

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This year the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass will be online only.

It will be held remotely and broadcast on **Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.00pm** from Our Lady's RC Church, Lydiate. You will be able to watch using Facebook (no Facebook account is needed, simply click on the link below)

<https://www.facebook.com/Archdiocese-of-Liverpool-Feast-of-Our-Lady-of-Lourdes-Mass-106532301406114>

or

You can also watch using the CSTV link for Our Lady's Church  
[Our Lady's, RC Church, Lydiate Merseyside - Southport Rd, Lydiate, Liverpool, England \(churchservices.tv\)](http://OurLady's,RCChurch,LydiateMerseyside-SouthportRd,Lydiate,Liverpool,England(churchservices.tv))

## REVIEW OF THE SICK LIST 2021

Each year we carry out a review of the names of those on our sick list which we publish in our Parish newsletter each week. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please confirm with me asap, or if you wish to add a name please let me know. A revised list will be published at the beginning of February. Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering at this time and those who care for them.

## FETAL PAIN

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool which can be accessed by visiting the link below:

[www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

F	O	N	N	R	T	I	T	P	S	CAPERNAUM	SABBATH	SYNAGOGUE
Q	O	A	S	E	B	I	R	C	S	TEACH	SCRIBES	UNCLEAN
U	M	L	I	C	R	I	A	H	S	SPIRIT	DESTROY	HOLY
I	N	U	L	I	R	P	Y	T	R	QUIET	ORDERS	OBEY
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# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

31st January 2021 - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

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## REFLECTION

In the today's Gospel we see the impact of the words of Jesus in real concrete action. A man possessed with an unclean spirit called out to Jesus for help. As we see in this example and throughout St Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. Jesus ordered the spirit to be quiet and drove the unclean spirit out of the man. At the time of Jesus, all illnesses were understood to be signs of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different.

Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe certain types of physical and mental illnesses we recognise today. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first century Palestine and Jesus appears to be like these healers, but his ability to heal those possessed by demons was also an indication of his power over evil and the unique authority given to him by God. When Jesus says to a person that they are healed, the person is actually healed. When he tells a person that their sins are forgiven they are actually forgiven - this is real power and authority! Jesus exercises his power to heal, liberate and forgive people, not to enslave them. He uses his authority to lift people up, not put them down.

Sadly, not all people exercise their authority with such care and concern for others. Even in our own recent history we have witnessed many dictators who have abused not only their authority but also those they were meant to serve. As Christians we are all called to follow the example of Jesus - to listen closely to the teachings of Jesus is every Catholic's responsibility today. It is easy to hear the Scriptures proclaimed each time we attend Mass, but it can be more difficult to listen with a receptive ear and a willing heart, and harder, still, to put those lessons into practice.

No matter who we are, each of us have some power and authority. The question for us is how we exercise this authority. Do we follow the example of Jesus; do we use it to serve others, to help and support them, to lift them or to put them down? As always, the choice is ours.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 24th January 2021

Sincere thanks for your  
for your kind and generous  
weekly donations which go  
towards the upkeep of the  
church. This week's collection  
will be carried forward to  
next week.

### Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Winifred Calderbank - Eileen Nuttall - Anne Knowles  
 Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Hugh O'Daly  
 Baby Elmo Allan - Paul McBeth - Fr Laurence Mayne - Muriel Wilson - Rosemary Brindle

*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 Martin Banks.

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### IMPORTANT LOCKDOWN UPDATE

The Archbishop in a letter to the priests of the Archdiocese wrote: 'Although I have circulated the recent government advice on the opening of churches, I want to emphasise that the final decision in this regard is yours. ... You have to consider your volunteers and stewards. You also have yourself to consider ... Now is the time to make wise decisions for the good of all. As priests I am very aware of how committed you are to your sacred ministry and that you will not leave your people without pastoral care.'

The following statement was also received from Public Health England 'As Directors of Public Health representing Lancashire, we are strongly advising all faith communities to pause communal prayer and worship during the lockdown period, to reduce the possible spread of the new Covid variant. We recognise that this is a big request, but it will help to protect our communities at this critical stage of the pandemic. While we can't require our faith communities to do this, we are asking everyone to make this temporary change to protect each other. You have already made changes to your worship arrangements, but we are asking for caution at this difficult and concerning time. We're seeing increasing numbers of cases in Lancashire, and worrying increases in the number of people hospitalised from Covid, as well as increasing numbers of deaths. This was a difficult decision to take but we feel it is the right thing to do and will be reviewed in 2 weeks' time.

### CHURCH CLOSURE UPDATE

In view of the number of Covid19 infections being still so high (both new infections and deaths), those churches that are currently closed will remain closed and the situation will be reviewed in another two weeks time.

We thank you for your understanding and ask for your prayers.

**Masses/Devotions will be LiveStreamed and recorded at the advertised times.**

#### Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 8:30am    Tues/Thurs/Sat - 10:00am

#### Sunday Mass:

9:30am

**Devotions** will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

God Bless you and your families at this difficult time

Fr Graeme

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 31 Jan	9:30am	4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Herbert Spedding (B) Tom Grady (B)	RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
Sun 31 Jan	NO 11:00am MASS	ALL MASSES/DEVOTIONS ARE BOTH LIVESTREAMED & RECORDED AND CAN BE VIEWED AT ANY TIME		
Mon 01 Feb	8:30am		Agnes & Samuel Hawthorn	
Tues 02 Feb	10:00am	The Presentation of the Lord	Jean Fletcher (LD) Brian Barker (LD)	Holy Hour 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 03 Feb	8:30am	St Blaise & St Ansgar	Tommy McGuigan (A)	
Thur 04 Feb	10:30am 2:00pm	REQUIEM MASS REQUIEM MASS	Michael Maguire Marie Meehan	NB: NO DEVOTIONS TODAY
Fri 05 Feb	8:30am	St Agatha	Kath Terry (B) Michael O'Hare (LD) Madge Critchley (A)	
Sat 06 Feb	10:00am	St Paul Miki & his Companions	Agnes Latham Angela Sawyer (B)	
Sun 07 Feb	9:30am	5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Teresa Iddon (B) Mary Spedding (A)	
Sun 07 Feb	NO 11:00am MASS	ALL MASSES/DEVOTIONS ARE BOTH LIVESTREAMED & RECORDED AND CAN BE VIEWED AT ANY TIME		