

Dear Parishioners,

*It is a privilege to have been appointed to be your Parish Priest. St. Gregory's is a beautiful and dynamic Parish and I am very grateful for the very warm welcome I have received from the people I have met. I would also like to thank Mgr. McKenna for his welcome and his support, and for making the handover so easy.*

*I will tell you a little about myself at the Sunday Masses, but then I am away on my holiday, which unfortunately was booked last November, before I knew of any chance of a move.*

*I look forward to meeting the many people involved in the parish groups when I return, and to working with you all in continuing to build upon the faith that Weldbank is so famous for, I have read the book!*

*Thank you and God bless you all,*

*Fr. Graeme*

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am Catherine McCorcoran (A)  
11.00am John Lilley  
6.30pm Special Intention

### Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am Tom Wilcock (LD)  
Tues. 8.30am Eucharistic Service  
Wed. 8.30am Eucharistic Service  
Thurs. 8.30am Katie Walsh  
Fri. 8.30am Mary Gaskell (A)  
Sat. 8.30am Ellen Brown

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am  
11.00am Tom Wilcock (LD)  
6.30pm Frank Smith (A)

### Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison · Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Gerard Baker · Hugh Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Maureen McIver · Bill Burns · Lois Chiasson · Peter Molloy · Gerard McGuigan · Dorothy Scard · Renis Marshall · Moya Jones

*Sadly we record the death of Tom Wilcock who has been a parishioner at Weldbank all his life and whose large family is well known to you all. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mildred and the whole family and pray for them as they grieve their loss. Tom's Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Monday at 11.00am. May he rest in peace.*

### Eucharistic Service

There will be a Eucharistic Service on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The Mass intentions have been moved to be celebrated as follows: Ellen Brown on Saturday, and Frank and Beatrice Brindle the following Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Molly Lidia Kaczmarek and next Saturday we will welcome Mary Evelyn Topp. Please remember them and their families in your prayer, as they start their new faith journey.

### Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1037.

Some Gift Aid boxes of envelopes are left in the sacristy. Will you please collect your box from there. Thank you.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (used to be known as Little Church!)

The children's celebration of the Word of God in words which they can understand will start again next week at the 11.00am Mass.

### Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

The Archbishop has invited all the diocesan deaneries to come to the Cathedral "on pilgrimage" to celebrate this Year of Mercy. The Chorley Deanery is invited to join him there on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

It is intended that we arrive for 10.00am and enter the Cathedral through the "Holy Door". There will be a Reconciliation Service at 10.45am with Confessions. The Archbishop will celebrate Mass with us at 12.15pm. It is a three line whip for us priests – and I hope it will be so for all our parishioners. Coaches to leave from here at 8.30am.

**There is a list at the back of the church, please put your name and contact details on it if you can come, we need to know how many coaches to order. £5 per adult, children free. Please join in celebrating God's loving mercy.**

### S.V.P.

The S.V.P. take their monthly collection today. We thank them for their work and please support them with your prayer.

### School's back

As the new school year starts on Monday we welcome back teachers and children, especially the children starting school for the first time. May our school be a place where that faith is taught and lived.

### Ministering to the Assembly

**Counters (5<sup>th</sup> September)** Derek and Celia Birchall

**Rotas (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11<sup>th</sup> September)**

**S.A.S.** Janet Critchley and Pauline Critchley

**Dial a Ride** Tommy McGuigan and Paul Thompson

**Readers** Bill Hogan

Carla Blears

Helen Graham

**Ministers**

Edward Brierley

Catherine Todd

Carol Hardman

Richard Jackson

Helen Mather