

ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. For many people, the opportunity to enrich our faith through the experience of pilgrimage has been difficult or impossible over the last two years, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. The Relics will be visiting St Mary's Chorley during 15th - 17th September. For further information about the tour and to book a slot please visit:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/StBernadettesRelics->

BEER FESTIVAL

We are pleased to announce that Our Annual Beer Festival will take place this year on **Friday 19th August from 7:00pm - 11:00pm** in the Parish grounds at St Gregory's There will be a selection of beers, ciders and wine on sale and also food from the 'Pie Stop'.

CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

Our ever popular **Concert in the Garden** event will be held in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's on **Sat 20th August** from 2pm. The event is free, so bring along your friends and family and your own picnic chairs and blankets! There will be live music to entertain you from 2:30pm to 4:00pm and donkey rides for the children so please come along and support us - either bring your own picnic or enjoy delicious food from our BBQ and refreshment stand. Beer, wine and cider will also be available to purchase. All are welcome to attend.

ENVELOPES

For those who do not participate in Gift Aid but would like to use the weekly collection envelopes, these are now available at the back of church. Please feel free to take any box.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

T	S	U	S	T	E	W	A	L	D	FLOCK
A	D	U	I	H	S	A	L	R	O	ALMS
O	L	D	R	T	T	R	A	E	H	PURSES
B	O	M	K	T	R	W	M	A	S	HEART
U	H	H	S	C	E	U	P	H	E	LAMPS
R	E	U	A	T	O	P	S	E	S	BURGLAR
G	S	L	S	P	Y	L	U	T	R	STEWARD
L	U	F	H	T	I	A	F	N	U	HOUSEHOLD
A	O	R	Y	E	P	P	A	H	P	HAPPY
R	H	S	A	C	L	O	Y	S	E	UNFAITHFUL
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

7th August 2022 - 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

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WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 31st July 2022

Gift Aid: **£120.00**

Loose Plate: **£339.97**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The retiring collection today will be taken by the SVP

REFLECTION

We all know what it's like when we invite friends or relatives to our house for a meal. Once the invitation has gone out, we start to prepare! We don't leave everything until the last minute - we clean the house, we buy and prepare the food and then when they arrive, we are ready to welcome them into our home. The gospel this Sunday speaks of the same sense of preparation, readiness and even a sense of urgency as we wait for Jesus to return. Jesus speaks about the master's absence, but the major concern is what his servants do while he is away - they are meant to be watching and waiting for his return. We too do not know the hour or the day when Jesus will return but he is encouraging and challenging each of us to be ready and prepared to greet him when he does. The parable in today's Gospel adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how we are to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. So, whilst we wait for Jesus, what should we be doing? Our waiting for Jesus cannot be passive. As we are called to wait in joyful hope for the return of the Lord, we are also challenged to be joyful disciples and witnesses of Jesus. It is through the quality of our ordinary daily lives that we show we are not only waiting but that we are actively living for the Lord. Just as the master in the gospel left his servants in charge of his household, so Jesus has left us with the responsibility of carrying on his mission and ministry of proclaiming the good news of the gospel and building the kingdom of God. This is the 'deal' that has been given to each of us - this is what is expected of us by Jesus. A great deal has been entrusted to us and we will be held accountable for how we live our daily lives and treat others when Jesus returns. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax and neglect our duties, we will not have a place in the kingdom of heaven. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived our lives.

So today the question we should all ask ourselves is:
'What is the quality of my waiting as I live in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ?'

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Joanna Hardiman
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown
 Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery - Derek Birchall
 Christine Zawistowicz - Catherine - Kathleen Green - Philip Compton - Rona Roberts

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 Alex Duxbury and all those whose anniversaries occur around about this time.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

REVISED & REVERSED COVID REQUIREMENTS

With the increase of infection rates and the new variants, the guidelines from the Archdiocese have changed and the following now apply:

1. **Face-coverings** are highly recommended for people who attend Sunday Masses.
2. **Sanitiser** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the doors to the church will remain open throughout each service during the summer months.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will **no** designated section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will be required to wear a face covering whilst distributing Holy Communion and will cleanse their hands before & after distributing Holy Communion.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will **not** be reintroduced at this time.

NB: We have been informed of a number of parishioners suffering from Covid recently so please be cautious and do not attend if you have any symptoms.

ALPHA 21 DAY PRAYER CAMPAIGN

Are there people you know who you would like to draw into the church?
 Alpha is a great way to introduce them or bring them back,
 but you may feel worried about asking.

The first most important step is to **PRAY** for them.

We will have a 21-day Prayer campaign for everyone you would like to invite to Alpha.
 We will be starting this on 11th August. The Alpha programme starts on 1st September.

Prayer cards on which you can name three people that you will pray for,
 are now available at the back of church.

There will be a special prayer and a reminder to pray for them at 11.02am every day
 for 21 days up to the start of Alpha.
 Why 11.02? Check out Luke 11 02.

BAPTISMS

If you are considering having your child baptised, please contact the office to arrange the booking so that you can attend the next Mass of Welcome on **Sunday 4th September**.
 Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 07 Aug	9:30am	19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Elizabeth Dearden (A) Herbert Spedding (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The People of the Parish	
SUN 07 Aug	11:00am	19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Jeff Thompson (B)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 08 Aug	10:00am	St Dominic	Catherine & Cecil De Lacy Joe Waring (A)	
Tues 09 Aug	9:15am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Margaret Connolly (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 10 Aug	8:30am	REQUIEM MASS	Alex Duxbury	NO MORNING MASS TODAY
	1:30pm			
Thur 11 Aug	9:15am	St Clare	LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 12 Aug	8:30am	St Jane Frances de Chantal	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am			
Sat 13 Aug	10:00am	St Pontian & St Hiippolytus	Fr John Smith Bernard Fitzsimmons (A)	
SUN 14 Aug	9:30am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Peter Brunt (A) Agnes Price (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Evan Critchley & Family	
SUN 14 Aug	11:00am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	William & Ann Higham	ST OSWALD'S