

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

A very Happy Christmas to you all and I hope you have all had an enjoyable time.

Please note the times of the Masses next week.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those many people who have worked so hard within and for the Parish throughout the year. Your dedication is much appreciated.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very Happy & Blessed New Year.

God Bless you all.

Fr Graeme

NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSINGS 20*21+22

Special Blessing stickers and prayer cards are available at the back of church.

Please do take one and pray together with those who live and visit your home.

CEMETERIES

Please note: all Christmas wreaths and pots will be removed when dead or after the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February 2022).

Any ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office.

A MESSAGE FROM LIVING WATERS FOOD BANK

A big thank you for your ongoing support to our Food Bank and your generous donations, we can never find words to express how grateful we are.

We pray that God will bless you abundantly as you bless so many others.

CHORLEY BUDDIES

SVP Chorley Buddies would like to say a massive thank you to all our parishioners for the fantastic response to the Christmas Joy New Toy Appeal. You and others donated over 4,000 toys with a value of between £15 – £20K!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

E	P	A	R	E	N	T	S	E	N
R	E	A	L	N	A	V	N	I	O
S	E	S	R	O	T	C	O	D	E
T	N	H	V	E	D	L	I	H	C
H	W	A	T	T	N	I	T	O	R
B	R	E	V	O	S	S	A	P	E
T	U	R	L	A	M	A	L	A	H
A	M	S	O	V	R	E	E	S	T
F	U	L	Y	E	E	A	R	F	A
E	L	P	M	E	T	E	C	A	F

PARENTS	PASSOVER	TWELVE
FEAST	CARAVAN	RELATIONS
TEMPLE	DOCTORS	MOTHER
CHILD	FATHER	BUSY



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank



26th December 2021 - The Holy Family, Year C

REFLECTION

This Sunday, we remember and celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The focus of attention leading up and during the celebration of the Nativity is Jesus but this Sunday, we acknowledge the whole family. On this feast in particular, it is good to pray in gratefulness and thanks for our own parents and family. No one's family is perfect - we've all made mistakes - we've all done and said things that we have later regretted. Regardless of this, we owe our family everything and for this we thank God. Even though the Holy Family was extraordinary, it was not exempt from the trials and troubles that our own families regularly encounter. Joseph was an ordinary man who had to work to provide for the needs of his family, making sure the Son of God was well cared for. Like many others he worked hard as a carpenter to provide for his family. He was undoubtedly faced with real problems with respect to the security and safety of his family as King Herod was looking for the child Jesus in order to kill him, using all the resources of his kingdom to do so. Joseph and Mary must have spent sleepless nights in extreme fear and for a time, that meant they had to live as refugees in a foreign land. But even though they were not exempt from all the problems and difficulties that families experience today, they remained free from sin and lived in love and harmony. Love is the binding force that unites and nurtures the family - love is a matter of giving, not taking; it is total self-giving, without selfish motivations. When family members learn to forget their selfish interests and begin to truly give and share – first to God, and then to one another – they experience genuine love that binds them together more closely in unity and perfect harmony. Selfishness destroys and divides; love and giving build up and unite. If we really want our families to survive these trying times, we must put God first and above everything and place all our hope and trust in him. On this feast day, let us pray for all those we know who are experiencing the pain and difficulty of problems in their married and family life and may the Holy Family of Nazareth bless, guide and protect all our families,

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Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 15:30

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 19th December 2021

Gift Aid: **£153.50**

Loose Plate: **£253.53**

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

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - 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 - Caroline Rigby - Anthony Crilly - Bernard Marmion - Julie Pilkington
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 Rory Harty

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

NORMAL MASS/SERVICE TIMES

WEEKDAY SERVICES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

THURSDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

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SATURDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

SUNDAY MASSES

HOLY MASS 9:30am & 6:30pm (St Gregory's) & **11:00am** (St Oswald's)

The Feast Of The Holy Family (Boxing Day)

9:30am (St Gregory's) (please note there will be no evening Mass)

11:00am (St Oswald's)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 26 Dec	9:30am	The Holy Family	Thomas & Winifred Booth Joseph & Mary Kenyon Derek Parker (A)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 26 Dec	11:00am	The Holy Family	The Dunne Family	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 27 Dec	10:00am	St John the Evangelist	Kathleen Dunn Special Intention (FK)	
Tues 28 Dec	10:00am	The Holy Innocents	Alan Macdonald# Rev G. Britt	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 29 Dec	8:30am 9:45am	St Thomas Becket FUNERAL SERVICE	Thomas & Catherine O'Brien Joan Hart (A) Rory Harty	ST GREGORY'S
Thur 30 Dec	10:00am		Celia & Jimmy Critchley Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 31 Dec	8:30am 9:15am	St Sylvester	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
Sat 01 Jan	12:00 noon	Mary, Mother of God	SVP Benefactors—past & present Hannah Slater (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 02 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	Francis Meredith (A) Connelly & Rollins Families Evan Critchley	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 02 Jan	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S