

NEW DEANERY - NEW DEAN!

Congratulations to Fr Graeme who has been invited by the Archbishop to be the Dean of the new Lancashire Deanery when it is formulated at the end of November. Please remember him in your prayers as he takes up his new role.

COP26

Please pray for the success of the UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26,
31 October to 12 November

There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of vulnerable communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks.

CONFIRMATION AT ST GREGORY'S

Please remember in your prayers all those who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Gregory's & St Mary's later this week.

A BIG THANKYOU

Our grateful thanks to Chris Stryker for his many years of voluntary service to St Gregory's. We have all benefitted from his hard work, expertise and knowledge. We wish him all the best and hopefully we can still call on him from time to time in the future.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

In November, we celebrate our Annual Mass of Remembrance at which we remember all those parishioners who have died in the last twelve months. Due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to hold our service last year. This year, celebrations will be held on:

Tuesday 23rd November at 7:00pm at St Oswald's, Coppull
& Thursday 25th November at 7:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank

The names of those who have died in the past two years will be read out and a candle will be lighted in their memory. All are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

31st October 2021 - Solemnity of All Saints, Year B

REFLECTION

Today's gospel reading comes from the beginning of Jesus' famous 'Sermon on the Mount'. We hear, in particular, the Beatitudes, which teach us how Jesus wants us to live as his followers. In fact, the Beatitudes is best understood as a framework for Christian living and because of this, it is traditional that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints, the day each year when the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy men and women who have not officially been recognised by the Church as Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes just as Jesus lived. As well as the official canon, or list of saints there are many who are so much more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share a relationship in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Today, we recall and pray with these saints - these women and men whose lives flow seamlessly from prayer to action. We all need to hear their stories and be inspired by their witness as we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes. Also for our children, that they too may have models of people of faith for their own lives. The Gospel we proclaim today recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness. However, none of those Jesus actually names as 'happy' are predictable - the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted - Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. So what does Jesus mean when he uses the word 'blessed'? This word is sometimes translated as 'happy' or 'fortunate' or 'favoured'. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn and those who are persecuted. Interestingly, there is no mention of blessed are the rule-makers, the obedient, the self-righteous or the judgmental. We all know what Jesus thought of those who equated holiness with obsessive discipline and laws! So we must strive to align ourselves with the Beatitudes and pray that we will all follow the example of the saints as disciples of Jesus and if we find it difficult - remember Jesus' also said 'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven' - in other words, it will all be worth it in the end!

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 24th October 2021

Gift Aid: **£58.22**

Loose Plate: **£210.97**

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

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 - Caroline Rigby - Anthony Crilly - Bernard Marmion
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
*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, **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)**

Please note: there will be no toilet facilities available at St Gregory's for the next few weeks whilst urgent repair works are carried out underneath the floor.
 Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Reuben James Hall
 Please keep him and his family in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.

REAL CHRISTMAS TREES

'The Friends of St Gregory's (FOSG) are once again pleased to be offering top quality Nordmann Fir Christmas trees, the most luxurious Christmas trees you will find at a fraction of the retail cost. Various sizes are available.
 Order forms are available in the church porch.



MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

All of the Masses in November will be offered for the intentions of those on the Pious List

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 31 Oct	9:30am 6:30pm	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	Kevin & Stella Gore (GW) Thomas & Mary Gray	Baptism at St Gregory's
Sun 31 Oct	11:00am	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	Alan Macdonald (LD) Catenian Mass for Vocations	St Oswald's
Mon 01 Nov	10:00am		Denise & Bruce Conway	
Tues 02 Nov	9:15am 6:30pm	COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	Robert Morris (A) People of the Parish	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 03 Nov	8:30am 7:00pm	St Martin de Porres & St Winefride SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	Ann Campbell (LD) Pauline Baldwin (LD)	St Gregory's
Thur 04 Nov	9:15am 10:30am	St Chares Borromeo REQUIEM MASS	Phyllis Rourke James Parkinson	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 05 Nov	8:30am 9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 06 Nov	10:00am		Special Intention (CHA) In Thanksgiving for prayers answered (DB)	
Sun 07 Nov	9:30am 6:30pm	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Barbara Cross (A) Ronald Boam (A) Rory Harty (S) Mary Josephine Riding (A)	Baptisms at St Gregory's
Sun 07 Nov	11:00am	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Amy Ogden (A) Bernadette Davies (BR)	St Oswald's