

CONFIRMATION 2024

The website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will open on the **15th January** and will close on the **15th March**. For those young people in Year 8 attending Catholic High Schools in the Liverpool Archdiocese, preparation and registration will be coordinated through the school. Any young people in Year 8 attending non-Catholic High Schools can register for Confirmation preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. They will then be invited to take a part in a 'catch up' session that will try to cover what they have missed in the RE classes of our diocesan Catholic schools. There is a poster in the church porch which contains a QR code which candidates from non-Catholic High Schools can scan in order to register.

REVIEW OF THE LIST OF SICK OF THE PARISHES

After the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February), we will renew the list of those who are sick in our parishes as included on our Parish Newsletter. If you would like to add or remove any names from the list, please could you let us know asap. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Following the recent cold spell, we have accumulated a significant amount of cold weather clothing (hats, gloves etc.) that have been left behind after Masses. If you think you may have left something which belongs to you, please contact the Parish Office asap. Thank you.

CEMETERIES

Please note: All Christmas wreaths/pots will be removed when dead or after the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February 2024)**. If you wish to keep any pots or wreaths, please remove them yourself. Any remaining ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office for **4 weeks** after which they will be disposed of. Thank you.

As the temperatures are set to fall below zero this weekend, the water supply to the cemeteries has now been turned off until the Spring to prevent burst pipes. Please be aware, during this period you will need to bring your own water for flowers/pots on graves.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

E	I	B	B	A	R	H	P	E	C	DISCIPLES
H	A	I	S	S	E	M	A	S	T	LAMB
R	E	H	C	A	E	T	R	E	M	RABBI
C	G	K	E	B	H	E	E	L	O	TEACHER
A	N	W	C	R	W	P	T	P	N	FOLLOWERS
E	I	O	S	O	E	H	E	I	R	ANDREW
T	N	L	L	T	R	T	P	C	I	BROTHER
I	R	L	A	H	D	O	E	S	G	PETER
N	O	O	M	E	N	R	T	I	N	MORNING
F	M	F	B	R	A	B	B	D	E	MESSIAH
										CEPHAS
										ROCK



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 14th January 2024 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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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 Jan 2024

Gift Aid: **£91.17**

Loose Plate: **£434.98**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

REFLECTION

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, our Gospel reading today continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes for us the Christmas season. The Gospel reading according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptised by John, Jesus soon begins to gather followers who predictably want to learn as much as they can about him. When asked where he lived, Jesus offers the disciples an invitation, 'Come and see.' This is a very open and a very challenging invitation to follow him. Jesus does not force them to follow him, nor does he insist that they go with him. He simply says to them that if they want to know who he is, then they are welcome to go with him and spend some time with him. And so, we are told that they went with him, saw where he lived and stayed with him the rest of the day. After their time with Jesus, we are told that one of them, Andrew, went and told his brother Simon about Jesus and actually brought him to meet Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means 'rock' in Greek. Andrew had already become a missionary disciple and shared with Peter what he himself experienced from being with Jesus. Today, we too must ask ourselves 'are we so different from these people in the gospel?' Every day Jesus offers to us the same open invitation, 'Come and see'. Jesus wants to be with us so that we too can spend some time with him. The choice of whether or not to accept this invitation is ours. He will not force us or make us follow him, it has to be our choice. If we decide to follow Jesus, then we too will be changed, just as Andrew was....you can't experience Jesus and stay the same! Andrew didn't keep to himself the experience of being with Jesus and neither can we. We are called by Jesus to share our good news about him with others. That's what being a disciple means. Today each of us is being called by Jesus to become missionary disciples and the best way we can talk to Jesus and listen to him is through prayer. So when he says, 'Come and see,' what do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan
 Fr Laurence Mayne - Teresa Abernethy - Rita Compton - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath
 Fr Jonathan Cotton - Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Barbara Edwards
 Jimmy Waddington - Sarah O'Connor

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
 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

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Kiara-Rose Elizabeth Beckett & Mila Catterall
 Please keep them and their families in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH - 25TH JANUARY 2024

On Thursday 18th January we begin a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The chosen theme this year is *'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'* (Luke 10:27). The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. In choosing this passage of Scripture, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. Communities in the British-Irish context may be less vulnerable to acts of mass violence than in Burkina Faso, but there are still many living with the memory and/or the threat of serious violence. There are also groups within communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and asylum seekers who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence.

Resources for the week of prayer are available at:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-Christian-Unity-2024/>

There will be a Breakfast & Prayer Service at St Laurence's Church on
Friday 26th January starting at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend.

For further details, please see the poster on the Church noticeboard in the porch.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'All things are possible with God'
 Mark 10:27

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 14 Jan	9:30am	2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Emmy Moss Frank & Margaret Dearden	ST GREGORY'S DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
	6:30pm		Ainscough Family Harry Moss John Hayes (LD)	
SUN 14 Jan	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
Mon 15 Jan	10:00am		The McCarthy & Kelly Families Vincent Price (BR)	
Tues 16 Jan	9:15am		Bella Topping Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 17 Jan	9:30am	REQUIEM MASS	Kevin Fishwick	
Thurs 18 Jan	9:15am		Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS
Fri 19 Jan	8:30am	St Wulstan	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am			
Sat 20 Jan	10:00am	St Fabian & St Sebastian	Bill Rainford (A) Mary Jane Barton (A)	
SUN 21 Jan	9:30am	3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Valerie Bretherton Christina Catterall	ST GREGORY'S DAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
	6:30pm		Fr Graeme Dunne	
SUN 21 Jan	11:00am	3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Shirley Langstrath (WA) Geoffrey Gore	ST OSWALD'S DAY OF THE WORD OF GOD