


HOLY ROSARY: will be prayed twenty minutes before the weekday Mass
CONFESSIONS: are held after Mass on Saturday morning
If you wish to book a Mass Intention , please see Fr Graeme after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours

PARISH MINISTRIES

Counting	25 March	Terence & Sandra Donnelly
Sacristy & Sanctuary Group	31 March	Yvonne Cunliffe & Marian Knight
Dial a Ride	31 March	Phil & Jill Southworth
Readers	31 March	9:30am Jack Knight 11:00am Dominic Stone 6:30pm Linda Corcoran
Ministers of the Eucharist	31 March	9:30am Yvonne Cunliffe, Marian Knight, Linda Walmsley 11:00am Michael Hall, Richard Jackson, Sharon Hobin 6:30pm Melvyne Cunliffe

CHILDREN'S CORNER

D	N	U	O	R	G	I	M	T	H	GALILEANS BLOOD	SINNERS	REPENT
I	R	I	G	U	S	S	A	N	S	PERISH	EIGHTEEN TOWER	SILOAM
G	S	A	I	F	R	N	O	E	I	GUILTY	PARABLE FIG	THREE
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St Gregory's Weld Bank**

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Church Office Hours:
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 13:00

Parish Administrator:
Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:
Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: **£241.58**
Loose Plate: **£392.22**
Standing Orders: **£168.94**

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

REFLECTION

In today's gospel we hear again the call to change our way of life, to repent and, to begin a new relationship with God. During Lent, the closely linked themes of repentance and reconciliation are very much part of the liturgy: repentance is possible because God is offering us reconciliation - and being reconciled with God involves the commitment to a new way of life. The call to repent is the call to turn over a new leaf, to begin afresh; reconciliation is the fruit of this turning around and links our new beginnings with the work of the whole body of Christ to establish God's kingdom of peace and love here on earth. The possibility of repentance is continually offered to us, but the actual act of turning is a painful process of evaluating our lifestyle, actions, and attitudes – a process far more painful than just a trip to the confessional! To put today's gospel into context - we may not be familiar with fig trees, but we might understand about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces a colourful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October and then wait for them to bloom. But we don't have to be gardeners to know about patience and hopefulness – most of us practice these virtues each day. Sometimes, we can become frustrated by lack of cooperation and progress, yet we persevere in the hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. Therefore as we search for a greater personal integrity, a willingness to forgive wrongs done to us, and a willingness to renew our relationships with those around us let us think about reconciliation and new beginnings and how we can use this to forge links to evangelisation, and work for peace and justice in the world.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Margaret Wood - Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Theresa Joyce
 Margaret Bower - Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Margaret Wrennall
 Harold Sutton - Margaret Fishwick - David Porter - Julie Hurley
Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please 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

SYNOD 2020

Many thanks to all those who attended the SYNOD meeting on Tuesday, however disappointingly there were only twelve parishioners who attended. Whilst I appreciate that coming to meetings is not for everybody, it is important that everyone's views are listened to. If anybody can think of any other ways in which we can achieve this, please let me know. The SYNOD will affect us all at many different levels so please don't miss the opportunity to have your say.

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday 24th March, Terence & Sandra Donnelly will be installed as Provincial President of the Catenian Association and on Monday 8th April, Bill & Pauline Critchley will be installed as the President of the Chorley Circle. We extend our best wishes to both couples in their new roles. For further information about the Association, please contact Terence on 07742 495758 or Bill on 07801 020227

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The collection will remain open during Lent. Thank you for your generous donations

LENT 2019

During the Sundays of Lent, there will be a **Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm.** We will use the Lenten Reflections prepared by the AD in preparation for SYNOD2020. **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on each Friday in Lent at 6:30pm. If you wish to follow the devotions privately, resources are available to use in Church, but please do not remove them. Thank you.

HOLY CROSS MISSION WEEK

There will be a showcase of the work done in school, both in our mission week and during our year of mission, in the school hall on Thursday 4th April from 3:00pm-4:00pm. All are invited to come along and see how our young people live out the Catholic faith in their daily lives.

JUSTICE & PEACE/CAFOD GROUP

It is proposed to form a Justice & Peace or CAFOD Group from within the Parish to bring together those who are concerned about issues such as poverty, injustice, peace, inequality, globalisation and the environment. The aims of the Group would be not to just raise funds for specific causes but also to raise awareness of issues, provide information & resources and encourage support for events and campaign actions. It is hoped to hold an initial meeting within the next few weeks, so would anyone who is interested in joining this Group please give their name and contact details to the Parish Office. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 24 Mar	9:30am	3rd Sunday of Lent	Mary Jane Barton (B) Austin McManus	
Sun 24 Mar	11:00am	3rd Sunday of Lent	Peter Evans (B) John Lee (LD)	Refreshments after Mass Holy Hour 3:00pm
Sun 24 Mar	6:30pm	3rd Sunday of Lent	Paul McManus (A)	
Mon 25 Mar	8:30am		James Critchley (B)	
Tues 26 Mar	8:30am		Burke, Joyce & Gerrard Families	
Wed 27 Mar	10:00am		Joan Lowe (LD)	Adoration 12noon - 2:00pm
Thur 28 Mar	8:30am		Joan Lawson (LD)	
Fri 29 Mar	8:30am		John Lilley	Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
Sat 30 Mar	10:00am		Cecilia Henry (A)	
Sun 31 Mar	9:30am	4th Sunday of Lent	Anne Leonard	
Sun 31 Mar	11:00am	4th Sunday of Lent	Roseleen Barazoni Mary Teresa Thompson	Holy Hour 3:00pm
Sun 31 Mar	6:30pm	4th Sunday of Lent	Special Intention (GD)	