

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



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

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**PARISH MINISTRIES**

<b>Counting</b>	25 Nov	David Chadwick & Pauline Turner
<b>Sacristy &amp; Sanctuary</b>	01 Dec	Yvonne Cunliffe & Marian Knight
<b>Minibus</b>	01 Dec	Paul Thompson & Ruth Simpson
<b>Readers</b>	01 Dec	<b>9:30am</b> Michael Hall <b>11:00am</b> Pat O'Brien <b>6:30pm</b> Helen Graham
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	01 Dec	<b>9:30am</b> Geoffrey Dixon, Edward Brierley, Linda Walmsley <b>11:00am</b> David Chadwick, Helen Mather, Sharon Hobin <b>6:30pm</b> Anthony Hooson, Melvyn Cunliffe
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	w/c 01 Dec	Mary Wakeman, Eileen Gray, Celia Birchall

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

E	C	N	E	T	N	E	S	T	A	PEOPLE	CROSS	LEADERS
S	O	L	C	O	P	E	N	C	E	JEERED	SOLDIERS	MOCKED
R	D	E	R	E	E	J	R	E	I	VINEGAR	KING	CRIMINALS
E	I	S	O	L	D	I	E	R	S	FEAR	SENTENCE	PARADISE
D	E	P	S	A	M	E	S	R	E			
A	L	E	S	I	D	A	R	A	P			
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**ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL**  
Registered Charity No: 32709

**Church Office Hours:**  
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

**Parish Administrator:**  
Christine Edwards

**Safeguarding Rep:**  
Edward Brierley

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
Gift Aid: **£219.40**  
Loose Plate: **£504.86**  
Standing Orders: **£180.48**

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

The retiring collection this week will be for Animate Youth.

**REFLECTION**

Before we begin the season of Advent and our preparations for Christmas, we are asked to reflect upon Christ our King. The gospel today is from St Luke and strangely, but beautifully tells us of Jesus' Crucifixion. Jesus is slowly dying on the cross; on either side of him are two thieves. One of them verbally abuses Jesus; the other admits and acknowledges his guilt and utters the profound prayer request, *'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'* To which Jesus replies, *'I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.'* So the first person to enter the Kingdom of God with Jesus is a repentant thief, not a king, a general, a queen or some other important person. There is hope for all of us! Jesus did say that his Kingdom was not of this world. The true king of a Kingdom not of this world offers repentance, forgiveness and eternal life to those who ask for it. The Kingdom of God is not based on power, wealth, prestige or force. God's Kingdom, Jesus proclaims, is based on love mercy, service, justice and reconciliation. Jesus is a King, but he does not and cannot make us follow him. He calls us by our name and invites us to follow him freely out of love because we want to. While Jesus dies on the cross, his enemies shout at him to save himself. But he is not that sort of powerful King. Surely, this Jesus, the Christ who raised the dead, healed the sick, walked on water and forgave sinners was capable of saving himself. But he doesn't. The Kingship of Jesus is not about saving himself, self-preservation, or his own glory and power. Instead, in Jesus the King, we witness and share in his life and love being poured out freely and totally for others. If we call ourselves Christian and follow Christ the King, then we are also called to follow the way he lived. Jesus the King, came to serve, not to be served. As we end this current liturgical year, may we too have the courage, faith and humility of the repentant thief as we pray,  
*Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.*

### Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Theresa Joyce

Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Margaret Wrennall - 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.

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

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



### BAPTISM

This week we welcome in Baptism Charles John Mather, Hendrix & Arlo Taylor and Holly & Thomas Whittle. We wish them and their families every blessing as they start out on their faith journey.

### 2020 YEAR OF SCRIPTURE 'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS'

The year will focus on the bible and the three key themes of celebrating, living and sharing God's word. A meeting of the Scripture Group will be arranged early in the New Year to explore further.



### FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOP AT THE MEETING PLACE



Come and see our warm and welcoming team in the **Parish Meeting Room** on **Tuesday 3 December between 2pm and 5pm**. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided, plus our usual activities will be available along with books, CDs and DVDs to borrow free of charge. There will be a great selection of **FAIRTRADE** goods available, ideal for **Christmas Gifts** and stocking fillers, all at very reasonable prices. Please do call in and see us, **all welcome**. **FREE raffle ticket with every purchase!**

### JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN

A very big thank you to all those who have already donated & written Christmas Cards for the parishes & schools in the Holy Land. Please remember that all completed cards need to be left in the box in the Church porch **no later than next Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2019**

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Chorley Food Bank are once again appealing for tins and treats for Christmas Hampers which will be used to brighten up the lives of over 600 families this Christmas.

If you can help, please place your donations in the box in the porch as soon as possible so that the hampers can be prepared and distributed in time for Christmas. Many thanks for your kind donations.

### CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES

2020 Directories are now available in the church porch price **£3.50** each. Please place your money in the Catholic newspaper box at the back of church.

### ST GREGORY'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

Single cards depicting the nativity stained glass window at St Gregory's are now available at the back of church. Cost is **65p** per card.

### CAFOD WORLD GIFT BROCHURES

Now available in the church porch, please do take a copy.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 24 Nov	9:30am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	Eileen Gallagher (A) Pious List Intentions	Youth Sunday
Sun 24 Nov	11:00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	Deceased Members of the Catenians Pious List Intentions	Baptisms after Mass
Sun 24 Nov	6:30pm	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	Pious List Intentions	
Mon 25 Nov	8:30am	St Catherine of Alexandria	Pious List Intentions	
Tues 26 Nov	8:30am 7:00pm		Pious List Intentions <b>Annual Memorial Mass</b>	
Wed 27 Nov	10:00am		Pious List Intentions	
Thu 28 Nov	8:30am	St Catherine Labouré	Mary Doreen Ainscough Pious List Intentions	
Fri 29 Nov	8:30am		<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	
Sat 30 Nov	10:00am	St Andrew	Pious List Intentions	
Sun 01 Dec	9:30am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Valerie Bretherton	
Sun 01 Dec	11:00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Bill Dearden (A) William & Margaret O'Brien	
Sun 01 Dec	6:30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	LISCF	