

## RED BOXES

On behalf of the Mill Hill Missionaries, a big thank you to the parishioners of St Oswald's for your generous donation of **£665.40** in 2022 which was made through red boxes, Online Giving and Direct Debits. Thank you for your continued support.

## CAFOD - JUMBLE SALE

There will be a Jumble Sale at St Mary's Parish Hall Chorley (PR7 2SR) on **Saturday 22nd April 2:00pm - 4:00pm** in aid of CAFOD & Mary's Meals. Lots of quality jumble including books - toys - good as new - bric-a-brac - jewellery - tea & homemade cakes. Great fun and lots of friendly people, please do come along and help raise funds to feed starving children in Africa.

## SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN

**Saturday 29th April 11:00am - 1:00pm**

There will be an annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost through abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For further info Tel. 01772 723094.

## PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE!

Would anybody be interested in a Parish trip to France later this year? Fr Simon Henry, PP at St Catherine's Farington is sounding out interest from Parish Groups in staying at St Peter's International College during the summer recess (July-Aug). The school is in the pretty village of Saint-Pierre-de-Maillé in the Vienne region of France. Flights would be direct from Manchester to Limoges Airport and transfer to the College by road is a journey of about one and a half hours. The estimated cost based on today's flight costs for 7 nights including meals (with wine!) & excursions would be around £645. (Excluding luggage charges and insurance). Accommodation is in twin en-suite rooms, simple but comfortable and there would be no surcharge for single bookings. Please let me know if you would be interested!

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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WEEK	DOORS	CLOSED
FEAR	PEACE	HANDS
FORGIVE	THOMAS	HOLES
FINGER	EIGHT	BELIEVE



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

Sunday 16th April 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), Year A

## ST GREGORY'S RC CHURCH

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

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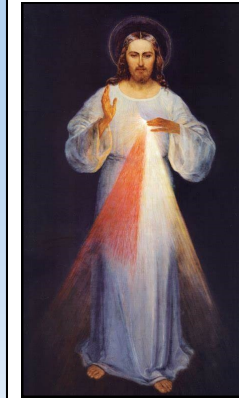
**SAFEGUARDING REP:**  
Awaiting Appointment

## WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 9th April 2023

Gift Aid: **£79.50**  
Loose Plate: **£689.71**  
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

## REFLECTION



Today is known as Day of Divine Mercy which traditionally falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter. In his writings and homilies, Pope John Paul II described The Divine Mercy as the answer to the world's problems and the message of the third millennium. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves all of us and he wants us to recognise that his mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon him with trust, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others. The more we

open the door of our hearts and lives to Jesus with trust, the more we can receive. This message and devotion to Jesus is based on the writings of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest of tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations or messages from our Lord, who asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within them are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Even before her death in 1938, devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Pope John Paul II beatified and canonised Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the 'first saint of the new millennium'. Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her 'the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time'. Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully towards others as we strive to become true followers of Christ.

### 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  
 Michael Crook 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

### RETURN TO A NEW NORMAL?

As of Maundy Thursday the Bishop's of England and Wales have said that  
 Communion under both kinds can be re-introduced at Masses.

Thank you to all those who expressed an opinion in response to my request for views on  
 this last week. Whilst there was a wide range of views, the over riding majority was to start  
 at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. A number of people expressed their  
 desire to receive communion under both kinds and so this will be offered, however, please  
 can I emphasise that this is an option and no one including Eucharistic Ministers should feel  
 that they have to receive from the chalice.

I have reintroduced the phrase 'Let us offer each other the sign of peace' and again people  
 are free to offer that sign in whatever way they feel comfortable. As for coming forward for  
 communion, each Mass is different and so a flexible approach will be adopted until new  
 norms develop. However, I don't feel there is a need for stewarding of people to  
 communion but it would be nice if the slow and dignified queuing continued.

The Ministry of Welcome which has grown since Covid will be retained.

### BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's  
**Alfie Scott Roocroft**

Please keep him and his family in your  
 prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

We also welcome **Isabelle Carole Smithies** into the  
 parish community of St Gregory's at the 9:30am Mass.

### CONFIRMATIONS 2023

Confirmations for the young people in both of our parishes will this year take place at St  
 Gregory's on **Thursday 15th June at 7:00pm**. Bishop Tom Neylon 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 16 Apr	9:30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Divine Mercy)	Maureen Ormerod Bill & Barbara Tennant (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Jack & Marian Birchall (BR) Kathleen Green (BR)	
SUN 16 Apr	11:00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Divine Mercy)	Kevin Davis (A) John McGreevy (B)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 17 Apr	10:00am		Bernard Marmion (A) Vera Critchley (A)	
Tues 18 Apr	9:15am		Sylvester Woods (F) For a successful operation	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 19 Apr	8:30am		Andrew Evans (BR) Mary Kennedy (F)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 20 Apr	9:15am		Linda McCarthy (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fr 21 Apr	8:30am	St Anselm		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
	9:15am			
Sat 22 Apr	10:00am		Margaret Mary Ellison Stephen Rainford (F)	
SUN 23 Apr	9:30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ann & Agnes Walsh (A) Mark Southworth (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Tommy McGuigan (A) St Gregory's SVP (A)	
SUN 23 Apr	11:00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Brian Finnigan (BR)	ST OSWALD'S