

CHRISM MASS 2024

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on **Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm** in the Metropolitan Cathedral, is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of priests, deacons and lay faithful. Additionally, the Archbishop invites the priests of the archdiocese to renew the promises they made at their ordination: to dedicate their life in service to the Church - to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith, to faithfully celebrate the sacraments and to pray for God's people. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this liturgy which is enhanced by the Cathedral Choir.

Please see the poster in the church porch for further information.

DENISE PRICE RIP

Many of you will remember Denise who sadly died on 31 January in Ireland. There is to be a mass on **Sunday 19 May at 9.30 am** at St Joseph's Chorley followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Denise touched the lives of many families in Chorley through her work with the SVP group and the afternoon teas she organised at Holy Cross for the older members of the community at Christmas and in the summer. Her husband, Colin, was always there to lend a hand with the fetching and carrying and he and the family extend a warm invitation to the mass and they would be delighted if people could join them for refreshments afterwards.

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER OPPORTUNITY

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested, please contact – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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NICODEMUS SERPENT DESERT
 LIFE CONDEMN SAVED
 REFUSES SENTENCE LIGHT
 DARKNESS EVIL TRUTH



**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank**

Sunday 10th March 2024 - 4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

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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 3rd March 2024**

Gift Aid: **£108.50**
 Loose Plate: **£374.37**
 Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

A REFLECTION FOR MOTHER'S DAY

On Mother's Day, we give thanks for those who today and in years gone by have made sacrifices so that we might enjoy life. In many communities now, only to say thank you to Mothers, is to ignore all of those others who care for us. In families across the world, grandparents, relations, foster parents and social service carers provide motherly love and care to many children. Today therefore, we celebrate all who have provided and continue to provide such care. Loving and caring in this way is a sacrifice of self-giving and a vocation which not only means a daily grind of tiredness and worry but often involves experiencing the deepest of pain. The pain of watching what happens to a child when they are sick or dying can often be too difficult a burden for a mother. Mary understood that pain. At the death of her Son, she bore in her body the pain of the cross – she felt the nails being hammered into his hands, she agonised as she watched him die the most painful of deaths. She had to release her child into God's eternal care long before his time and most likely would have felt a mixture of all the emotions a mother can feel – anger, guilt, shame, and a deep sense of loss. Her grief must have been unimaginable, yet she also understood the joy of motherhood – she watched her precious child grow to be a wonderful man - a special son. Today we stand with all 'Mother's' who face these emotions, we pray for them and pledge to provide help to those who find the burden of caring too difficult to manage alone. As we look around our world today, we reflect on the tremendous burden born by mothers and other carers, as they watch the younger generation within our world dying due to the lack of drugs to treat those who are HIV positive; children dying because of the lack of clean water or the cost of a mosquito net; families struggling to understand and come to terms with the effects of war and persecution. In other ways, our celebration today is mixed with sadness and our hearts go out to those who are struggling with infertility and those who have lost babies. In the midst of whatever loss we may have suffered, let us give thanks today for what our own mothers mean to us and all that they have meant to us in the past.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Fr Laurence Mayne - Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan
Sheila McGeown - Teresa Abernethy - Rita Compton - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington
Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Angela Helmn

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

LENT 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in both parishes each week during Lent and will be led by Parishioners. Our grateful thanks to those who have volunteered to lead the prayers. If people wish to follow the devotions privately, resources will be made available in Church, but please do not remove them. The times for the communal celebrations are:

St Oswald's - Thursday at 6:30pm

St Gregory's - Friday at 6:30pm

CELEBRATING LENT WITH ART

Come along and join us in the Parish Meeting room at St Gregory's each Wednesday evening throughout Lent. With the help of a different painting each week we'll be reflecting on different stages of Jesus' journey leading to the events of Easter. Starting 7:00 to 8:00pm and finishing the week before Palm Sunday. You can come for just one of the sessions or as many as you wish. All are very welcome to attend.

A WORD FOR LENT

Join Fr Denis McBride & Sr Janet Fearn this Lent as they invite you on a journey, a journey with Jesus. Pause for reflection and deeper personal prayer travelling through the Lenten Sunday Gospel with A Word for Lent. If you would like to join this video retreat please go to:

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/a-word-for-lent-retreat-2024-online-streaming>

LENTEN ALMS

Our Lenten Alms collection during this season of Lent will be offered to
'The children of Gaza and the Holy Land'
Please place your donations in the box provided. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away'

Song of Songs 8:7

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 10 Mar	9:30am	4th SUNDAY OF LENT	Stephen Rainford Derek Smith (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Catherine Ball (PI)	
SUN 10 Mar	11:00am	4th SUNDAY OF LENT	L.I.S.C.F	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 11 Mar	10:00am		Teresa Jamieson (LD)	
Tues 12 Mar	9:15am		Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 13 Mar	8:30am		Special Intention	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00 noon
Thur 14 Mar	9:15am		Irene Wilson (LD) Philip Compton (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 15 Mar	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am			
Sat 16 Mar	10:00am		Evan & Joan Critchley	
SUN 17 Mar	9:30am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Catenians Mass for Vocations	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Peter Brunt (BR), Anne Andjelkovitch, Marion Ball & Elizabeth Kavanagh	
SUN 17 Mar	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Doreen Haydock (A) Anthony Crilly (A)	ST OSWALD'S