

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week, working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, they are working to ensure the safety of local partners and their communities and are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. To continue to support these communities in such difficult times, we will have a special collection over the next few weeks.

Please mark your donations 'CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL' Thank you.

BIG SUNDAY FESTIVAL

The Chorley Catholic Network of Catholic Laity will be hosting 'The Big Sunday Festival' at St Gregory's on Sunday 12th September. This is a great opportunity to share your faith and to see what the faith communities are doing in Chorley. Bring your own picnic or why not enjoy delicious refreshments from the St Gregory's stand. All are welcome to attend.

CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

A big thank you to all those who volunteered to help out with our Concert in the Garden celebration last weekend and all who braved the weather to attend the event - despite the rain a good time was had by all!

LIVING WATERS FOOD BANK

The Foodbank are urgently appealing for items such as tinned food, pasta, toiletries, UHT milk, tinned fish etc. Please leave your donations in the box in the porch. All your generous donations are very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

29th August 2021 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 22nd August 2021

Gift Aid: **£143.00**

Loose Plate: **£319.91**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

Over the past few weeks, the gospel of St John has been focussed on Jesus as the Bread of Life. This week, we return to St Mark's gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity.

The parties in the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes and teachers of the law. The issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story was the failure of Jesus' disciples to respect religious observances, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples were not complying with the tradition of the elders. For Jesus, it is the command of

God which is paramount and he offers a hard-hitting critique of their attitude to law. He calls them 'hypocrites' as they have so distorted God's law, substituting their own observances for the 'commandment of God' that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service, their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless! For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean - it is the heart that is the focus of purity and impurity. In the kingdom of God it is thoughts, desires, and intentions which render one clean or unclean and not one's attention to hygiene! Jesus is very clear in his teachings. What Jesus teaches us is that observing the letter of the law is not enough - we need to go deeper into the core of God's commandments. If I go to

Church regularly but don't care about the poor and the needy, my Church-going is in vain. I should both be going to Church and serving the poor and the needy. We must therefore all seek how to serve others. God challenges us to practice a holiness that goes to the heart, a holiness that touches the depth of who we are and connects us with the humanity of one another. God calls us to sacrifice ourselves and our own desires in the serving of others. Our readings this week encourage us to pay attention to the ways in which the word of God influences how we live our lives. Although we all too often fail to live up to the example set for us, we are none the less assured of an abundance of gifts, because of God's infinite love for each of us.

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 - Derek Birchall - Caroline Rigby

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 James Carter

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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, **EUCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **EUCHARISTIC SERVICE** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

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)

ORDINATION OF BISHOP TOM NEYLON

Bishop Elect Tom Neylon will be ordained Bishop on Friday 3rd September, the feast of St Gregory the Great, at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

Please remember him in your prayers.

SEASON OF CREATION

During the last eighteen months, many of us have been aghast at those who remain sceptical about the Covid-19 pandemic and see it as some sort of conspiracy. Sadly, there are plenty of people who view the constant warnings about climate change in a similar way. However, the evidence is undisputable, and the latest report from the United Nations warns us that if we don't take action now, the damage to the earth, our common home, will be irreversible. Just this month we have heard about terrible fires in Europe and the United States, as well as unprecedented flooding in various cities.

In 2015, Pope Francis issued an encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, about these issues and established a Season of Creation in the Church's Year to help us to focus on the cry of the earth. The season begins this week with the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation' on 1 September and runs until the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 29 Aug	9:30am	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Katie Walsh (A)	St Gregory's
	2:30pm	Wedding Service	Victoria Thompson & Daniel O'Brien	
	6:30pm		Special Intention (CA)	
Sun 29 Aug	11:00am	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Elizabeth Hilton B (R)	St Oswald's
Mon 30 Aug	10:00am	St Edmund Arrowsmith	Philip Barton (A) Vincent Horan (LD)	
Tues 31 Aug	9:15am	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne	Ted & Dolly Dunne B(R) Aidan Critchley (LD)	
Wed 01 Sep	8:30am	The 3 female English Martyrs	Marge Cullen (LD) LISCF	
Thur 02 Sep	9:15am		William Fishwick	
Fri 03 Sep	8:30am	St Gregory the Great	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am			
Sat 04 Sep	10:00am	St Cuthbert	John Brimley (A)	
Sun 05 Sep	9:30am	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bridget & Austin McManus People of the Parish	St Gregory's
	6:30pm			
Sun 05 Sep	11:00am	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		St Oswald's