

## COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves.

Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22 February 2022** from 7:30-9:00pm (refreshments from 7pm) at **St Gregory's Presbytery, Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3NW**

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email [diaconate@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:diaconate@rcaol.org.uk) for more information.

## FR DENIS McBRIDE'S LENTEN RETREAT

Join Father Denis McBride who will be leading a FREE online retreat throughout Lent, which will be based on his book *Journeying with Jesus, A Companions Guide*.

For further information and details of the 6 week retreat, please click [here](#)

## MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

There will be a Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at Christ The King Church, Childwall on **Friday 11 February 2022 at 7:30pm**. All are welcome to attend.

## TREE PLANTING AT ST GREGORY'S

If anybody else is interested in being involved in the tree-planting event, please do get in touch. Although the date for this event hasn't yet been set, it will take place soon after 18th March. All are welcome.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Y	E	R	S	I	N	K	N	I	G	<b>GENNESARET BOATS FISHERMEN</b> <b>NETS CROWD SHORE</b> <b>WATER SINKING KNEES</b> <b>OVERCOME BANK FELL</b>
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# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

6th February 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

### St Gregory's RC Church

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### Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

### Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

### WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 30th January 2022

Gift Aid: **£108.50**

Loose Plate: **£222.86**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection today will be taken by the SVP.

## REFLECTION

To have faith is to accept a message is true and credible, but today's Gospel asks us to move into a deeper level of faith – to trust. Real faith involves complete trust - like the trapeze artiste in the arms of the catcher. To have faith in Jesus is to put one's total trust in him which is what we see happening in today's Gospel. The miraculous catch of fish was a historical event in the life of Jesus, Peter and his companions were the experts when it came to fishing but even so, after a whole night's work, they had nothing to show for their efforts. When Jesus suggested that they go out into the 'deep water' we hear clearly the scepticism in Peter's reply - yet, the result was overwhelming and totally beyond their expectations. It was their first real test of faith in Jesus. We too can hear the same call – 'Go out into the deep water - trust me completely'. Perhaps we hear this call when we are stagnating either in our personal or working lives, as leaders or as spouses or as parents - when perhaps we too are toiling all night and catching nothing! God sends Jesus to us and he tells us to 'put out into deep water' – to move in a new, and frightening direction. The message might come from a person or a sermon, a book, a television program or an item in a newspaper. Sometimes Jesus speaks to us from a negative experience – failure, rejection, falling into a sin we thought we would never commit or being addicted to drugs, drink or power. Whatever the experience, we each have our deep water we must put out into - that may be perhaps to be reconciled with someone; to start working amongst the poor; to get involved in community development; to go back to school or join an AA group – the list is endless but all are life-changing. Although we know our lives can never be the same again, we really have not learnt to truly believe until we have reached that level of total and unconditional trust in the Way of Jesus. Today we are called to be disciples of Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives. To find him challenging us to love, to have compassion, to practise justice, to be able to forgive and be reconciled, to seek, find and respond to him in all things, and because of this, to live lives of joy and peace in the midst of pain and turmoil.

### 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 - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden  
 Anthony Crilly - Sheila McGeown - Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough

*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, especially  
 Margaret Ellison & Neil Bass.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### NORMAL 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)

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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)

### REVIEW OF SICK LIST

Please could you confirm as soon as possible if you would like a name to remain on the sick list or for it to be removed. If we don't hear from you within the next week, we will assume that the name can be removed. Thank you.

### RELAXATION OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister that the requirement to wear a face mask is now no longer mandatory, whilst we can no longer enforce this as a legal requirement at St Gregory's, it is still highly recommended for the safety of all concerned that you continue to wear a mask whilst in church. For the same reason, we will continue for the present to sanitise and offer socially distanced seating for those who wish to use it.

### CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

The February edition is available to download on line at: <https://bit.ly/3rko1Pg>

### UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that they have launched their new online newspaper. To order your Digital copy go to [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or call 07436617650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 06 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Teresa Iddon (BR) Tom & Sheila Grady (BR) Brian O'Dolan (LD) Kathleen Marmion (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 06 Feb	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Shelagh & Mark Bass	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 07 Feb	10:00am		Mary Spedding (A)	
Tues 08 Feb	9:15am	St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita	Victims of Trafficking	Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking <b>DEVOTIONS</b> 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 09 Feb	8:30am 2:00pm	FUNERAL SERVICE	Sue Mannion (LD) The Yeomans Family <b>Margaret Mary Ellison</b>	
Thur 10 Feb	9:15am	St Scholastica	The sick and housebound	<b>DEVOTIONS</b> 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 11 Feb	8:30am 9:15am	Our Lady of Lourdes	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE <b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	World Day of Prayer for the sick and those who care for them
Sat 12 Feb	10:00am		Patricia Lynch (LD) Madge Critchley (A)	
Sun 13 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Valerie Bretherton John & Elizabeth Watmough (A) Bryan Dougan (A)	Day of Prayer for Racial Justice ST GREGORY'S
Sun 13 Feb	11:00am	6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Alan Macdonald (BR)	Day of Prayer for Racial Justice ST OSWALD'S