

WORLD MISSION DAY 2023

Next Sunday we will celebrate World Mission Day, the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Created by Pope Pius XI in 1926, World Mission Day is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who donate to World Missions throughout the year via the Red Box Scheme and to those who organise the emptying of the boxes and collection of donations. The special collection next Sunday will be for World Missions and if anybody is interested in having a red box in their home, please let me know.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Applications are now open for young people to travel to Lourdes as part of the annual Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage. Next year's pilgrimage runs from 18th - 27th July 2024 and is open to young people aged between 15 (or in Year 10) and 22. Coach 5 covers the Lancashire area of the Archdiocese and takes young people from the schools and colleges of:

All Hallows, Penwortham
St. Mary's, Leyland
Holy Cross, Chorley
St. Peter's, Orrell


St. John Rigby Sixth Form, Orrell
Cardinal Newman Sixth Form, Preston

Applications are made on line at www.liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk. Please contact Ben McMullen, Coach Leader, at lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - WEEK 4

As part of the pastoral statistics that we compile every year, the total number attending Mass in each parish will be recorded over four successive Sunday's.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 15th October 2023 - 28th 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 8th Oct 2023

Gift Aid: **£71.50**

Loose Plate: **£337.94**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

There is a collection box at the back of church for your Harvest Fast envelopes. Our special collection next Sunday will be for APF World Missions.

REFLECTION

There is nothing quite like a good meal with our friends and family! Whenever we share a meal with those we love, we experience a sense of joy, community and belonging. The same was true at the time of Jesus. We know from the gospel readings, that Jesus sat and ate with many people. In those days, to share a meal with another person was a sign of equality and often all those around the table ate from the same plate or bowl. However, if you were sick in any way you were not allowed to sit at the table with others, even members of your own family. To be sick was to be seen as a sinner being punished by God. The Scribes, Pharisees and the Jewish elders decided who could come into the Temple, or the synagogue and who could sit at table to share a meal. If a person didn't reach the required standard, then they were ignored, dismissed and unable to eat with others. Jesus was very well aware of this as he himself often ate with those who were ignored, hated and dismissed - in his eyes, all were invited and welcome. In today's readings the imagery of the meal and banquet are used to depict God's generosity. The first reading tells us that the Lord will prepare a meal of rich food and wine, remove the veil of sadness and that all people will be invited to this celebration. In the gospel, Jesus continues this message. The meal is prepared but those invited give various excuses as to why they could not come to the feast. In response, the king invited and welcomed strangers, good and bad alike. Jesus too calls us all by our name and invites us personally to come to the feast but it is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is the host and we are his guests. The Eucharist is offered to us freely and we are invited to respond freely. God invites us all but in return he asks us to repent for our sins. As Pope Francis reminds us, 'the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak... the church is a place for everyone, with all their problems.'

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 - Fr Jonathan Cotton - Catherine
 Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Barbara Edwards - Eileen Finn

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

If your child is in Year 4 and not in any of our Catholic primary schools, please contact
 Fr Graeme as soon as possible to register your child for First Holy Communion and
 preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you.

SVP - APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

A big thank you to all those who responded to last weekends appeal by the SVP for new
 members, it was encouraging to see so many people in attendance at the meeting.
 Our sincere thanks to Michael Rothwell who is stepping down as President of St Gregory's
 SVP for his many years of service and also to Frank Fowler (incoming President), Yvonne
 Cunliffe (Treasurer) and Linda Corcoran (Secretary) as they take up their new posts.
 Please keep them all in your prayers.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A big thank you to all those who came and supported our Macmillan Afternoon Tea
 yesterday and of course to our helpers, bakers and those who donated raffle prizes. Your
 support is very much appreciated. Refreshments will be served after the 9:30am Mass today
 at St Gregory's with all donations going to MCS. All welcome, so please do come along.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) are looking for young Catholics aged
 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two
 years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well
 as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District.

For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

MOZART REQUIEM - SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 7:30PM

The choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral is joined by the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra to
 present a programme of music by Beethoven and Mozart. Mozart's sublime Requiem will be
 preceded by his Overture to the Magic Flute and Beethoven's 1st Symphony. Tickets (£15/10
 concessions) www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 15 Oct	9:30am	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Raymond Walmsley	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Frank Fitzpatrick (LD)	
SUN 15 Oct	11:00am	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Marie Gallery Annie Eastham (BR)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 16 Oct	10:00am	St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary	Terence McCarrick (A)	
Tues 17 Oct	9:15am	St Ignatius of Antioch	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 18 Oct	8:30am	St Luke	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00
Thur 19 Oct	9:15am	St John de Brebeuf St Isaac Jogues & Companions & St Paul of the Cross	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 20 Oct	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 21 Oct	10:00am		Mary Spedding (BR) Jim Parkinson (A)	
SUN 22 Oct	9:30am	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Kathleen Green (A) Christina Catterall	ST GREGORY'S WORLD MISSION DAY
	6:30pm		Vincent Spedding (S)	
SUN 22 Oct	11:00am	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Adrian Hart (A)	ST OSWALD'S WORLD MISSION DAY