

EVANGELII GAUDIUM/HOME MISSION DAY

Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. Today we are called to be joyous in proclaiming our faith - '*Evangelii Gaudium*' is Latin for 'Joy of the Gospel'. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. As we respond to Pope Francis' invitation to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025, may we seek opportunities to deepen our knowledge and grow in faith. The disciples asked, 'Lord, teach us to pray'; may we give more time to prayer, lifting our hearts and minds to God.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

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 from **24th September 2023**.

SVP - APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

Next Sunday, at all Masses in both parishes, there will be an appeal on behalf of the SVP for new members. They are hoping to set up a group at St Oswald's and recruit some new members at St Gregory's. Nationally, almost 10,000 SVP members, motivated by a shared vision and mission, give of their time to befriend and provide practical assistance to over 90,000 lonely people every year, regardless of their background or religion. By joining the SVP, you can make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable people in your community. As a member, you'll join a strong network of like-minded volunteers and staff across the country and gain access to a wealth of resources and training. Can you help?

THE PRIESTS LIVE IN CONCERT—THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023

The popular trio return to Liverpool to celebrate the centenary year of the Liverpool Lourdes pilgrimage and the work of the friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral. With guest soloist Danielle Thomas, and musical director Stephen Mannings, this is an event not to be missed.

Tickets are now on sale at thepriestsliverpool.eventbrite.co.uk

For group bookings call 07860 129589 or email thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 17th September 2023 - 24th 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 10th Sept 2023

Gift Aid: **£67.50**

Loose Plate: **£293.01**

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 is for Home Missions

REFLECTION

In the readings last Sunday we were reminded of our responsibility to those we hurt and those who hurt us and of the fact that we should spare no effort in finding reconciliation and forgiveness. All three readings this week, in particular the Gospel, continue this message and make this point very clear. Whilst highlighting all the negative things that lead to sin, the first reading also tells us to '*forgive your neighbour the hurt that is done to you....*' do not bear your neighbour ill-will.' The second reading puts our relationship and connection with each other into context - *the life and death of each of us has its influence on others...*' what we say, how we speak and how we treat others has the power to build or tear down - unfortunately, our words and our actions can sometimes be weapons of mass destruction. In the Gospel, Peter is the one who asked Jesus, '*Lord, how often must I forgive my neighbour if they wrong me? As often as seven times?*' Jesus replied without any hesitation, '*Not seven times I tell you, but seventy-seven times*'. In his answer, Jesus was not giving us the number of times that we are to forgive others - at the time of Jesus, the phrase 'seventy-seven times' meant 'without end'. So, in fact Jesus was telling Peter that there was to be no end to the forgiveness of others. In the same way, for us as Christians, forgiveness is not something that should only be done occasionally; it must be part of our daily lives. As God freely forgives us, we are called, difficult as it may be to forgive those who have hurt us. Jesus uses the story of the ungrateful servant to highlight this. The king was freely gracious in his forgiveness of his servant but the servant behaved in completely the opposite way by being hard and unforgiving with another servant who was in debt to him. So, as hard as it may be for us, we are asked to try to be as forgiving as the king in the Gospel is, and not to be cold and hard-hearted like the servant. God does not forgive us only once, we are continually forgiven - God loves us as we are; as sinners. Hopefully we will come to realise and appreciate that faith is not just about teaching us how to live; faith is about teaching us how to live again and again.....

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

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

VISITATION

Last weekend, St Oswald's had the pleasure of hosting Bishop Tom at Mass. During the week he has visited the school and also paid visits to some of the sick and housebound. We are very grateful to Bishop Tom for his presence and his supportive words.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's
Adam Jacob Unwin
 Please keep him and his family in your
 prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

*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.*

YORK PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND

During the weekend of the 21st-22nd October 2023, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Abbey. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>.

ST KILLIAN'S CANDLE STANDS

People may have noticed the new candle stands at the Sacred Heart Altar and in front of the statue of Our Lady at St Gregory's. These candles are safer, cleaner and more environmentally friendly than the old type and I hope you will agree look more attractive? They are on a trial basis and so your feedback would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 17 Sep	9:30am	24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Special Intention (AB)	ST GREGORY'S EVANGELII GAUDIUM
	6:30pm		Harry Richardson (LD)	
SUN 17 Sep	11:00am	24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S EVANGELII GAUDIUM
Mon 18 Sep	9:30am		Hugh O'Daly (F) Sheila Gant (A)	SCHOOL MASS
Tues 19 Sep	9:15am	St Januarius & St Theodore of Canterbury	Fr Vincent McShane	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	JOAN WILCOCK	
Wed 20 Sep	8:30am	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Comps	Norma Hall (LD)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00
Thur 21 Sep	9:15am	St Matthew	Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 22 Sep	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 23 Sep	10:00am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Margaret Mary Ellison	
SUN 24 Sep	9:30am	25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Barbara Edwards (S) Joan Wilcock (LD)	ST GREGORY'S HARVEST SUNDAY
	6:30pm		The Bond Family (F)	
SUN 24 Sep	11:00am	25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Charles Eastham (A) Robert 'Bob' Hooson (A)	ST OSWALD'S HARVEST SUNDAY