

## ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. For many people, the opportunity to enrich our faith through the experience of pilgrimage has been difficult or impossible over the last two years, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. The Relics will be visiting St Mary's Chorley during 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September. For further information about the tour and to book a slot please go to <https://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/>

## BEER FESTIVAL

We are pleased to announce that Our Annual Beer Festival will take place this year on **Friday 19th August from 7:00pm - 11:00pm** in the Parish grounds at St Gregory's There will be a selection of beers and wine on sale and food from the 'Pie Stop'.

## CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

Our **Concert in the Garden** event will be held in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's on **Sat 20th August** from 2pm. The event is free, so bring your friends and family and your own picnic chairs and blankets! There will be live music to entertain you so please come along and support us - either bring your own picnic or enjoy delicious food from our BBQ and refreshment stand.

## WOMENS WEEKEND - 'THE CALL OF CREATION'

16th - 18th September 2022

Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great George's Road, Liverpool L22 1RD

Residential places are available, for more information:

Email: [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or Tel: 0151 9491199

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

S	H	E	L	B	A	R	A	P	T
A	E	G	D	U	J	O	I	L	O
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T	V	E	D	N	E	I	R	F	D
O	A	S	R	R	A	B	I	T	U
R	E	E	H	T	O	R	B	O	J
B	L	E	R	U	S	A	E	R	T

CROWD	MASTER	BROTHER
SHARE	FRIEND	JUDGE
ARBITRATOR	AVARICE	PARABLE
RICH	HARVEST	TREASURE



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

31st July 2022 - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

## REFLECTION

This week's readings present us with a challenge – to have or to have not! At times it can feel as if we are living in a very material society where it is so easy to be persuaded to buy more and more things that we don't actually need, but that we think we really want. But do we? Do we really need the most up to date mobile phone? Do we need to buy more food than our family can eat this week just because it is on 'special offer'. When is enough enough? The rich man in this Sunday's gospel thinks that having more possessions and building bigger barns will make him happy and give him enough security so that he can 'eat, drink and be merry'. However when his 'life' is demanded of him, his store of grain and other possessions prove not to be as important or as valuable as he thought. He had put his trust and faith in the wrong place and in the wrong things. His reality is everyone's concern - to have enough so that we won't have to worry about tomorrow. There is no harm in providing for ourselves and our families, but this gospel asks us to reflect on what we value most in life. Unfortunately, the sort of happiness that can be bought is only temporary – how often do we hear people who are well off say that even when they were struggling it seemed that they were happier? Sadly, in our human desire for material things, we can often lose sight of what God has in store for us. Human vanity may make us feel that possessing things makes us more valuable but these items we own are only temporary and must be put in perspective. God doesn't count our possessions but loves us all equally and values us even when we don't have anything. It is often said, that in God's sight, 'everybody is somebody'. Today's Gospel also offers us hope. When we prioritize the things that we have and focus on our life with God, we will find happiness. We must look at how we use the things that we have and ask ourselves if there is more to life than being satisfied with oneself. Can we help to bring happiness to others with the things that we have? Our true happiness, sense of meaning and true worth comes from our relationship with God. If we could really appreciate this and make more room in our lives for God, then we would gain everything – the fullness of life.

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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 24th July 2022

Gift Aid: **£98.60**

Loose Plate: **£420.49**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

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

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Joanna Hardiman  
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown  
 Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery - Derek Birchall  
 Christine Zawistowicz - Catherine - Kathleen Green - Philip Compton - Rona Roberts

*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  
 and all those whose anniversaries occur around about this time.

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### REVISED & REVERSED COVID REQUIREMENTS

With the increase of infection rates and the new variants, the guidelines from the  
 Archdiocese have changed and the following now apply:

1. **Face-coverings** are highly recommended for people who attend Sunday Masses.
2. **Sanitiser** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the doors to the church will remain open throughout each service during the summer months.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will **no** designated section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will be required to wear a face covering whilst distributing Holy Communion and will cleanse their hands before & after distributing Holy Communion.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will **not** be reintroduced at this time.

**NB: We have been informed of a number of parishioners suffering from Covid recently  
 so please be cautious and do not attend if you have any symptoms.**

### ALPHA 21 DAY PRAYER CAMPAIGN

Are there people you know who you would like to draw into the church?

Alpha is a great way to introduce them or bring them back,  
 but you may feel worried about asking.

The first most important step is to **PRAY** for them.

We will have a 21-day Prayer campaign for everyone you would like to invite to Alpha.  
 We will be starting this on 11th August. The Alpha programme starts on 1st September.

Prayer cards on which you can name three people that you will pray for,  
 will be available before the Prayer campaign starts.

There will be a special prayer and a reminder to pray for them at 11.02am every day  
 for 21 days up to the start of Alpha.  
 Why 11.02? Check out Luke 11 02.

### SPUC

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) urgently needs volunteers to help  
 with telephone calls and admin each week at their Preston office which is located at:  
 Lockside Office Park, Unit 10, Lockside Rd, Preston PR2 2YS.  
 Please email: [caroleadamson@spuc.org.uk](mailto:caroleadamson@spuc.org.uk) or call 01772 258 580

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 31 Jul	9:30am	18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Muriel Arkwright (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		John & Olive Farnworth (F)	
SUN 31 Jul	11:00am	18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Charles Eastham (BR) Nicholas Eastham (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 01 Aug	10:00am	St Alphonsus Liguori	Valerie Bretherton Peter Lamb (LD)	
Tues 02 Aug	9:15am	St Eusebtus of Vercelli & St Peter Julian Eymard	Emmy Moss (Get Well) Margaret Barton (90th B)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 03 Aug	8:30am		John Fishwick Phyllis Barton	
Thur 04 Aug	9:15am	St John Vianney	Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 05 Aug	8:30am	Dedication of St Mary Major	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
	9:15am			
Sat 06 Aug	10:00am	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Ken Edwards (BR) Lindsay Anne Doran (A)	
SUN 07 Aug	9:30am	19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Elizabeth Dearden (A) Herbert Spedding (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The People of the Parish	
SUN 07 Aug	11:00am	19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Jeff Thompson (B)	ST OSWALD'S