

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY 2021

Today, 25 July 2021, we celebrate the inaugural World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, echoes the Pope's words to young people encouraging them to talk to their grandparents if they want to be a sign of hope for the world. Cardinal Nichols said: 'Elderly people get isolated, grandparents often get forgotten. But a day of prayer will help us to remember that we are gifts to each other because we are gifts of God. And if we give thanks for those gifts, we'll appreciate them.' Today, let us remember in our prayers and give thanks for all grandparents & the Elderly and may God's blessings continue to be upon them.

SAD NEWS

Please remember in your prayers Valerie Staziker, the mother of Paul, the sexton who looks after our graveyards here at Weld Bank. Sadly, Val passed away last week after a short illness. We offer our sincere condolences to Paul and all the family.

LIVESTREAM

Our LiveStream has been a great blessing throughout the pandemic, as it has allowed the people of our own parish and others from further afield the opportunity to attend Mass. But it should not be seen as a replacement! Whilst the LiveStream will continue both live and recorded, as lockdown restrictions are eased still further, we are encouraged to return to Mass and to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, together, as the Body of Christ.

SUNDAY OBLIGATIONS

Whilst Sunday Obligations are still not imposed, if you are still feeling nervous about coming back to church, why not attend one of the weekday Masses which are not as busy as the weekend Masses. We also offer areas of the church where social distancing continues to be mandatory. We look forward to welcoming you all back very soon.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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SEA
TIBERIAS
HILLSIDE
FEAST
PASSOVER
BREAD
BOY
FIVE
BARLEY
LOAVES
FISH
HAMPERS



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

25th July 2021 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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Registered Charity No: 232709

Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 15:00

Parish Administrator:

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Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 18th July 2021

Gift Aid: **£130.00**

Loose Plate: **£164.84**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection this week is for Priests in Retirement

REFLECTION

The central theme of our readings this week is food and celebration. In the first reading, we are told that Elisha, a man of God, is brought bread to be given away to feed the people. Those with him questioned how such little food would feed so many people but the meal was served, everyone had plenty to eat and there was food left over.

This scene is repeated in the Gospel. After Jesus had spoken to the people and healed those who were sick, he asked his disciples to feed the crowd with just five loaves of bread and two fish - the disciples questioned how such little food would feed so many, but Jesus took the food, blessed it, gave thanks to God and shared it out so that everyone present had more than enough to eat. This miracle is a demonstration of God's generosity. We know from our own lives that meals bring people together.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we experience the love and generosity that God has for each of us. We present simple bread and wine which God accepts, blesses and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, changes into the Body and Blood of Jesus. Then they are freely given back to us by God to feed, nourish and to strengthen us. As Psalm 23 reminds us, '*The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want....*'. Just as ordinary fish and bread were offered to Jesus, today we are asked to offer God our ordinary lives just as they are. God will accept us, bless, change and transform us so that we can offer ourselves to each other in love and service. We are called to nourish one another by the way we speak and treat each other. As we leave the church after being fed and nourished by the Lord, we too can care for and support each other. We may think our own lives are too ordinary for God to be concerned about them, but, just as Jesus took the simple, ordinary bread and fish, so too the same Lord takes our apparently simple and ordinary lives and if we let him, will do remarkable things for us. Today, let us offer ourselves to God and pray that we too will be transformed in ways that will satisfy and fulfil all our needs.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Eileen Nuttall - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Margaret Shaw
Thomas Moss - Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding
Neil Haydock - Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Neil Bass - Shirley Langstrath
Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown

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

COVID 19 - CHANGES FROM 19TH JULY

In the light of further guidance received from the Archdiocese, going forward, the following will apply at both St Gregory's & St Oswald's from **Monday 19th July 2021**

- The wearing of facemasks will be **mandatory** for those attending all church services (except in the case of medical exemption).
- Social distancing will no longer be mandatory but taking into consideration that some people may still have concerns given the current infection rates, a section of the church will remain with social distancing restrictions in place.
- Hand sanitising will remain a requirement on entering the church but not on exit.
- We will no longer be taking details for track and trace purposes.
- Holy Communion will revert to the normal time and place in the Mass.
- Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.
- Stewards will invite people to the altar to receive Holy Communion row by row.

CHANGES TO MASS/SERVICE TIMES

It has been agreed that the following will be implemented from **1st August 2021**

WEEKDAY SERVICES

MONDAY: **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's), **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

THURSDAY: **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's), **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE ONLY** 8:30am (St Gregory's) & 9:15am (St Oswald's)

SATURDAY: **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

SUNDAY MASSES

HOLY MASS 9:30am (St Gregory's) & 11:00am (St Oswald's)

BAPTISMS AT ST GREGORY'S



Today we welcome in Baptism,
Liam Grayson Molloy & Ewan McGouldrick
Please keep them and their families in your prayers.
If you would like to have your child baptised, please see
Fr Graeme after Mass. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 25 July	9:30am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Robinson (A)	First Holy Communion St Gregory's
Sun 25 July	11:00am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	The People of The Parish	St Oswald's
Mon 26 July	8:30am	St Joachim & St Anne	Vicky Taylor (speedy recovery) James Devine (S)	
Tues 27 July	10:00am		John & Olive Farnworth (F) Michael McDonnell & Family	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Wed 28 July	8:30am		John Thomas & Agnes Critchley & Family	
Thur 29 July	9:15am 10:00am	St Martha	Private Intention Jack Barton Chris & Terry (S)	St Oswald's Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Fri 30 July	8:30am	St Peter Chrysologus	LISCF	
Sat 31 July	10:00am	St Ignatius of Loyola	Special Intention	First Holy Communion St Gregory's
Sun 01 Aug	9:30am	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Catherine & Cecil de Lacy (A) Herbert Spedding (A)	Baptisms at St Gregory's
Sun 01 Aug	11:00am	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Charles Eastham B(R) Nicholas Eastham (A)	St Oswald's