

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This year the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass will be online only. It will be held remotely and broadcast on **Thursday the 11th February 2021 at 7.00pm** from Our Lady's RC Church, Lydiate. You will be able to watch using Facebook (no Facebook account is needed, simply click on the link below)
<https://www.facebook.com/Archdiocese-of-Liverpool-Feast-of-Our-Lady-of-Lourdes-Mass-106532301406114>

or

You can also watch using the CSTV link for Our Lady's Church
[Our Lady's, RC Church, Lydiate Merseyside - Southport Rd, Lydiate, Liverpool, England \(churchservices.tv\)](http://www.churchservices.tv)

REVIEW OF THE LIST OF THE SICK 2021

Each year we carry out a review of the names of those on our sick list which we publish in our Parish newsletter each week. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please confirm with me asap, or if you wish to add a name please let me know. A revised list will be published at the beginning of February. Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering at this time and those who care for them.

RETIREMENT

It is with sadness that I have to announce that after 32 years of leading the Children's Liturgy and a similar amount in Sacramental Preparation for the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Lydia has decided to step down from these important ministries. Mere words cannot convey the gratitude that the parish, the children, myself and other priests owe her. I wish her well and many years of happy retirement.

Thank you Lydia & God Bless

Fr Graeme



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

7th February 2021 - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 24th & 31st January 2021

Gift Aid: **£175.00**

Loose Plate: **£340.00**

Standing Orders: **£372.50**

Online Giving: **£337.04**

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

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, St Mark completes the picture for us of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. It also highlights the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. We are told that Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. Jesus' example is an important lesson for us all. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness. We believe that in prayer Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision making to God in prayer asking for his guidance and direction in our lives. Our focus should be to serve others, not to gain popularity - we must never lose sight of our basic calling - as St Teresa of Calcutta said: 'We are called not to be successful, but to be faithful' By his example, Jesus also reminds us that prayer is very essential in our life if we really want to know and follow the will of God. Prayer is not just about asking for favours from God but it is our communication with God. How often do we forget to say our prayers because we are too busy? A day goes by and before we know it we are falling into bed exhausted. We intended to take time to pray, but time got away from us. Jesus, teaches us by example that it is important to take time to pray because from prayer we can draw strength to do what each day requires, especially by showing in word and deed what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The words of St. Paul 'Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!' must be the motto of us all. The gift of faith we have received is not supposed to be kept inside us, it must be shared and proclaimed. In these difficult times, we must all reach out to others and become missionaries of the faith - but in our own way!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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LEPER
 PLEADED
 HEALING
 EVIDENCE
 RECOVERY
 TOWN
 STRETCHED
 HAND
 TOUCH
 KNEES
 CURED
 OFFERING



Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Winifred Calderbank - Eileen Nuttall - Anne Knowles
 Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Hugh O'Daly
 Baby Elmo Allan - Paul McBeth - Fr Laurence Mayne - Kathleen Dunn - Paul Spedding

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 Muriel Wilson

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

IMPORTANT LOCKDOWN UPDATE

The Archbishop in a letter to the priests of the Archdiocese wrote: 'Although I have circulated the recent government advice on the opening of churches, I want to emphasise that the final decision in this regard is yours. ... You have to consider your volunteers and stewards. You also have yourself to consider ... Now is the time to make wise decisions for the good of all. As priests I am very aware of how committed you are to your sacred ministry and that you will not leave your people without pastoral care.'

The following statement was also received from Public Health England 'As Directors of Public Health representing Lancashire, we are strongly advising all faith communities to pause communal prayer and worship during the lockdown period, to reduce the possible spread of the new Covid variant. We recognise that this is a big request, but it will help to protect our communities at this critical stage of the pandemic. While we can't require our faith communities to do this, we are asking everyone to make this temporary change to protect each other. You have already made changes to your worship arrangements, but we are asking for caution at this difficult and concerning time. We're seeing increasing numbers of cases in Lancashire, and worrying increases in the number of people hospitalised from Covid, as well as increasing numbers of deaths. This was a difficult decision to take but we feel it is the right thing to do and will be reviewed every two weeks

CHURCH CLOSURE UPDATE

In view of the number of Covid19 infections being still so high (both new infections and deaths), those churches that are currently closed will remain closed. This situation will be reviewed on Monday 8th Feb when the Deanery priests have their next meeting.

We thank you for your understanding and ask for your prayers.

Masses/Devotions will be LiveStreamed and recorded at the advertised times.

Weekday Masses:

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

Sunday Mass:

9:30am

Devotions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

God Bless you and your families at this difficult time

Fr Graeme

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 07 Feb	9:30am	5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Teresa Iddon (B) Mary Spedding (A)	
Sun 07 Feb	NO 11:00am MASS	ALL MASSES/DEVOTIONS ARE BOTH LIVESTREAMED & RECORDED AND CAN BE VIEWED AT ANY TIME		
Mon 08 Feb	8:30am	St Jerome Emiliani St Josephine Bakhita	Mick Maguire (LD) Sp Int - Lindsay Hoyle	Day for Victims of Trafficking
Tues 09 Feb	10:00am		Valerie Bretherton Kathleen Dunn (S)	Holy Hour 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 10 Feb	8:30am	St Scholastica	Bridget McManus	
Thur 11 Feb	10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Tom & Sheila Grady	Holy Hour 1:00pm - 2:00pm World Day of Prayer for the sick and their carers
Fri 12 Feb	8:30am		Marion Birchall	
Sat 13 Feb	10:00am		John Todd	
Sun 14 Feb	9:30am	6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	David Warbis (LD) Bryan Dougan (A)	
Sun 14 Feb	NO 11:00am MASS	ALL MASSES/DEVOTIONS ARE BOTH LIVESTREAMED & RECORDED AND CAN BE VIEWED AT ANY TIME		