

CAFOD CHILDRENS LITURGY

Whilst we cannot gather together in person due to coronavirus, we can still come together as a community through prayer. Prayers and resources for children's liturgy are available at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

CHORLEY FOODBANK

A huge thank you from Living Waters Foodbank for all your kind donations during the coronavirus outbreak. The number of referrals to the Foodbank has greatly increased at this difficult time and further donations would be very welcome. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday or Friday between 10:00am and 2:00pm.
Thank you for your kindness.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—THEN AND NOW

The way of the cross is not confined to a lonely road in Jerusalem two thousand years ago: it is a busy highway winding through every village, town and city in our modern world. Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R. reflectively guides us along the way of the cross. He contrasts the beauty and solemn simplicity of the more traditional Stations by artist Curd Lessig with modern images that challenge us to link Jesus' story to the struggle of our everyday life.

Available from Redemptorist Publications:

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/stations-of-the-cross-then-and-now>

A MESSAGE FROM FR GRAEME

In these strange times that we are living in, our life and communion together in the Lord will continue in these new and different ways. Please continue to support each other especially the vulnerable and let us keep each other in our prayers.

God Bless

CHILDREN'S CORNER

E	S	Y	C	S	A	O	K	S	E
C	G	E	L	E	N	C	O	L	T
L	N	K	O	H	N	E	O	E	N
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A	S	O	S	N	S	P	O	I	O
K	S	D	M	A	O	I	L	L	M
S	E	O	T	R	H	A	I	L	P
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I	B	K	O	R	E	T	V	G	R
V	A	E	Y	S	A	N	S	E	P

MOUNT
OLIVES
VILLAGE
DONKEY
COLT
CLOAKS
BRANCHES
HOSANNA
SON
BLESSINGS
TURMOIL
PROPHET



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

5th April 2020 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Cycle A

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ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

Church Office Hours:

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: **£157**

Loose Plate: **£119**

Standing Orders: **£196.25**

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish. Special thanks to those who have pushed their envelopes through the presbytery door - it is much appreciated.

REFLECTION

Today is Palm or Passion Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week and the climax of our Lenten journey. It is the most important week in the Churches liturgical calendar, a week when Jesus will do and say things that his followers, friends and family will not fully understand. Despite all he did to prepare them for this they did not fully grasp what was happening to him or to them. Nothing could have prepared them for what they were about to experience and have to deal with. Does all this sound very familiar? About this time in many if not all of our parishes, groups of all kinds would have been preparing for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter- readers, ministers, choirs, altar servers, cleaners, and so many more. Sadly because of the Corona virus, our churches will now be closed for Easter. Perhaps we are not so unlike the followers, friends and family of Jesus - nothing has prepared us for this current and emerging reality. Three weeks ago if we had been told that our churches would be closed for Easter, we would not have believed it. All that we considered normal has been put on hold; going out to the shops freely, meeting with friends and so much more. So, as we begin this most sacred of weeks how do we enter into prayer and liturgy? At the start of Lent, Jesus asked us to travel and stay with him as he began his journey to the cross. Now, perhaps, we need to find the faith, hope and courage to ask Jesus to stay with us during our time of suffering, pain and uncertainty. We too are experiencing the pain of Good Friday. Many of us are afraid and worried about our families, jobs and livelihoods. This truly is a time of personal, national and global suffering. How do we have a sense of God being with us during these challenging times? It's very easy to pray when things are going well, when we are in control but less so when we feel helpless and powerless. But we are not without faith our courage: God is with us. This is Christian hope: not that things will turn out the way we want, but that whatever happens, God is with us - we are not alone!

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley
 Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Madge Henshaw - Tommy McGuigan
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. We remember especially baby Gabriel Grimes and his parents Paul & Nichola.
Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CORONA VIRUS - IMPORTANT UPDATE

All public Masses, sacraments and other services are suspended until further notice (this will be reviewed regularly by the Bishops). The obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday and Holy Days is also suspended at this time. Exceptions to this are as follows:

- Funerals will take place with restrictions fulfilling pastoral needs.
- The Sacrament of the Sick will continue in extreme circumstances, however, Holy Communion to the sick and housebound is suspended until further notice.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be arranged in extreme circumstances by phoning the presbytery.

The Parish will maintain links with our parishioners in the following ways:

- Masses will be streamed live - the times will be as on the newsletter. Please note: we are currently experiencing some difficulties with the live stream at peak times relating to the volume of people trying to access the system. We are therefore recording all Masses and these can be viewed by clicking on the recordings button on the Live Stream page or follow this link: <https://www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk/church-livestream>
- Outside of Mass, the live stream will focus on the exposed Blessed Sacrament or the tabernacle and cross to help with private prayer.
- There are many spiritual resources available online including messages from both Archbishop Malcolm and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. A number of prayer resources are also available at <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>
- A telephone conversation service (ChorleyBuddies) is now available for those who are self-isolating, further details can be found on the Parish Website.
- The presbytery number (01257 262462) is always available if you wish to speak with one of the priests. If he is not available, please do leave a message and you will be contacted as soon as possible.
- Although the church will no longer be open for private prayer, parishioners are welcome to pray whilst walking around the church grounds. Please ensure social distancing is maintained at all times and observe that dogs are strictly prohibited in the cemetery areas (except guide dogs).

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 05 Apr	9:30am	PALM SUNDAY	John Lilley (A)	
Sun 05 Apr	11:00am	PALM SUNDAY	Margaret Wrennall	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 2:45pm SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION 3:00pm
Sun 05 Apr	6:30pm	PALM SUNDAY	People joining us via the LiveStream	
Mon 06 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Celestine I	William & Mary Ratcliffe (F) Anne Grimes (F)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Tues 07 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Epiphanius	Margaret Dickinson (90th Birthday) Private Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 08 Apr	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Julia Billart	Private Intention All those who have died from coronavirus	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 09 Apr	7:00pm	HOLY THURSDAY	Peter Evans (A)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Fri 10 Apr	3:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY		
Sat 11 Apr	8:00pm	EASTER VIGIL	People of the Parish	
Sun 12 Apr	9:30am	EASTER SUNDAY	John Kellett	
Sun 12 Apr	11:00am	EASTER SUNDAY	Canon Richard Firth (A) Jack Simmonds (A)	
Sun 12 Apr	Please note: there will be no evening Mass today			