

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021

As we have been instructed by the Archdiocese to restrict the numbers at each service, once again this year these will need to be ticketed events. Requests for tickets must be made in writing stating the number of tickets required, the names of those attending and a contact address and telephone number. Please also state your preferred Mass time and whether you would like to be seated socially distanced or not. You can receive your tickets via email, post or collection. Tickets will be allocated to those who regularly attend Mass in the first instance. Those attending must be in their seats at least 5 minutes before the start of Mass.

A request form can be downloaded [here](#)

PARISH CHRISTMAS LIST 2020

The Christmas Masses this year will be offered for the intentions of those on our Parish Christmas List. If you would like to offer an intention, there are some sheets at the back of church for you to complete. Mass offerings will be donated to 'Mary's Meals', a charity which provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children.

CHRISTMAS JOY NEW TOY APPEAL


Chorley Buddies in association with Chorley Council and other local schools and parishes are appealing for new toys and gifts to bring some Christmas joy to families who may need some help this Christmas. Donated gifts may be dropped off at the Presbytery. **NB: This year it has been requested that the gifts are not wrapped. The last date for donations will be noon on Thursday 9th December.** Thank you for your generous support.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Boxes of Christmas cards are available at the back of church priced at £3.50 each and £1.00 per pack of four individually designed cards.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

5th December 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

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Registered Charity No: 232709

Church Office Hours:

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 28th November 2021

Gift Aid: **£84.00**

Loose Plate: **£341.42**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection this week will be taken by the SVP

REFLECTION

On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. His description of John the Baptist is as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts (a flower) and wild honey. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptised. St Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. We hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptised with water, but that the one who is to come will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received - a new beginning! John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent as we, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. This pandemic has made life difficult for us all, but today let us remember especially all those facing valleys and mountains in their lives that make it harder for them to celebrate Advent - those struggling to rebuild their lives - the migrants and refugees at our borders, the victims of violence in our cities, the bereaved, the lost the broken. What are the valleys and mountains in our lives? We all know there is no going back to how it was before and though it is often very difficult, we have to realise and accept that the Coming One doesn't eliminate all the suffering and sorrow along life's path - but he does fill us with joy, justice, forgiveness, and mercy through which we can all move towards healing, restoration, and the chance for a new beginning. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to a new life as disciples of Jesus. As one more candle of the Advent Wreath is lit, let us pray that this Advent season will remind us of how we are all called to make changes in our lives, to make straight the path of the Lord.

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 - Julie Pilkington
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)

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Joshua Jacob Ivers & Chloe Arnold
 Please keep them and their families in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

There will be a Service of Reconciliation at **3:00pm on Sunday 19th December 2021**
 at St Gregory's. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021

1st Mass of Christmas (Friday 24th December)

6:30pm (St Oswald's)

8:00pm (St Gregory's) (with carols from 7:30pm)

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

9:30am (St Gregory's) (please note there will be no evening Mass)

11:00am (St Oswald's)

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 05 Dec	9:30am 6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	David Warbis John & Elizabeth Watmough (A) Jack Barton Fr Bob Douglas SMM (LD)	ST GREGORY'S Bible Sunday
Sun 05 Dec	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S Bible Sunday
Mon 06 Dec	12:00 noon	Requiem Mass	Barbara Eaves	
Tues 07 Dec	9:15am	St Ambrose	Alan Macdonald Mary Cartmell (F)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 08 Dec	8:30am	Immaculate Conception	Thomas Gerrard (F) Andrew Evans	
Thur 09 Dec	9:15am	St John Diego Cuatlatatzin	Bridget & Austin McManus Annie Eastham (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 10 Dec	8:30am 9:15am	Our Lady of Loreto	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 11 Dec	10:00am	St Damasus	John Todd Kath Terry	
Sun 12 Dec	9:30am 6:30pm	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	Mary Lovatt Jim Critchley (A) Teresa Hamer (A) Tom Grady (A)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 12 Dec	11:00am	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	Elaine McGreevy (A)	ST OSWALD'S