

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who attended our Beer Festival this weekend and to our sponsors for their generous financial support, without you all this event could not have taken place.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all those who have worked so hard during the week in preparation for our weekend celebrations - your efforts are much appreciated.

CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

Our ever popular **Concert in the Garden** event will take place this afternoon in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's. The event will begin at 2:00pm and entry is free but if you wish to join the Beer Festival and have not been on the Friday or Saturday, admission is £5. Beer, wine gin and cider will be available to purchase. So bring along your friends and family and your own picnic chairs and blankets! There will be live music to entertain you, donkey rides for the children. Please do come along and support us - bring along your own picnic or enjoy food from our BBQ and refreshment stand.

CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2023

Sunday 3rd September, 12pm - 4pm, St Gregory's, Weldbank

This is a free event with lots of stalls, live music, games, tombola, BBQ & refreshments
Lots of fun for all the family. All welcome.

EXAM RESULTS

Please keep in your prayers all those young people anxiously waiting for their A level exam results this week. We wish them all the best of luck!

ENVELOPES

For those who do not participate in Gift Aid but would like to use the weekly collection envelopes, these are now available at the back of church. Please feel free to take any box.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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DISCIPLES	BOAT	PRAY
LAKE	HEADWIND	TERRIFIED
GHOST	FEAR	COURAGE
SINK	FAITH	DOUBT



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 13th August 2023 - 19th 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 6th Aug 2023

Gift Aid: **£131.20**

Loose Plate: **£531.64**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

How many times have we looked up to the sky and seen grey clouds forming – a warning that a storm is coming?

But stormy skies are not just related to a weather forecast! In our own lives when we face difficult or painful situations we talk about 'weathering the storm'. At such times as these, it is natural that we may feel anxious worried or afraid. In today's gospel, the disciples found themselves in a storm whilst at sea in a small boat. They too had every reason to be anxious, worried and afraid - but they were not alone. Out of the darkness came the person of Jesus walking on the water towards them.

Initially, they were even more frightened as they thought it was a ghost. But Jesus, knowing how afraid they were, encouraged them saying 'Do not be afraid'. (*Tradition says that this phrase is used 365 times in the bible!*) In an act that was filled with bravado, Peter volunteered to walk on the water towards Jesus. He took his first few steps and was doing really well - until he saw the waves and then he sank. He cried out to Jesus, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus stretched out his hand and saved Peter. Getting back into the boat Jesus both calmed the storm and the disciples. Each of us has to deal with pain and difficulties - our own 'storms of life'. When we read or hear today's gospel, we tend to focus on the fact that Peter let fear get the better of him and he took his eyes off Jesus and sank. But he also had the faith, courage and humility to ask for help and cry out, 'Lord, save me'. Today, we are invited to examine our own faith journey. Like the disciples, from time to time we too face storms and challenges that test our faith, but Jesus reminds us to take courage, trust in him, and step out in faith. Even when we falter, we can call out to him, knowing that he is ever-present and ready to save us. Ultimately, by recognising Jesus as the Son of God, we can find solace and strength, knowing that he walks with us through the storms of life, guiding us safely to the shores of his love and grace. No matter what we are experiencing, Jesus is always with us - he will never leave us on our own.

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 - 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 Anne Moore 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

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday is the feast of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note the times of Masses at both churches.



Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay - a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and one of the oldest holy days in the Church, with accounts of celebrations going back to the sixth century. Christians in the East, both Catholic and Orthodox refer to it as the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, or 'the falling asleep of the Mother of God'.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. **ALPHA** is an eleven week series of interactive sessions that explore the big questions of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed and safe environment.

Alpha is for anyone at any age, who is curious to find out more about faith. It's designed for those who are exploring and questioning; it's open to cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on **14th September 2023 at 7pm at St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green** and meet every Thursday for eleven weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact either Sr. Dorothy or Julie.

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 13 Aug	9:30am	19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Valerie Bretherton	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Christina Ashworth	
SUN 13 Aug	11:00am	19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	William & Ann Higham (BR)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 14 Aug	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Margaret Haydock	
Tues 15 Aug	9:30am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Josh Ravenscroft (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	6:30pm		The Sick of the Parish	
Wed 16 Aug	8:30am	St Stephen of Hungary	Teresa Critchley (A) Kay McGuffie	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00noon
	11:00am	FUNERAL SERVICE	Anne Moore	
Thur 17 Aug	9:15am		Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 18 Aug	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 19 Aug	10:00am	St John Eudes	Margaret Berry (A)	
SUN 20 Aug	9:30am	20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Peter Brunt (A) Agnes Price (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 20 Aug	11:00am	20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention	ST OSWALD'S