

THANK YOU

Fr Graeme & Mgr McKenna would like to say a big thank you to all parishioners for the get well wishes they both received during their recent bouts of Covid. Fr Graeme is now back in action but until he is feeling fully fit, Holy Communion will be distributed by the Eucharistic Ministers.

#HELPUKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

A big thank you to parishioners for your overwhelming response to this appeal, you have been most generous. If you are able to help financially, here are the ways you can donate:

- through parishes and branches of partner organisations
- direct to the central appeal fund AUGB Ltd, 80038237, 20-65-89 ref: HelpUkraine
- through the fundraising page on GoFundMe at <https://rb.gv/dcgccc>

Donations of the following items are still urgently needed.

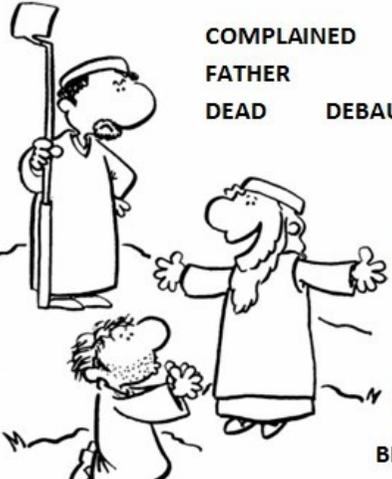
First aid kits (including sterile dressings, safety pins, antiseptic fluid/cream/spray, disposable gloves, eye wash); **bandages** (all sizes, gauze, steri-strips, triangular bandages); **toiletries** (including toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo); **bedding, sleeping bags, blankets, generators and different types of chargers; nappy rash creams and baby bath lotions** (all ages and sizes); **powdered baby milk and feeding bottles; pain relief** (e.g. Paracetamol, Ibuprofen); **warm underclothing** (including socks); **sanitary products; nappies** (all ages and sizes) & **rucksacks**. **Please do not leave any donations of clothes until further notice as these are not being taken at the present time.** Until we hear differently, I would be grateful if you could limit yourselves to these items. Thank you for your continued response.

TREE PLANTING EVENT

A big thank you to all those who took part in the tree planting event yesterday. We look forward to nurturing our trees and bushes and to watching them thrive for years to come.....and with gratitude that we were able to help in the fight against climate change!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

27th March 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C - Laetare Sunday

REFLECTION

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Laetare Sunday from the Latin word that means 'rejoice', we hear the parable of 'A Prodigal son - A Forgiving Father' – a story we have heard so many times that many of us can repeat it almost line for line. The three characters in the parable, the younger son, elder son, and their father, together weave a beautiful story of sin, envy, and mercy. We hear it today because midway through Lent, the liturgy reflects that we are all like this prodigal son, the well-known story striking a familiar chord in the lives of all of us - in the temptation to squander a bright future on the passions of the present or the sadness when we have made bad choices; in scheming and plotting ways out of trouble; in the longing that parents feel for children who fail; in the jealousy within families the list is endless! Yet, most of us in our highly developed western world have difficulty in seeing ourselves for who we really are - our lives are so very busy that there never seems to be enough time for personal reflection. Consequently, we can find ourselves being seriously lacking in some areas of our personal development – and even worse, the failure to recognise this. Often, it is only when something really serious happens in our life, that we realise that we are in dire need of outside help to make things better or right! As we reach the mid-point of our Lenten journey, today we are invited to rejoice as we recognise the joy that will be ours if we come to our senses and if we wholeheartedly turn to God and ask for mercy. We need to recognise the patterns of our sin - we may not like some aspects of the person we are and we may want to be the person we imagine. So during Lent we must repent, do penance, strengthen our prayer, contribute to the needy, and fast from all that focuses attention on ourselves in order to consider more the needs of others. Like the prodigal son, we too must say to ourselves, 'I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you'. The forgiveness of the father in the parable is an image of God's forgiveness and abounding love for us, and it reminds us that God's love for another does not diminish his love for each of us.

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 20th March 2022

Gift Aid: **£116.50**

Loose Plate: **£381.18**

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 will be for Nugent Care

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
 Derek Birchall - Christine Zawistowicz - Joanne Hardyman

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

WEEKLY REVIEW OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following a further review of Covid requirements, it has been decided that given the major source of transmission of the virus is now generally accepted to be via airborne particulates (according to scientific evidence), both the weekly collection and also the Offertory Procession can now be reintroduced. For the time being we will continue to keep a section of the church with social distancing and also the practice of sanitising on entry and the presence of stewards. We will continue to review the situation on a weekly basis.

HOLY WEEK 2022

This will be the first time we have celebrated the Triduum as a family of Parishes with one Parish Priest. From past experience, and with the needs of both communities in mind, I have decided this year to celebrate Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00pm) at St Oswald's; Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord (3:00pm) and the Easter Vigil Service (8:30pm) at St Gregory's. I would hope that transport can be arranged for those who need it to attend either church, please let me know if this is required. There will be an opportunity to assess these arrangements in the near future.

NUGENT APPEAL

There will be a second collection today to support Nugent, the official Archdiocesan caring service. This year marks the 200th anniversary of its founder, Fr. James Nugent. Inspired by his work to educate children in Liverpool, support women prisoners in Walton prison and care for the poor, his legacy continues with Nugent today. Thank you in advance for your support.

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a Service of Reconciliation with individual confessions on
Sunday 3rd April at 3:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank.
 All are welcome to attend.

LENTEN SONGS OF PRAISE

. There will be a Lenten Songs of Praise followed by Benediction today at 3:00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 27 Mar	9:30am 6:30pm	4th SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY	James Critchley (BR) John Walker (F) John Cooper (F)	ST GREGORY'S LENTEN SONGS OF PRAISE 3:00pm
Sun 27 Mar	11:00am	4th SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY	May Crone (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 28 Mar	10:00am		George Walker (A) Jim & Kath Dunn Special Intention (CD)	
Tues 29 Mar	9:15am		EUCCHARISTICE SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 30 Mar	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Thur 31 Mar	9:15am		Carole Kiley (A) Sylvester Woods (F)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 01 Apr	8:30am 9:15am 6:30pm 6:30pm		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE STATIONS OF THE CROSS STATIONS OF THE CROSS	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
Sat 02 Apr	10:00am	St Francis of Paola	Fr Britt (BR) Teresa Thompson (A)	
Sun 03 Apr	9:30am 3:00pm 6:30pm	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Valerie Bretherton Mary Jane Barton (BR) SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION Fred Walker Robert Keane	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 03 Apr	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Jane Burns (F) Neary Family (F)	ST OSWALD'S