

<b>HOLY ROSARY:</b> will be prayed twenty five minutes before the weekday Mass
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> are held after Mass on Saturday morning
If you wish to book a <b>Mass Intention</b> , please see one of the priests after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours

## PARISH MINISTRIES

<b>Counting</b>	10 Feb	Terence & Sandra Donnelly
<b>Sacristy &amp; Sanctuary</b>	09 Feb	Mary Wakeman & Liz Fowler
<b>Minibus</b>	09 Feb	Linda & David Walmsley
<b>Readers</b>	09 Feb	<b>9:30am</b> Christine Crossen <b>11:00am</b> Ursula Mulkeen <b>6:30pm</b> Paul Tate
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	09 Feb	<b>9:30am</b> Louise Cogan, Yvonne Cunliffe, Jack Knight <b>11:00am</b> Angela Woods, Gordon Woods, Michael Hall <b>6:30pm</b> Janet Haydock, Melvyn Cunliffe
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	w/c 09 Feb	Mary Wakeman, Eileen Gray, Celia Birchall

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

O E G R W L B H R B A X H T M R P J N X  
W T K H J L O U P M E O J V S R H O C Q  
T R V U D K U R T J L F W S E A S G H D  
Y I W M L V C K D Y K V E S M A E Y R X  
R F R C R F R O D J D F E W E S R F I K  
A S W M O Z O A M M E N G S K A H O S B  
U E S H W F Y L T M T S Y C M H A C T A  
R W O P E S H U E A E N U N T Z R F I N  
B A A J H F C P T P A M I S L U I N A N  
E C P N T C C I X H S G O D V H H M N A  
F P T U F K O T P Y R O L R Z T D T T A  
U D P Y O N A I E I O C G Q A F B X L N  
I F F R T L P N V K Z H F A O T O L L D  
Z K C F H E C A N D L E M A S P I C Q S  
C V A D G N O I T A C I F I R U P N V I  
G Y T X I I I M Q E L P M E T V B U G M  
L F M A L P R O N V S J P P Y Q C E A E  
Z T P Y U L D S Z A M T L X H J E N J O  
P J N U A Y M A J F U X Q X S P G D Y N  
C A N D L E S B L E S S E D G Q F B A B

ANNA AND SIMEON  
CANDLES  
BLESSED  
COMMEMORATING  
FEAST  
GOSPEL OF LUKE  
LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
PRESENTATION  
TEMPLE  
CANDLEMAS  
CHRISTIAN  
EPIPHANY  
LORD JESUS  
PURIFICATION  
VIRGIN MARY



# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

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**Church Office Hours:**  
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

**Parish Administrator:**  
Christine Edwards

**Safeguarding Rep:**  
Edward Brierley

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
Gift Aid: **£272.73**  
Loose Plate: **£449.58**  
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

**Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish.**

The retiring collection today will be taken by the SVP

### REFLECTION

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy as a symbol of Christ our Light and as a reminder to us of our own baptism when we were 'presented' to God. The multiple names and meanings of today's Feast have given birth to broad and varied cultural expressions. The biblical account of the Presentation is said to be the source for the 'two turtle doves' in the carol 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'; for the sword piercing Mary's Heart in Catholic iconography; for the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the rosary, and for the daily Canticl prayed by priests and nuns everywhere. And so we can reflect, forty days after His birth and in keeping with the biblical significance of the number forty and with Jewish custom, Jesus was presented in the temple in Jerusalem by His parents, Mary and Joseph. Jesus was to enter the temple many times as a boy and later as an adult - his life was a continual self-gift to God the Father from the very beginning to the very end. His parents did not carry their infant Son to a holy mountain or a sacred spring, it was in the temple that the God of Israel was most present, so they brought their son to God Himself. Present in the temple at this time were Simeon and Anna, both of whom were awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel. Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see the Lord before he died and recognised the infant Jesus as the promised Saviour, a 'light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel'. Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfilment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all. Let us pray to God that Simeon's joyful vision of God's salvation may be ours as well, and that we may 'see', as he and Anna did, the glory of God in the image of Christ, wherever and in whoever we encounter him, through prayer and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others.

### Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson  
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley  
 Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Madge Henshaw

*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 Fred Simpson.

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



### BAPTISM

We welcome in Baptism  
 Theodore Christian Miller.  
 We wish him and his family  
 every blessing as they start out  
 on their faith journey.

### IMPORTANT UPDATE

At the end of February Fr Mark Beattie will be taking up the role of parish priest of St Bede's and St Chad's parishes. From the weekend 29<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March Mass times will be:  
**Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede's 6:00pm**  
**Sunday Mass at St Chad's 9.15am**  
**Sunday Mass at St Bede's 11:00am**

### OPEN PARISH MEETING

There will be an Open Parish Meeting on  
**Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 7:00pm.**  
 If anybody has any items for the Agenda, please let me know as soon as possible. All are welcome to attend the meeting, do please try to come along.

### JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of the Justice & Peace Group will be on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Discussion will include possible *Live Simply* Award application. All are welcome to attend.

### THE MEETING PLACE

**4 February at 2pm - One Pot Meals to try!!**  
 Come along and sample delicious, easy to make food and take home the recipes you like. We get together on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Meeting Room at the Church House between 2pm and 5pm. We are warm and welcoming and provide a place to chat and try out new activities you might enjoy.  
 Don't sit at home bored or feeling lonely, we'd love to see you on Tuesday 4 February. Give us a try!

### LUNCH WITH THE CATENIANS

On **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**, Chorley Catenians are having a Sunday Lunch at Shaw Hill. The event is being subsidised by Circle funds and is therefore priced at only £20.00 per head. It would be great if parishioners could join us to take advantage of this fantastic offer and to enjoy excellent food in the fabulous surroundings of Shaw Hill Golf & Country Club. All bookings should be made through Bill Critchley, by email if possible. Pauline and I will look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.  
 Bill Critchley, President – Chorley Circle Tel: 07801 020227 or Email: [billandpolly.critchley@virgin.net](mailto:billandpolly.critchley@virgin.net)

### GRAVEYARDS

Please note, all Christmas flowers and wreaths will now be removed from graves. Please help us to keep the graveyards clean and tidy.  
 Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 02 Feb	9:30am	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Derek Parker (A) Robert Parkinson (B)	
Sun 02 Feb	11:00am	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Herbert Spedding	
Sun 02 Feb	6:30pm	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	LISCF	
Mon 03 Feb	8:30am	St Blaise & St Ansgar	Valerie Bretherton	
Tues 04 Feb	8:30am	St John de Britta	Maureen Phillip (LD)	
Wed 05 Feb	10:00am	St Agatha	Madge Critchley (A)	
Thu 06 Feb	8:30am	St Paul Miki, SJ & Companions	Kieran Padmore	
Fri 07 Feb	8:30am	St Mel	<b>EUCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	
Sat 08 Feb	10:00am	St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita	Alan West (B)	
Sun 09 Feb	9:30am	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	John & Elizabeth Watmough	<b>RACIAL JUSTICE DAY</b>
Sun 09 Feb	11:00am	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	Mary Spedding Bryan George Dougan (A)	<b>FAMILY MASS</b>
Sun 09 Feb	6:30pm	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	People of the Parish	