

RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH

Racial Justice in the Church Webinar - Walking Together, Praying Together and Working Together **11 July 14:00-15:30** This webinar will provide an opportunity for people working on racial justice in the Church to learn from one another, share their own experiences and initiatives, and inform the ongoing mission of the Bishops' Conference in this area.

To register please visit: www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

A warm welcome to all those who have registered to be Confirmed this year from the parishes of St Gregory's and St Oswald's. Confirmations will take place at St Gregory's on **Thursday 15th June at 7:00pm**. If you can, please come along and support all our young people and keep them in your prayers as they take this next important step on their faith journeys.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Please keep in your prayers the children in both parishes who are currently preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

First Holy Communions will be celebrated on the following dates:

St Gregory's - Saturdays 17th & 24th June and Sundays 18th & 25th June


St Oswald's - Sunday 25th June

CORPUS CHRISTI SONGS OF PRAISE

Our Eucharistic Adoration on **Tuesday 13th June** will be in the style of Songs of Praise with Eucharistic Hymns both old and new. Please do come along if you can.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

E	V	E	N	V	A	E	H	S	E	BREAD	HEAVEN	LIVE
L	I	V	E	N	D	A	E	R	B	EVER	FLESH	DRINK
A	E	D	Y	A	E	N	Y	O	E	BLOOD	ETERNAL	FATHER
N	D	O	O	R	E	V	E	T	H	ANCESTORS	DEAD	ANYONE
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 11th June 2023 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), 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:

Awaiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 4th June 2023

Gift Aid: **£59.50**

Loose Plate: **£491.68**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Jesus. As the gospel today tells us, 'the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world'. The Body and Blood that Jesus offers to each of us calls and binds us together as disciples of Jesus and feeds, nurtures and nourishes us. For many people daily mass is a time not only to pray but to meet others in the parish community. When we come to mass it is both a spiritual and social experience. Through celebrating the Eucharist we are connected to each other and to Jesus in a most sacred and unique way. The church reminds us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. For each of us, it is the source of our daily lives as we draw life and energy from the Body and Blood of Jesus. Celebrating the Eucharist with others calls and helps us to live our daily lives as followers of Jesus. When Jesus ate his last meal with his friends he gave them and us the gift of his Body and Blood. He said that whenever we share in this sacred meal we are to do it in memory of him. He also washed their feet as a sign of service and said that this was the example that they and we are to follow if we want to be his followers. When we care for and serve each other we are also asked to do it in memory of Jesus. The concluding prayer of the mass asks us to go now to love and serve the Lord. We do this by loving and serving each other as best we can in our daily lives. Because we have shared in the Body and Blood of Christ we are called to love and serve each other as Jesus loves and serves us. Having been in communion with Jesus, we are called to care for each other and be in communion with those around us in our families and our community. Celebrating and sharing in the Eucharist and serving each other are two sides of the same coin; we can't have one without the other. St. Augustine says that when we share in the Eucharist, 'believe what you see and become what you are, the Body of Christ. When we say 'amen' we are saying, 'yes' I believe that this is Body of Jesus and I will become the Body of Christ for others.' Today and always, may the Body and Blood of Jesus strengthen, encourage and sustain each of us.

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
 Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - 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 Terry Turner 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

PARISH CELEBRATION 2023

A big thank you to all those who worked so hard to make Mgr McKenna's Jubilee celebration such a memorable occasion. A good time was had by all. May God continue to pour out his blessings on him in the years to come.

Fr Graeme

CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR

On **Sunday 25 June at 5pm**, there will be a celebration Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral to mark the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Mass is a chance for pilgrims past and present to come together to celebrate this milestone. All are welcome to attend.

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate a Good Shepherd Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool on **Wednesday 28 June at 11am**. All are welcome to attend.

There will also be a Good Shepherd Mass on **Wednesday 14 June at 10.30am** at St Mary's Church, Leyland. All are welcome to attend.

CAFOD: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM CAMPAIGN

"God blessed them and said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the earth and every tree with seed as its fruit; you shall have them for food," [Gen. 1:

29]. CAFOD's Parish Campaign is to ensure that small farmers who grow nearly half of the world's food can continue to choose to use their own seeds and not be made dependent on huge seed corporations funded by the World Bank. We ask clergy and parishioners' support by signing jointly a letter from Salina, a small farmer from Bangladesh to the World Bank to address this abuse at their October meeting. No further contact details are needed.

To find more, search cafod.org.uk/food, or contact CAFOD's Colette or Ged via liverpool@cafod.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 11 Jun	9:30am	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	Kath Dunn (BR) The Catenians	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Fr Martin Peyton	
SUN 11 Jun	11:00am	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	People of the Parish Elizabeth Hilton (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 12 Jun	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Terry Turner	
Tues 13 Jun	9:15am	St Anthony of Padua	Mgr Michael McKenna (60th Jubilee)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 14 Jun	8:30am		Clare Meredith, David Critchley & Michael Hall	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00noon
Thur 15 Jun	9:15am		Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	7:00pm			
Fri 16 Jun	8:30am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am			
Sat 17 Jun	10:00am	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Jane Moore (F) Special Intention (G & I)	
SUN 18 Jun	9:30am	11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	James Devine Philip Spedding (SO)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Valerie Bretherton Ellen & Anthony Moore	
SUN 18 Jun	11:00am	11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	LISCF	ST OSWALD'S