Pope John Paul I, who was born as Albino Luciani in the northern Italian town of Forno di Canale on 17 October 1912. Pope Francis will preside over the beatification Mass in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, 4 September 2022, during which the Holy Father will be gifted with a reliquary containing the relics of the new blessed Pope.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A big thank you to all the staff in our Primary & Secondary schools and to all the pupils who are now on holiday. We pray that they will have an enjoyable and safe break and we look forward to seeing them all again in September.

LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2022

Please keep those who have embarked on this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage in your prayers. We wish them all a safe journey! If any young person in either parish would be interested in joining the pilgrimage in 2023, please let Fr Graeme know.

WOMENS WEEKEND - 'THE CALL OF CREATION'

16th - 18th September 2022

Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great George's Road, Liverpool L22 1RD

Residential places are available, for more information:

Email: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 9491199

IRENÆUS COME & SEE DAYS

The Irenaeus project for spirituality and growth is to help people recognise the presence of God in their lives and to move to a deeper awareness of that presence through providing opportunities for prayer and reflection. A series of 'Come and See Days' are being held at the centre throughout the coming months. More details to follow.

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

24th July 2022 - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

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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 17th July 2022

Gift Aid: **£65.00**

Loose Plate: **£561.47**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

For any relationship between two people to be successful, it must have good communication if it is to grow and develop. We not only need to speak to the other person, we also need to take time to listen to what the other person has to say. This communication takes patience and perseverance. Jesus understood this only too well. Several times in the gospels we read that he went off to a quiet place where he prayed. He often prayed before he spent time with people or after periods of teaching and healing. His disciples also saw him praying and eager to follow his example ask him to teach them how to pray as John prayed. But Jesus told them he couldn't do this – he could only teach to them pray as he himself prays. So, in sharing with them the 'Our Father', he also shares with them the very personal relationship he has with God the Father. Jesus invites his disciples into prayer by not just teaching them the words of the Lord's Prayer but teaching them the importance of prayer especially when seeking God's mercy. It's exactly the same for us - when we pray, it's not so much about saying lots of words but it's about creating and maintaining a close relationship with God. Prayers bring us closer to God. We pray to change our own hearts and bring them closer to the heart of God. We also let God speak to us. Every time we pray the 'Our Father' we pray '*may your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.*' This means that we are saying we are ready here and now to build and promote God's kingdom here on earth. The Lord's Prayer is our humble attempt to knock without knowing what will be opened to us, to seek without always understanding what it is that we need. When we pray (and because we pray) we are also called to turn our eyes to others who may be in need. Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was martyred in El Salvador said, '*The guarantee of one's prayer is not saying lots of words. The guarantee of one's prayer is very easy to know: how do I treat the poor? – because that is where God is. What you do to them, you do to God. The way you look at them is the way you look at God.*' As we pray this week, let us ask for the strength to be open to God touching our hearts, changing our lives and changing how we treat each other.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Joanna Hardiman
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown
 Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery - Derek Birchall
 Christine Zawistowicz - Catherine - Kathleen Green - Philip Compton - Rona Roberts

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
 and all those whose anniversaries occur around about this time.

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

REVISED & REVERSED COVID REQUIREMENTS

With the increase of infection rates and the new variants, the guidelines from the
 Archdiocese have changed and the following now apply:

1. **Face-coverings** are highly recommended for people who attend Sunday Masses.
2. **Sanitiser** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the doors to the church will remain open throughout each service during the summer months.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will no designated section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will be required to wear a face covering whilst distributing Holy Communion and will also cleanse their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will not be reintroduced at this time.

**NB: We have been informed of a number of parishioners suffering from Covid recently
 so please be cautious and do not attend if you have any symptoms.**

ALPHA 21 DAY PRAYER CAMPAIGN

Are there people you know who you would like to draw into the church? Alpha is a great way to introduce them or bring them back, but you may feel worried about asking. The first most important step is to pray for them. There will be a 21-day Prayer campaign for anyone we would like to invite to Alpha starting on August 11th. We will be handing out prayer cards on which you can name three people that you will pray for. There will be a special prayer and a reminder to pray for them at 11.02. Why 11.02? Further details to follow!

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION

The SVP thank you for your kind and generous offerings of **£155.11**

SPUC

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) urgently needs volunteers to help with telephone calls and admin each week at their Preston office which is located at:
 Lockside Office Park, Unit 10, Lockside Rd, Preston PR2 2YS.
 Please email: caroleadamson@spuc.org.uk or call 01772 258 580

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

| Date | Time | Dedication | Intention | Notes |
|-------------|---------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| SUN 24 Jul | 9:30am | 17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | Mary Robinson (A) Frank Dearden (A) | ST GREGORY'S |
| | 6:30pm | | Margaret Hibbert (LD) | |
| SUN 24 Jul | 11:00am | 17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | Fr Lionel Devaney | ST OSWALD'S |
| Mon 25 Jul | 10:00am | St James | EUCHARISTIC SERVICE | |
| Tues 26 Jul | 9:15am | St Joachim & St Anne | EUCHARISTIC SERVICE | DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm |
| Wed 27 Jul | 8:30am | | EUCHARISTIC SERVICE | |
| Thur 28 Jul | 9:15am | | EUCHARISTIC SERVICE | DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm |
| Fri 29 Jul | 8:30am | St Mary, St Martha & St Lazarus | EUCHARISTIC SERVICE | |
| | 9:15am | | EUCHARISTIC SERVICE | |
| Sat 30 Jul | 10:00am | St Peter Chrysologus | Maura Sanders (BR) Jack Barton | |
| SUN 31 Jul | 9:30am | 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | Muriel Arkwright (LD) | ST GREGORY'S |
| | 6:30pm | | John & Olive Farnworth (F) | |
| SUN 31 Jul | 11:00am | 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | Charles Eastham (BR) Nicholas Eastham (A) | ST OSWALD'S |