

FEAST OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT



Today we celebrate the feast of our patron, Pope St Gregory the Great, bishop of Rome from 3 September 590 to his death. He is best known for instituting the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, to convert the then largely pagan Anglo-Saxons to Christianity. Throughout the Middle Ages, he was known as 'the Father of Christian Worship' because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day. He is also known as the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers. The mainstream form of Western plainchant, better known as Gregorian chant which was standardized in the late 9th century, was also attributed to him. It is said he was declared a saint immediately after his death and remains to this day one of the most popular popes and saints of all times.

CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2023

Just a reminder, the festival will take place this afternoon from 12pm - 4pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank. This is a free event with lots of stalls, live music, games, tombola, BBQ & refreshments. Lots of fun for all the family so please do come along and give your support.

SPUC

You are warmly invited to attend an information evening organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) which will be held on **Friday 8th September 2023 at 7pm** at Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston, PR2 2YS. Come along to hear about SPUC's current campaign on the issue of coerced abortion and to find out about the wide-ranging work that SPUC is involved in to protect women and unborn children from the tragedy of abortion. For further information, please contact SPUC Northern Development Officer, Terry Graham, on Tel: 07549 068226 or by email: terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 3rd September 2023 - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

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Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Waiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 27th Aug 2023

Gift Aid: **£96.00**

Loose Plate: **£394.01**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection next week is for Catholic Education

REFLECTION

The Gospel today speaks of Jerusalem and the cross. Jesus makes it clear that a 'crossless' disciple is a 'Christless' disciple - because a true disciple must take up the cross of Jesus whose cross is our cross. There is a very old saying 'No crown without a cross' - when life gets difficult, as Christians we have to believe that things will get better and that by staying true to our faith, our reward will be great in heaven. Today's readings make it very clear that discipleship isn't easy, but they also reassure us that the price of following Jesus is a price worth paying. Even when taking up our cross brings real suffering, God is there offering us something far greater - the promise of eternal life in all its fullness. The first reading this week shares the theme of the Gospel, Jeremiah feels so overpowered by God and so worn down by the demands of prophesying that he tries to turn away. But God's message is like a fire burning deep within him that is impossible to ignore. Clearly being a prophet has caused Jeremiah pain and ridicule - this is his cross - but he can't turn away from his calling. Instead he submits to the will of God knowing that ultimately God will vindicate him. And again, in the second reading, St Paul knows all too well how costly discipleship can be, but he urges us to a 'new mind', modelling ourselves not on the world, but on Jesus himself. When we offer ourselves to God, we discover his desire for us, and can open ourselves to being transformed by him. Jesus warns the disciples that he must suffer, and Peter is rebuked when he tries to dissuade him. What crosses have we been called to carry as followers of Jesus? Following Jesus means letting go of our own self-centred lives and in doing so letting ourselves become open to a new and much fuller life of love and freedom. Let us pray today that we may be ever more open to Jesus' call to each of us, that we might help him carry the cross and that we may respond to that call with joy and generosity.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Gallery - Christine Zawistowicz
 Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Emily Moss - Teresa Abernethy
 Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Fr Jonathan Cotton
 Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Barbara Edwards

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,
 and all those whose anniversaries occur 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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The Alpha course will begin on **14th September 2023 at 7pm at St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green** and meet every Thursday for eleven weeks. If you would be interested in becoming a Catholic, please can I encourage you to join the Alpha course as the beginning of your journey into the church at the Easter Vigil. The Alpha course gives time for reflection and support with others also on their journey. If you haven't registered, please see me.

Fr Graeme

VISITATION

Today we welcome Bishop Tom to St Gregory's Weld Bank. All are invited to meet and chat with him over refreshments after both Sunday Masses. Over the next week, Bishop Tom will visit members of the sick and housebound of the parish and the children in the primary schools before beginning his visit to St Oswald's, Coppull next weekend.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Alessandra Sasimowicz
 Please keep her and her family in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

YORK PILGRIMAGE 2023

During the weekend of the **21st-22nd October 2023**, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Abbey. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:
<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 03 Sep	9:30am 6:30pm	FEAST OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Valerie Bretherton Mick Grady (S) Christina Ashworth	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 03 Sep	11:00am	22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	William Fishwick (BR)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 04 Sep	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Joseph Clitheroe	
Tues 05 Sep	9:15am		Bernard Marmion	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 06 Sep	11:30am	REQUIEM MASS	Therese Scott	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00
Thur 07 Sep	9:15am		St Michael the Archangel & St James Iain Macdonald (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 08 Sep	8:30am 9:15am	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 09 Sep	10:00am	St Peter Claver	In Thanksgiving (GW) John Miller Gerard (F)	
SUN 10 Sep	9:30am 6:30pm	23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Ellen Brown (A) May McCarrick (A) Joseph Clitheroe (LD)	EDUCATION SUNDAY ST GREGORY'S
SUN 10 Sep	11:00am	23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Margaret Ingram (A)	EDUCATION SUNDAY ST OSWALD'S