

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday is set aside by the Church throughout the world as a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The special collection next week will be for the Priests Training Fund. Please keep in your prayers all those currently in training for the priesthood and also remember all of the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

## CONFIRMATIONS 2024

Confirmations for the young people in both of our parishes will this year take place at St Gregory's on **Tuesday 25th June at 7:00pm**. Bishop John Rawsthorne will preside. Please keep all our young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament and take this next important step on their faith journey.

## PRAY IN MAY/ETHIOPIA APPEAL

Mary's Meals, who provide school meals to over 2.4 million children every day, invite you to join their Pray in May campaign. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty.

Please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may>

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg check in hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

Sunday 14th April 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B

## ST GREGORY'S RC CHURCH

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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 7th April 2024

Gift Aid: **£70.11**

Loose Plate: **£356.92**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

*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 the Priests Training Fund.**

## REFLECTION

During the Easter season we think about people whose lives were changed so much by that first Easter day; people who encountered Jesus, risen from the dead and bringing new hope and meaning to their lives. Last week we heard about Thomas - a man whose own personal experience of Easter enabled him to move from doubt to faith. This week we hear about a number of people who witnessed Jesus coming amongst them, showing them his wounds and eating food to reassure them that he really was alive. They were convinced and the experience changed their own lives and their life together as a community of believers. We know very little about who these people were but perhaps some of them were people from the Gospel stories we hear and there may be those with whom we can particularly identify because of our own experiences in life. Consistently in the reports of Jesus' appearances post-Resurrection, he greeted his disciples with the words, 'Peace be with you'. This was a very appropriate greeting as the disciples had witnessed the death of someone they loved and now feared for their own lives. Peace is what they needed more than anything else and although they could not forget his suffering and death, peace started to take root in their hearts. He had opened their minds so that at last they understood all the things he had told them while he was alive. He had given them a commission to go out and spread the good news of forgiveness of sins for all who turned their lives around and hence, the grieving, broken community became a joyful, united community, a community with a strong sense of purpose and meaning. Like each of the people in the Gospel story, each of us has our own particular story and we all experience the presence of God in our lives in different ways and at different times. He has touched our lives in a way that has set us off on the journey to follow him, not sure where that journey might lead. We may all have known darkness and despair at some point in our lives, but let us pray today that we too will encounter the living Christ and that going forward, our faith will be renewed and strengthened.

### 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 - Angela Helmn - Mary Langton

*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 Brenda McGuigan 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

### NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

From Advent this year, the new translation of the lectionary (scripture) is being introduced and so all our Sunday missals/missalettes will be out of date. New Sunday missals are currently being prepared by Catholic publishers. I propose to buy copies of the three year cycle in one volume for use in both parishes.

**A suggestion:** if you would like to pay for a missal for use in the parish in memory of someone, a dedication would be placed inside the front cover asking whoever is using it that Sunday to remember in prayer the name of the dedication. If you would like to participate, it would be £20 per dedication and there are some forms at the back of church for you to complete. In theory, these missals will be used by our parishioners for many years to come. If people wish to purchase a personal copy for their own use, this can also be arranged through the parish. Please see Fr Graeme.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

The World Day of Prayer held on March 1st at Christ Church Charnock Richard raised **£243.00**. Thanks to all who attended and supported it.

### SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events.

- ◇ **Eastertide Carol Service** - Sunday 21 April, 3:00pm
- ◇ **Choral Evening Prayer** with the Rededication of the Grand Organ followed by the Opening Organ Recital by Martin Baker - Sunday 12 May, 3:00pm
- ◇ **Two Cathedrals' Messiah** - Saturday 18 May, 7:30pm
- ◇ **Organ Recital** by Katherine Dienes-Williams -Monday 27 May, 11.15am

There will be a **Summer Organ Recital** on **Sunday 18th August at 2:00pm** featuring past organ scholars of the Cathedral. We are very pleased to tell you that our organist at St Oswald's, Peter Morrison, who was himself a scholar of the cathedral from 1977-1980 has been invited to play at this event. Further information to follow.

### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him'

*Jeremiah 17:7*

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 14 Apr	9:30am	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Maureen Ormerod (A) Brenda McGuigan (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The sick of the Parish	
SUN 14 Apr	11:00am	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 15 Apr	10:00am		Brian Morris (LD)	
Tues 16 Apr	9:15am	St Bernadette	Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 17 Apr	8:30am		Kevin Davis (A)	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thur 18 Apr	9:15am		Colette Mullen (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 19 Apr	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 20 Apr	10:00am	Blessed James Bell & Blessed John Finch	Margaret Mary Ellison Vera Critchley (A)	
SUN 21 Apr	9:30am	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Joseph Kenyon (BR)	ST GREGORY'S World Day of Prayer for Vocations
	6:30pm		Bernard Marmion	
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