

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a Service of Reconciliation with individual confessions on **Sunday 26th March 2023 at 3:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank.** All are welcome to attend.

EASTER SERVICES 2023

Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00pm) - St Oswald's
 Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord (3:00pm) - St Gregory's
 Easter Vigil Service (8:30pm) - St Gregory's
 Easter Sunday (9:30am) - St Gregory's
 Easter Sunday (11:00am) - St Oswald's

CAFOD CALENDAR - LENTEN REFLECTIONS

CAFOD would like to invite you to join them in reflection and prayer this Lent. To sign up, please follow the link below:
[Lent calendar with daily prayers and reflection \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

MUSIC FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Nick Baty is leading a workshop on music for the Easter Triduum on **Saturday 18th March 10:30am - 2:00pm.** For further information, please see the poster in the church porch.

LENTEN ALMS

There is a box at the back of church to receive your Lenten Alms. Archbishop Malcolm has selected Asylum Link as this year's charity of the year. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST

There is a box at the back of church for your kind donations. The Appeal will stay open until the end of Lent.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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SAMARITAN SYCHAR JACOB
 JOSEPH WELL WOMAN
 WATER DRINK JEW
 BUCKET CATTLE HUSBAND



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 12th March 2023 - 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
 Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:
 Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:
 Awaiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 5th March 2023

Gift Aid: **£45.50**
 Loose Plate: **£326.20**
 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 will be for Nugent

REFLECTION

St John's gospel is renowned for its long passages of dialogue, but of all the gospels, the conversation Jesus has with the woman at the well is the longest Jesus has with anyone. It begins with a very ordinary description of Jesus; 'tired by the journey, Jesus sat by a well.' While he is catching his breath, a woman arrives at the well and Jesus begins the conversation with a simple request: he asks her for a drink. She is surprised that a stranger would speak to her in public. Then she sees that he is a Jew whilst she is a Samaritan (they were not on speaking terms with Jews at all!). As Jesus slowly talks and listens to her, he tells her that he is the one who brings life and that whoever drinks of his water will never thirst again. They will have a spring of living and life-giving water deep within them forever. He reveals who he is: the Messiah and he also shows her who she is and more importantly who she can be. She just came to collect water, but she is going to receive so much more because of her encounter with him. She accepts Jesus' invitation saying; 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never thirst again.' At that moment she is changed and transformed; she becomes a new person. The conversation led to an experience and encounter with Jesus through which her eyes and heart were opened up to a whole new way of living. She left the well, bursting with the good news, ran back to the village and told everyone what had happened to her and whom she had met. Many believed in Jesus because of her; she became a missionary disciple. Every time we pray and go to Mass we are offered the opportunity to experience and encounter Jesus. Jesus offers us his greatest gift to satisfy our deepest needs and desires. Times of prayer and especially the Eucharist, are our well today - we are asked to leave the well to go and share what we have seen, heard and experienced. We too are called and challenged to become missionary disciples. She didn't stay at the well and neither can we!

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - Paul Gallery - Christine Zawistowicz
 Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Emily Moss
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden
 Catherine - Philip Compton - Paul Spedding

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 Lucy Markham, 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

NORMAL MASS/SERVICE TIMES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **EXPOSITION** 10:00am - 2:00pm

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

THURSDAY: **EXPOSITION** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

SATURDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

SUNDAY MASSES

HOLY MASS 9:30am & 6:30pm (St Gregory's) & **11:00am** (St Oswald's)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in each Parish every week during Lent and will be led by Parishioners.

St Oswald's - Thursday at 6:30pm

St Gregory's - Friday at 6:30pm

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Jamie Adamson & Meghan Kirwan** who are to be married at St Gregory's on Saturday. We wish them every blessing as they begin their married life together.

MASS INTENTIONS

Due to the number of Mass intentions being received and the number of Masses said at each church, we cannot guarantee that the Mass intention you ask for can be celebrated always on the day or even at the church you specify. Whilst we try to facilitate your preferences, rather than have large backlogs, some Masses may be said at our partner church.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 12 Mar	9:30am 6:30pm	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	Bernard Marmion Derek Smith (BR) Eileen Farrell (A) Anne Andjelkovic & Elizabeth Kavanagh	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 12 Mar	11:00am	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 13 Mar	9:30am	REQUIEM MASS	Lucy Markham	
Tues 14 Mar	9:15am		Rev Isherwood (F)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 15 Mar	8:30am 11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Maureen Turner (F) Special Intention (J&P) Brian Finnigan	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 16 Mar	9:15am 6:30pm		Doreen Haydock (A) STATIONS OF THE CROSS	HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 17 Mar	8:30am 9:15am 6:30pm	St Patrick	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Sat 18 Mar	10:00am 1:00pm	Blessed Roger Wrenno WEDDING SERVICE	The Kershaw Family (F) Peter Brunt (BR) Jamie Adamson & Meghan Kirwan	
SUN 19 Mar	9:30am 6:30pm	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	The Walmsley Family (F) Harry & Doreen Ainscough John Critchley (A) Agnes & Brian Pendlebury	LAETARE SUNDAY ST GREGORY'S
SUN 19 Mar	11:00am	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Anthony Crilly (A)	LAETARE SUNDAY ST OSWALD'S