


<b>HOLY ROSARY:</b> will be prayed twenty minutes before the weekday Mass
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> are held after Mass on Saturday morning
If you wish to book a <b>Mass Intention</b> , please see one of the priests after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours

PARISH MINISTRIES		
Counting	09 Dec	Eileen Snape & Rita McIntyre
Sacristy & Sanctuary	15 Dec	Janet Critchley & Pauline Critchley
Minibus	15 Dec	Phil & Gillian Southworth
Readers	15 Dec	<b>9:30am</b> Christine Crossen <b>11:00am</b> Dominic Stone <b>6:30pm</b> Paul Tate
Ministers of the Eucharist	15 Dec	<b>9:30am</b> Marian Knight, Anthony Pontifex, Margaret Scard <b>11:00am</b> Linda Walmsley, Edward Brierley, Barbara Slater <b>6:30pm</b> Janet Haydock, Melvyn Cunniffe
Church Cleaning	w/c 15 Dec	<b>CHRISTMAS CLEAN - All Teams + Volunteers</b>

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

L	O	C	U	S	T	S	S	M	E	<p>JOHN PREACHED WILDERNESS MESSAGE REPENT VOICE PREPARE BELT LOCUSTS HONEY SANDALS RIVER</p> 
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# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

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**Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL**  
Registered Charity No: 32709

**Church Office Hours:**  
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

**Parish Administrator:**  
Christine Edwards

**Safeguarding Rep:**  
Edward Brierley

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Gift Aid: **£302.32**  
Loose Plate: **£458.27**  
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

**Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish.**

**SAFEGUARDING**

The image used by Isaiah of a child playing over a cobra's hole in today's first reading would not have got past present day safeguarding procedures. As a Church we have to take every precaution to keep our children and vulnerable adults safe and not put them in harms way. This means that as an organisation we must go beyond the usual to achieve this. Over the last few weeks, I along with every other parish priest have had to undertake a parish safeguarding audit. To help us to complete this we were given guidelines and examples of good practice, some of which I need to share with you today.

**Children's Liturgy (Little Church)**

There needs to be at least 2 volunteers who have been DBS cleared to work with children for each group, dependent on numbers this might be more. A parent may attend Children's Liturgy with their child on the first 2 or 3 occasions after which if they wish to continue to attend, they need to be DBS cleared. The only exception to this is if their child has special needs. Parents wishing to continue to attend should see me for the forms - your willingness to be DBS checked would also help with volunteer numbers. From past experience I know this is not a popular policy, but in the light of the enquiries into the Church's safeguarding procedures, the Archdiocese feels it must be implemented.

**Home Visits**

The recommended good practice for people who visit parishioners in their homes is that it should be done in pairs. However, the Archdiocese also acknowledges the difficulty this represents for those ministering Holy Communion to the sick and housebound and has asked that good practice be pointed out as a minimum.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

*Fr Graeme*

### Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson  
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Margaret Wrennall - Kitty Ellison  
 Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Madge Henshaw  
*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



### JESSE TREE

The Jesse tree was created to help people link the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The children will decorate the tree with symbols related to the events of Jesus' birth. If you wish to add a persons name or intention you would like us to remember during Advent, please take a tag from the back of church and hang it on the tree. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Our 1st Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve) will begin at 7:30pm with carols and will be offered for the people of the Parish. The two Masses on Christmas Day (9:30am and 11:00am) will be offered for the intentions of those on our Parish Christmas List. If you would like to place names of your loved ones on the list, forms are available in the porch. If you also wish to leave an offering, please place it in the box with your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one) Mass offerings will be donated to the Charity Shelter who care and provide for homeless people in our diocese. Thank you for your generous support.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION & CONFESSION

The service for the Chorley Deanery will take place at St Gregory's on **Sunday 22nd December at 3:00pm**

### URGENT APPEAL!

#### READERS & MINIBUS DRIVERS/HELPERS

We are urgently in need of volunteers for both Readers at Sunday Masses and Minibus Drivers/Helpers. If you would be able to help out with either of these ministries, please get in contact a.s.a.p as follows:

**Readers** -Nora Ball Tel: 07584 494923

or email [nora.t.ball@gmail.com](mailto:nora.t.ball@gmail.com)

**Minibus Drivers/Helpers** - Fr Graeme

Tel: 01257 262462 or email:

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Thank you.

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Refreshments will be available after Mass today in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome.

### JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN

Many thanks to everyone who gave and wrote Christmas Cards for the Holy Land, and to all who donated money towards the costs of postage. Thank you also to those who kindly sent emails. A total of 130 cards has been mailed to the two parishes, two schools and Bethlehem University.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 08 Dec	9:30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mary & Joseph Robinson Thomas Gerard (F)	BIBLE SUNDAY
Sun 08 Dec	11:00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Tom Grady (A) Maureen Carrington	FAMILY MASS & UNIT 1
Sun 08 Dec	6:30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Ellen & Anthony Moore (F)	
Mon 09 Dec	8:30am	St John Diego Cuahtlatoatzin	David Porter Christina Ashworth	
Tues 10 Dec	8:30am		Mary Cartmell (F)	
Wed 11 Dec	10:00am	St Damasus I	Catherine & Cecil De Lacy	
Thu 12 Dec	8:30am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	James Critchley	
Fri 13 Dec	8:30am	St Lucy	<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	
Sat 14 Dec	10:00am	St John of the Cross	Andrew Evans	
Sun 15 Dec	9:30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	John & Elizabeth Watmough Teresa Hamer (A)	GAUDETE SUNDAY
Sun 15 Dec	11:00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Tommy Green (A)	
Sun 15 Dec	6:30pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mgr J.L. Alston (B)	