

## EDUCATION SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Education Sunday, a day which has been embraced by our Church for 175 years, serving as a tribute to the significance of education in our faith journey. This year, as we come together in our parishes and schools, we are reminded of the words of Jesus:

**'Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them'**

This day commemorates the dedication of our forebears in the 19th century, who recognised the transformative power of education and the role it played in nurturing faith, morals, and culture. Today, we celebrate their legacy, as the Catholic Church has become the largest provider of secondary schools and the second-largest provider of primary schools in the country. As we gather for Mass, let us remember in our prayers all our schools - teachers, staff, administrators, and volunteer helpers – as well as the children and young people themselves as they embark on a new school year.

## CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2023

A big thank you to the organisers, helpers and all those who attended the Chorley Catholic Community Festival which was held at St Gregory's last weekend. This popular event which has developed into an ecumenical occasion does much to strengthen the bonds that unite us all as Christians. We look forward to celebrating the event again next year. If anybody would be willing to help out in any way, please do get in touch and we will pass your details on to the organisers.

## RELIC TOUR

As part of their tour, the Relics of the Scottish Saints (St Andrew, St Margaret and St Columba) will be hosted at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral from

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

A Welcome Mass will be held on Monday at 5pm-7pm, and a Closing Mass will be held on Thursday at 12:15pm – 1pm. During their time at the Cathedral, all are welcome to visit the Relics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

Sunday 10th September 2023 - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

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### ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

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 Sept 2023

Gift Aid: **£89.50**

Loose Plate: **£515.61**

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  
Sunday is for Home Missions**

## REFLECTION

The Gospel this week focuses on resolving conflicts within the Christian community. Clearly the early Christian 'church' was experiencing some difficulties with its members. They realised that following Jesus meant dealing with normal disagreements and problems. It is only human nature that whenever a group of people gather together there will be a difference of opinion at some point in time. Jesus demonstrates that he doesn't shy away from the reality of such disagreement even in the church. He acknowledges the presence of conflict and mistakes and offers us a step by step guide to restore some sense of unity. His advice is simply this, if someone does something wrong to you, go and sort it out between yourselves - deal with each other face to face and personally. There is to be no gossip or rumours whispered behind peoples back. This encourages both parties to take responsibility for each other and it is only if this does not work, that two or three others may be brought in to try and sort the problem out. If this doesn't bring the disagreement to an end, then the case is to be brought before the whole community where it is to be discussed openly and in public. Through this teaching, a framework for addressing disputes is established, with an underlying message of unity and divine guidance. Each one of us is a part of the Body Christ and we are connected to all the others parts. This puts a huge responsibility on us; the welfare of our community is something we are all asked to consider by how we treat each other. Jesus asks us to love each other - not like each other. We are to love each other as he loves us. If we do hurt or offend someone, then it is our responsibility to go to the person and apologise. Not always an easy task! However, in the first reading St. Paul encourages us with these words of practical wisdom; *'love is the only thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.'* Jesus is present in us and through us where there is honesty, mutual respect and genuine concern for others. Jesus is with us when we have the courage and humility to apologise when we hurt someone. Jesus is with us when we love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

### 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, especially Stephen Laffan & Joan Wilcock 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

### VISITATION

Last weekend, St Gregory's had the pleasure of hosting Bishop Tom at Mass. During the week he has visited the school and also paid visits to some of the sick and housebound. This week, St Oswald's has the pleasure of welcoming him at Mass and he will also visit the school and some of the sick and housebound of the parish during the course of the week.

We are very grateful to Bishop Tom for his presence and his supportive words.

### BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's  
**Harvey Mark David Winstanley**  
 Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

*Baptisms take place at St Gregory's at 1:00pm on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and at St Oswald's at 12:15pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you would like to book a baptism for your child, please see Fr Graeme after one of the Sunday Masses. Thank you.*

### 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*

### ST KILLIAN'S CANDLE STANDS

People may have noticed the new candle stands at the Sacred Heart Altar and in front of the statue of Our Lady at St Gregory's. These candles are safer, cleaner and more environmentally friendly than the old type and I hope you will agree look more attractive? They are on a trial basis and so your feedback would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 10 Sep	9:30am	23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Ellen Brown (A) May McCarrick (A)	EDUCATION SUNDAY ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Joseph Clitheroe (LD)	
SUN 10 Sep	11:00am	23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Margaret Ingram (A)	EDUCATION SUNDAY ST OSWALD'S
Mon 11 Sep	10:00am		Tom Wilcock (BR) Patrick Loughran (A)	
Tues 12 Sep	9:15am	Most Holy Name of Mary	Peter Peglam (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 13 Sep	8:30am	St John Chrysostom	Harriet Meehan (A)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00
Thur 14 Sep	9:15am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Alan Macdonald (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 15 Sep	8:30am	Our Lady of Sorrows	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 16 Sep	10:00am	St Cornelius & St Cyprian	Fr John Smith (A) Brian Sanders (LD)	
SUN 17 Sep	9:30am	24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Special Intention (AB)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Harry Richardson (LD)	
SUN 17 Sep	11:00am	24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S