

## THANKYOU FROM THE SVP

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## COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on **Wednesday 8th February, 7.30pm - 9.00pm** in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7.00pm.

The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, email: Fr Chris Fallon, [c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk) or Deacon Paul Rooney, [p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk)

## OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

There will be an ecumenical service at Living Waters Church/ Connect Café on **Friday 20th January at 9:30am**. All are invited to attend, bring a friend or two and a short prayer or reflection to share which you feel is representative of your church.

## CEMETERIES

Just a reminder, all Christmas wreaths and pots will be removed when dead or after the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February 2023).

If you wish to keep any pots or wreaths, please remove them yourself.


Any ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office.

## ALPHA COURSE

The Chorley Catholic Community Alpha Sessions start at **7:00pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**, at St Joseph's Parish Centre. To register please go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search 'Chorley Catholic Community Alpha' or call 01257 542324 for more info and to register.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

Sunday 15th January 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

### 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:

Edward Brierley

## REFLECTION

One of the first questions we were ever asked as children during Catechism classes was 'who made you?' and we duly replied 'God made me'. The follow up question was 'why did God make you?' - the common answer for everyone being, 'God made me to know him, to love him, and to serve him in this world, and to be happy with him forever in the next'. John the Baptist, like Jesus, had a perfect knowledge of why he was made. Indeed, one of the things that Jesus and John had in common was a full knowledge of who they were and what their missions were - both men existed in the same time frame, their destinies were tied and for both, their various roles showed that in God there is no confusion. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist demonstrates a clear knowledge of his mission - he was sent to prepare the way for the Christ, to show who the Christ is and to lead people to him. He did not exaggerate his mission, nor did he profess to have more knowledge than was revealed to him - his sense of purpose in life was clear. In our world today, many of us seem to have lost our sense of purpose. We don't seem to be aware of why we were created. Of course, this could be as a result of some unbearable challenges we may have faced in life, but, no amount of problems can justify such a separation from God. John the Baptist, even though he lived in the time of Jesus was not free from problems and in fact lost his life while fulfilling God's will - yet he stuck unwaveringly to his purpose. We must therefore identify those things that cause us to lose our sense of purpose. One of the major reasons is sin. How many of us relapse in the momentary pleasures of sin, or are tormented by guilt or are completely disorientated and just obsessed with ourselves? John the Baptist calls Jesus the 'Lamb of God' and the 'Son of God'. By using these titles, he identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem us from our sins. John the Baptist baptised in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known by our words and by the way in which we live our lives. Let us pray that we may all rediscover God's will and purpose in this world so that we may look forward to eternal happiness in the next.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 8th January 2023

Gift Aid: **£83.24**

Loose Plate: **£411.50**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

## Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding  
 Joanna Hardiman - Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden  
 Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - Paul Gallery  
 Christine Zawistowicz - Catherine - Philip Compton - Emmy Moss

*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

### COVID REQUIREMENTS

The following guidelines from the Archdiocese are now in place:

1. **Face-coverings** are recommended for those attending Sunday Mass who are vulnerable.
2. **Sanitiser** - sanitiser is available as you enter the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the church doors will remain closed during all services.
3. **Social Distancing** - there is no designated section of the church with social distancing.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will not be reintroduced at this time.

*NB: Please be cautious and do not attend if you have any symptoms.*

### NORMAL MASS/SERVICE TIMES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **EXPOSITION** 10:00am - 2:00pm

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

THURSDAY: **EXPOSITION** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

SATURDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

### SUNDAY MASSES

**HOLY MASS** 9:30am & 6:30pm (St Gregory's) & **11:00am** (St Oswald's)

### BAPTISMS



Baptisms take place at St Gregory's at 1:00pm on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and at St Oswald's at 12:15pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you would like to book a baptism for your child, please see Fr Graeme after one of the Sunday Masses. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 15 Jan	9:30am	2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Hannah Slater (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Lilian Scott (LD)	PEACE SUNDAY
SUN 15 Jan	11:00am	2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Paul Eastham (LD)	ST OSWALD'S PEACE SUNDAY
Mon 16 Jan	10:00am		Margaret Dickinson (LD) Special Intention (FA)	
Tues 17 Jan	9:15am	St Anthony	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 18 Jan	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
Thur 19 Jan	9:15am	St Wulstan	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 20 Jan	8:30am	St Fabian & St Sebastian	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 21 Jan	10:00am	St Agnes	Bill Rainford (A) Fr John Smith	
SUN 22 Jan	9:30am	3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Christina Catterall (A) Mary Jane Barton (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Shirley Langstrath (WA)	SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
SUN 22 Jan	11:00am	3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Geoff Gore (A)	ST OSWALD'S SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD