

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

Please keep in your prayers all of our young people who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation over the next few weeks.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2023

Next Sunday is designated World Communications Day. Pope Francis' choice for the theme this year is: 'Speak with the heart: - Veritatem facientes in caritate' (Speaking the truth in love). Speaking the truth means 'giving 'a reason for your hope' and doing so gently, using the gift of communication as a bridge and not as a wall. The theme, which connects with that of 2022 – 'Listen with the ear of the heart' is intended to form part of the path that will lead the entire Church to the celebration of the Synod in October 2023.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on **Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.00pm** in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool.


Everyone is invited to the Mass and also to the drinks reception which will follow.

SPONSOR A WHEELCHAIR APPEAL

To coincide with their centenary, the Lourdes Pilgrimage group are hoping to fund a number of new wheelchairs and are appealing for sponsorship. The sponsorship could be in memory of someone who has died, or on behalf of a parish, family or organisation. The cost of a sponsored wheelchair is £400 to include an engraved plaque with the name of your chosen individual or group and a fitted seatbelt - those people would then be part of the Lourdes journey both this year and for many more years to come. If you would like to make a donation towards a Parish sponsored wheelchair, please put your donation in an envelope labelled 'Wheelchair Appeal' and place it in the bucket at the back of church.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

Sunday 14th May 2023 - 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

REFLECTION

In the forty days between his Resurrection and his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus is gradually 'weaning' his disciples from him - that is, he is helping them to realise that going forward he's not going to be with them in the same way. Yes, he will always be with them - but he will not be with them physically as he was during the three years of his public ministry. He will not be by their side to point the way for them or to talk with them face to face. But God the Holy Spirit will make Jesus present in a new way. In a sense, that's what the Easter Season is designed by God to lead us to. Pentecost Sunday is not just about celebrating Jesus' Resurrection - it is the culmination of the Season of Easter. It is the celebration of God the Holy Spirit making Jesus present in this world in a new way - the Church. Like the ligaments that hold each of the integral parts of our physical bodies together, the Holy Spirit, binds us together to make us one body in Christ.

So today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples - he reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will never abandon them. Instead he will send them an Advocate, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. As Catholics, we believe in the Holy Trinity – the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, and it is through the Holy Spirit that we receive the grace and strength to live our lives according to God's will. The Holy Spirit is not just an abstract concept, but a real and present force in our lives. When we receive the Sacraments, especially Baptism and Confirmation, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and become part of the Body of Christ. The condition that Jesus attaches for receiving the Holy Spirit is to 'keep my commandments'. That is to go out into the whole world and preach the good news. It is a command to love both God and our neighbour - because when we do these things, we are preaching the good news of truth and the Advocate will come to strengthen us in the way of truth. He will also come to confirm that, indeed, we are sons and daughters of God.

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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 7th May 2023

Gift Aid: **£77.50**

Loose Plate: **£463.00**

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 week will be for World Communications

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - 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

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 Peter Anthony Masterson 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

Dear Parishioners,

There are still a few places left at our Annual Parish celebration which this year will be held on **Saturday 10th June at 12:30pm**. This year's celebration will be combined with a celebration of Mgr McKenna's 60 years of dedicated ministry to the church. Unfortunately, because of the nature of the celebration and the limitation on numbers, for this year only, children under 16 years of age will not be able to attend, and if for any reason you are unable to come to this event, there are other celebrations to look forward to in July and August.

God Bless!

Fr Graeme

LOURDES CENTENARY BADGES

To mark this year's centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes, there is a special badge on sale. These can be purchased from the Lourdes office for £2.50 each (P&P extra). All proceeds will go the Lourdes fund. For more information, email lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk

RCIA - MASS FOR THE NEW CATHOLICS

The RCIA **Mass for the New Catholics** will take place on 21st June 2023 at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend. If you have any further questions, please email rcia@rcaol.org.uk

THE NEED FOR FREEDOM

The Metropolitan Cathedral has been chosen to exhibit the sculpture 'The Need for Freedom' by prominent contemporary Ukrainian artist, Dmytro Iv. This striking artwork, which shows the figure of a chained but rising woman, represents Ukraine's struggle for peace and freedom. Following the exhibition, the sculpture will be put up for auction with the proceeds donated to organisations supporting migrants and orphans in Ukraine. The Metropolitan Cathedral is open seven days a week between 8am - 6pm and entrance is free.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 14 May	9:30am	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Joe Robinson (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Hugh O'Daly (LD)	
SUN 14 May	11:00am	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Margaret Noblett (90th Birthday)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 15 May	10:00am	Our Lady of Fatima	Margaret Mary Ellison John Farnworth (F)	
Tues 16 May	9:15am		Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 17 May	8:30am		Harry Ainscough (F) Tony Brown (BR)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 18 May	9:15am	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Charlotte Fishwick (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	11:00am 7:00pm	FUNERAL SERVICE	Peter Anthony Masterson Fr Martin Peyton	
Fr 19 May	8:30am	St Dunstan	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 20 May	10:00am	St Bernadine of Siena	Valerie Bretherton Fred & Monica Bates (F)	
SUN 21 May	9:30am	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Pauline Critchley	WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Eddie & Tim Donegan Harry & Doreen Ainscough	
SUN 21 May	11:00am	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY ST OSWALD'S