

## COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves.

Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22 February 2022** from 7:30-9:00pm (refreshments from 7pm) at **St Gregory's Presbytery, Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3NW**

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email [diaconate@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:diaconate@rcaol.org.uk) for more information.

## SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION

The SVP monthly collection will be taken next Sunday. Please place your kind donations in the SVP wooden boxes which will be placed at the back of the church. Thank you.

## CEMETERIES

Just a reminder, all Christmas wreaths and pots will be removed during the next week or so. Any ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office.

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

A	R	E	D	F	S	U	H	T	E	<b>SYNAGOGUE</b>	<b>WORDS</b>	<b>PHYSICIAN</b>
N	N	U	E	D	A	E	O	N	L	<b>LIPS</b>	<b>HEAL</b>	<b>PROPHET</b>
N	W	G	R	S	A	M	A	N	I	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>WIDOWS</b>	<b>SHUT</b>
T	O	O	U	L	W	I	I	W	P	<b>FAMINE</b>	<b>LEPERS</b>	<b>NONE</b>
E	W	G	C	Y	C	O	O	N	S			
H	S	A	N	I	A	R	D	O	E			
P	T	N	S	O	H	D	N	I	A			
O	U	Y	R	T	N	U	O	C	W			
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P	S	D	E	G	A	R	N	E	Y			




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

30th January 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

## St Gregory's RC Church

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## Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

## Church Office Hours:

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

## Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

## Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

## WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 23rd January 2022

Gift Aid: **£75.00**

Loose Plate: **£431.20**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Giving: **£295.06**

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

The special collection next week will be taken by the SVP.

## REFLECTION

Today the church reminds us of the privilege we are given in being called to carry out God's mission by virtue of our baptism and how, in spite of all the difficulties associated with this call, our love for God and each other must sustain us in this mission. Today's first reading is principally a call to action - to proclaim the good news to all nations. This call is a command that we must obey: *'Stand up and tell them all I command you'*. The good news for us all is that we are not alone. God himself is with us in this mission providing the strength and protection we need to succeed. God did not call us by accident, he called each of us personally by name and he reminds us: *'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I consecrated you; I have appointed you as the prophet of the nations'*. In our second reading today, St Paul reminds us that the motivation for our mission must be based on the virtues of faith, hope and love. Faith in God sustains us in our ministry in spite of the obstacles we encounter; hope motivates us to remain focused, and to believe that our efforts will not be in vain; and love, the greatest and most important of these virtues, is the foundation of our mission. A Christian who lives out these virtues will succeed in God's mission but if we lack love for God, the good news and God's people, we will fail. In today's gospel, Jesus demonstrates his love for his people and reminds us that life is not always easy for a prophet, missionary or Christian - he faces opposition, persecution rejection and even threats to his life. Yet in spite of all these, he did not relent but instead, he continued to obey God's call. With Christ as our model, we must continue to love all God's people, whilst remaining faithful to the God who called us. We must be committed to the good news, avoid the distractions of this world, and any difficulties we encounter on the way must not stop us from carrying out God's mission. We must always remember that our call to serve is a privilege - to proclaim the good news by what we say and what we do. Hence, it is important to realise that a missionary without commitment to the good news, to prayer and to the people of God, is simply a tourist!

### 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  
 Anthony Crilly - Sheila McGeown - Caroline Rigby - Julie Pilkington - Dorothy Fairclough  
*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 Ken Edwards.  
*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)  
 FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **EUCCHARISTIC 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)

### REVIEW OF SICK LIST

Over the next two weeks we will be reviewing the list of names of those on the parish sick list to ensure that it remains current. Please could you confirm as soon as possible if you would like a name to remain on the list or for it to be removed. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that the name can be removed. Thank you.

### RELAXATION OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister that the requirement to wear a face mask is now no longer mandatory, whilst we can no longer enforce this as a legal requirement 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. For the same reason, we will continue to sanitise and offer socially distanced seating for those who wish to use it.



### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Adam Irlam & Liz Foley** who are to be married at St Gregory's on Saturday 5th Feb. We offer them our prayers and best wishes as they begin their married life together.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 30 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Joseph & Mary Kenyon (A) Fred Simpson (A) Herbert Spedding (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 30 Jan	11:00am	4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Theresa Cole (LD) Hilda & Robert Farrimond (BR)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 31 Jan	10:00am	St John Bosco	Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family Special Intention (CC)	
Tues 01 Feb	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 02 Feb	8:30am	The Presentation of the Lord	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Thur 03 Feb	9:15am	St Blaise & St Ansgar	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 04 Feb	8:30am 9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
Sat 05 Feb	10:00am 1:00pm	St Agatha WEDDING SERVICE	Philomena Annunziata (LD) Adam Irlam & Liz Foley	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 06 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Teresa Iddon (BR) Tom & Sheila Grady (BR) Brian O'Dolan (LD) Kathleen Marmion (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 06 Feb	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Shelagh & Mark Bass	ST OSWALD'S