

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT 2019

Lent begins this Wednesday and is a day of fasting and abstinence for those who are well and under the age of 80 years. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the morning Masses, reminding us of our mortality. As we begin our forty days of preparing for Easter, we focus on greater charity through prayer, penance and repentance. During the Sundays of Lent, starting next Sunday, there will be a **Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm**.

Traditionally the **Stations of the Cross** are prayed on Fridays in Lent. Our grateful thanks to those who have volunteered to lead the prayers. If people wish to follow the devotions privately, resources will be made available in Church, but please do not remove them. The first communal celebration of the **Stations of the Cross will be on Friday 4 Mar at 6:30pm, then every Friday thereafter.**

FR DENIS MCBRIDE'S LENTEN RETREAT

Join Father Denis McBride who will be leading a FREE online retreat throughout Lent, which will be based on his book *Journeying with Jesus, A Companions Guide*. Each week, starting Sunday 6th March a video will be available on the Redemptorist website, under free resources. Therefore if you can't join in every Sunday, don't worry, they will keep them live online, so you can follow and reflect in your own time. For further information please visit the website [here](#)

TREE PLANTING AT ST GREGORY'S

If anybody else is interested in being involved in the tree-planting event, please do get in touch. Although the date for this event hasn't yet been set, it will take place soon after 18th March. All are welcome.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

27th February 2022 - Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

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REFLECTION

Today, the eight Sunday of ordinary time, the church continues to remind us of the virtues and qualities that should characterise our lives as Christians. We have many sayings about results being more important than promises, such as 'the proof of the pudding is in the eating'. Today's scripture readings are all about this – the ways in which our words and actions reveal who we truly are. The parables in this week's gospel serve as a reminder of the importance of continued learning, prayer and reflection as well as humility in our discipleship. The blind cannot lead the blind and a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. But before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must first take care of yourself. We shine God's light in the world when we are 'lit from within' with God's grace and when we are willing to examine our own conscience and recognise our own need for transformation. There is a wonderful pattern of poetic wisdom in the readings this Sunday – images, parables and similes that sit in our hearts and minds and make us think about the sort of people we really are. What the gospel this Sunday asks us to consider is what are our priorities in life?

Do we spend all our time and put all of our energy into spending money, buying more things and consuming more products? Are we trying to create and live a certain lifestyle rather than peruse a deeper and richer quality of life for ourselves, our families and our friends? There is the phrase, 'Everything in moderation.' There is no harm in enjoying the fruits of our work and labour and it is always nice to treat ourselves and others once in a while, but, what is the focus of our life? Is it to buy and consume more? Is it to surround ourselves with more and more material goods? In today's gospel, Jesus is saying to each of us, 'You are more than just a consumer of things, your true worth and dignity comes from within and your relationship with God who loves you and cares for you.' Jesus tells us 'Wherever our treasure is, there also will be our heart'. This week, let us pray that we will all find our treasure and determine where our heart lies.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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DISCIPLE
TEACHER
SPLINTER
PLANK
HYPOCRITE
TREE
GRAPES
THORNS
GOODNESS
BADNESS
STORE
HEART



WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 20th February 2022

Gift Aid: **£92.00**

Loose Plate: **£262.64**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection next week will be for the SVP

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Neil Haydock
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Anthony Crilly
 Sheila McGeown - Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery

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 Philip Heyes

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

IMPORTANT UPDATE - COVID REQUIREMENTS

Whilst we can no longer enforce the wearing of face-masks at St Gregory's, it is still highly recommended for the safety of all concerned that you continue to wear a mask whilst in church. Masks or visors will still be worn whilst Holy Communion is distributed.

For the same reason, we will continue for the present to sanitise.

We have been encouraged to return to as normal practice as possible and so the sign of peace may be offered (however, please be aware that whilst you may wish to offer the sign of peace, some people may not be comfortable at this time so please don't take offence!).

Holy Communion will still only be offered under one kind.

I have also decided the following:

- we will not reintroduce holy water as we enter church at this time;
- we will not now be leaving the doors open throughout the service but they will be opened at Holy Communion to allow some air exchange whilst there is movement;
- although social distancing is not now required for those who feel vulnerable, as a sensitive gesture, a section of the church will still be offered for social distancing. The amount of social distancing will be reviewed on a weekly basis.

LIVERPOOL'S LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

I'm pleased to say that this year's Liverpool Lourdes pilgrimage is planned to run from 22nd to 29th July. If anyone is interested in joining us there, the details are on the Poster in the porch.



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's

Mollie Grace Noblett

Please keep her and her family in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 27 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	8th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Ken Edwards (LD) People of the Parish	Day for the Unemployed ST GREGORY'S
Sun 27 Feb	11:00am	8th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Winifred 'Maureen' Hooson (A) Charles Holt (A)	Day for the Unemployed ST OSWALD'S
Mon 28 Feb	10:00am		Bill & Mary Rainford Colette Rybarczak (LD)	
Tues 1 Mar	9:15am	St David	LISCF STATIONS OF THE CROSS	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 2 Mar	8:30am 11:00am	ASH WEDNESDAY	Patricia Bond (BR) Special Intention (G&I) People of the Parish	Day of Fast & Abstinence
Thur 3 Mar	9:15am		Alan Macdonald	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 4 Mar	8:30am 9:15am 6:30pm	St Casimir	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Sat 5 Mar	10:00am		Callum John Larkin (A) Frank Wrennall (BR)	
Sun 6 Mar	9:30am 6:30pm	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	Mary Robinson (BR) Jack Critchley (A) Bernard & Mary Hargreaves (Diamond Wedding Anniv)	ST GREGORY'S HOLY HOUR 3:00pm
Sun 6 Mar	11:00am	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	Private Intention	ST OSWALD'S