

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS & FAREWELL TO YEAR 6

As our schools come to the end of the academic year, we wish all staff and pupils a happy and restful holiday. Congratulations to our Year 6 children in both parishes who this week will celebrate their special Leavers Mass. We wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education at high school after the summer holidays. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**NB: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO MASSES AT BOTH CHURCHES THIS WEEK**

### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jennifer Smith & Mike Lineker who are to be married at St Gregory's next Saturday. We wish them every happiness in their future life together.

### ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL & CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

This year, we will be reintroducing our Annual Beer Festival & Concert in the Garden at St Gregory's Weld Bank.

**Friday 11th August 7:00pm - 11:00pm; Saturday 12th August 1:00pm - 11:00pm**

**Sunday 13th August 2:00pm - 8:00pm (Concert in the Garden & BBQ)**

This year, there will be a selection of 18 beers and 5 ciders.

Tickets will be on sale from today **Sunday 16th July** and will cost £5 each to include a souvenir programme & glass plus a free glass of beer. Wine and gin will also be available to purchase. Food from our Pit Stop Café will be available throughout the festival.

If you would be interested in sponsoring the event, please see Fr Graeme.

### CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2023

**Sunday 3rd September, 12pm - 4pm**, St Gregory's, Weldbank

This is a free event with lots of stalls, live music, games, tombola, BBQ & refreshments. Lots of fun for all the family. All welcome.



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

Sunday 16th July 2023 - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

### REFLECTION

When election campaigns begin we tend to get bombarded with politicians looking for our votes. We often hear phrases such as; 'you have my word on that', or 'I give you my word'. This Sunday, the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah speaks about the power of God's Word and in the Gospel Jesus continues this message by telling us the powerful parable of the sower and the seed. The farmer sows his seed and according to where it fell and how it took root, some of it withered, died and produced no fruit. Other seed fell on rich, deep and fertile soil and produced a bumper crop. We know that through this parable Jesus is describing himself as the sower and the seed as the Word of God. The soil into which the seeds are sown are our daily lives. At times the words that Jesus speaks to us literally fall on deaf ears. We hear very powerful and challenging words but perhaps because of fear, we are reluctant to let them take root in our lives. But there are also times when we hear and welcome the words that Jesus speaks to us and we allow them to be sown in us, they take root, we nourish and nurture them and they produce fruit that can be seen in the quality of our daily lives. Mostly we hear the Word of God proclaimed when we gather as part of our parish communities. Through the readings, hymns, the gospel and the homily we hear God's word that nourishes, nurtures and challenges us as we strive to live out our own Christian lives. But the real challenge is how we take that word away and live it in our daily lives, in our families and in our parish communities and beyond. In his letter to the Hebrews, St. Paul wrote '*the word of God is alive and active*'. This is as relevant now as it was then - Jesus is still the Sower, and his voice, the Word of God, still resonates. But let us not forget that every believer in God is a seed sower, by virtue of word and example. Sometimes the seed falls on rocky or barren ground - don't worry as this has always been the case - but we can be sure there will always be fertile soil sometime in the future. The Word of God *is* alive and active. Let us pray today that this word will take root in all of us and bear much fruit, fruit that will last.

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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 9th July 2023

Gift Aid: **£79.50**

Loose Plate: **£331.45**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

**The special collection today will be for Priests in Retirement**

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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LAKESIDE    CROWDS    SOWER  
SEEDS        BIRDS        SOIL  
EARTH        SCORCHED    ROOTS  
WITHERED    THORNS       CROP



### 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  
 Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan

*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 Elizabeth Burgess 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

### ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Would anybody be interested in joining the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council? If you would like further information on the work of the Pastoral Council and how you could help shape and progress the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, please see Fr Graeme.

### CAFOD: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM CAMPAIGN

*“God blessed them and said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the earth and every tree with seed as its fruit; you shall have them for food,”* [Gen. 1: 29]. CAFOD’s Parish Campaign is to ensure that small farmers who grow nearly half of the world’s food can continue to choose to use their own seeds and not be made dependent on huge seed corporations funded by the World Bank. Today we ask clergy and parishioners’ support by signing jointly a letter from Salina, a small farmer from Bangladesh to the World Bank to address this abuse at their October meeting. No further contact details are needed. There is a copy of the letter for you to sign in the church porch as you leave the church today.

### DIVINE RENOVATION

Clothed in Power is an opportunity for parishes to explore the topic of the Holy Spirit as the driving force behind mission, evangelisation, and parish renewal. The video includes Dr Mary Healy, Fr Alex Colautti, Sarah Kaczmarek, and Fr John Adams who will share their experiences and insights on the topic. Please go to: <https://divinerenovation.org/clothed-in-power/>

### SJOG / CSAN HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Going into the second year of the war in Ukraine, the number of people fleeing the war and in need of shelter remains high amidst continued attacks on objects of civilian infrastructure, leaving millions living in fear of shelling and destruction. Saint John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG), in partnership with Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), are running a matching, training and support programme for UK-based sponsors and Ukrainian guests under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. SJOG Homes for Ukraine is an official provider of this government scheme, operating in the whole of the UK. Please see the notice in the church porch if you would like to know more about the ways you can help. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 16 July	9:30am	15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Ann & Agnes Walsh (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Phyllis Barton	
SUN 16 July	11:00am	15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Fr Martin Peyton	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 17 July	10:00am		Canon Cuthbert Waring (F) Special Intention	
Tues 18 July	9:30am		LEAVERS MASS ST GREGORY'S	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 19 July	9:15am		Harriet Meehan (BR)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00noon
Thur 20 July	9:15am	St Apollinaris	LEAVERS MASS ST OSWALD'S	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 21 July	8:30am	St Lawrence of Brindisi	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 22 July	10:00am	St Mary Magdalene	Frank Dearden (A) Sam Smith (BR)	
	3:30pm	WEDDING	Jennifer Smith & Mike Lineker	
SUN 23 July	9:30am	16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Mary Robinson (A) Bernard Marmion	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Pat Murphy (LD) William Moore (F)	
SUN 23 July	11:00am	16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The Hayden Family (F) Adrian & Dorothy Hart (60th Anniv R)	ST OSWALD'S