

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amy Martin & William Gregory who celebrated their wedding here yesterday. We wish them a long and happy life together.

COVID 19 - QR CODES

The new track and trace NHS app asks that places of worship set up a QR bar code and display it on a poster near to the entrance to the church so that people can use a smart phone to register their presence.

We have placed our poster on the noticeboard in the porch, so if you have a smart phone please do scan the code to register your presence each time you visit the church. We will however still continue to take names as you enter the church as we appreciate that a number of parishioners may not have the necessary technology.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This year's CAFOD Family Fast Day will be on **Friday 09 October** and will focus on helping those in our global family who are facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis *to survive, rebuild and heal.*

There are envelopes available at the back of church for your donations which can be placed in the collection buckets. The appeal will remain open until the end of October. Donations can be made online at cafod.org.uk/give or via text to 70085.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

As the Archbishop doesn't know when he will be able to come to St Gregory's to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation in person, he has given Fr Graeme his permission to undertake adult confirmation himself. Adult confirmation is for anyone of school leaving age or above. Fr Graeme received an enquiry some time ago from somebody asking about confirmation and he asks if that person could get in touch again together with anybody else who would like to be confirmed.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

4th October 2020 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

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

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 27th September 2020

Gift Aid: **£215.00**

Loose Plate: **£312.59**

Standing Orders: **£225.92**

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

The special collection this week is for CAFOD

REFLECTION

If you asked somebody to do something and they didn't do it, you might give them a second chance - if they failed to do it the second time, your patience might just be stretched a bit. You might try asking them a third time, but if they failed this time you would definitely give up on them. Thankfully, our ways are not God's ways - God clearly has more patience with us than we have with either ourselves or each other!

The first reading and the gospel this Sunday both use the image of the vineyard to speak to us about the patience and generosity of God. Jesus again uses a parable. The owner of a vineyard sends workers into his vineyard to collect the harvest, but they do not receive a very warm welcome and are attacked and beaten. The owner then sends more workers into the vineyard but sadly they are treated in much the same way. Lastly, the owner decides to send his son in the hope and belief that they will treat him with respect - alas, his hope is ill placed; they kill his son. It comes as no surprise to us, that the owner of the vineyard represents God and his son is Jesus Christ.

Also, very clear in the parable, is that those who killed the servants and the owners son are Scribes, Pharisees and the elders. Imagine their shock and anger when they heard this - they would have loved nothing better than to lay their hands on Jesus there and then do away with him. But this, like all the parables, is held up to us today so that we can see ourselves in it and learn from it.

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God freely offers us all the chance to reap an endlessly abundant harvest of love, mercy and forgiveness. Like those in the gospel, we have to choose whether to accept or decline God's generous offer. We are the tenants today and God has certain expectations of us. God looks to us to produce the fruits of love, mercy and compassion. The burning question today is simple but challenging - what sort of fruits and harvest are we producing today through our ordinary daily lives as followers of Jesus?

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw

Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley

Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Eileen Nuttall

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

IMPORTANT NOTICES

LOCAL LOCK DOWN RESTRICTIONS

As we have now entered a local lockdown, it is more important than ever to ensure that we remain compliant with the restrictions and national government guidelines. Please can I therefore ask once again that you do not congregate outside church or on the car park after Mass but instead all return directly to your cars after leaving the building.

Thank you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Following further guidance received from the Archdiocese relating to local lockdown rules, we are unfortunately no longer permitted to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound until further notice.

SERVICE TIMES

Weekday Mass times are as follows:

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

Sunday Mass times will remain as 9:30am (Public Worship) & 11:00am (LiveStream)

It is important to emphasise that the **Sunday obligation has not been re-instated**; people who are shielding or at risk should not feel obliged to attend any mass; people who have had any symptoms of COVID 19 should not attend for at least 14 days after the symptoms first appeared.

Restrictions remain in place include the wearing of face masks and giving personal details for track and trace purposes. Social distancing of 1 metre+ will be observed and maximum numbers of 80 at St Gregory's.

For details of services and devotions at other local churches, please see relevant Parish newsletters or websites for individual information.

God Bless you all
Fr Graeme Dunne

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 04 Oct	9:30am (Public Worship)	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Cyril Iddon (B)	ROSARY SUNDAY
Sun 04 Oct	11:00am (LiveStream)	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Janet Fishwick	
Mon 05 Oct	8:30am		Austin & Bridget McManus	
Tues 06 Oct	10:00am	St Bruno	Derek Smith John Daniel Birchall (B)	HOLY HOUR (LiveStream) 1:00pm—2:00pm
Wed 07 Oct	8:30am	Our Lady of the Rosary	Phyllis Barton Our Lady of Lourdes & St Joseph Cupotino	
Thu 08 Oct	10:00am		Rose Anne Gerard (F)	HOLY HOUR (LiveStream) 1:00pm—2:00pm
Fri 09 Oct	8:30am	St John Henry Newman	John Gilgun (A)	CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
Sat 10 Oct	10:00am	St Paulinus of York	Margaret Mary Cartmell (F)	
Sun 11 Oct	9:30am (Public Worship)	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention	
Sun 11 Oct	11:00am (LiveStream)	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Calderbank & Family	