

CAFOD TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Sincere thanks for your very generous response to this Appeal which we will keep open until the end of the month. There are still envelopes available at the back of church if you would like to make a donation. Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2023

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which each year brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer. The theme for this year's programme which was written by women in Taiwan is 'I have heard about your faith' and is based on Ephesians 1: 15-19. There will be a World Day of Prayer Service at St Oswald's, Coppull at 7:00pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LENT?

In his famous encyclical 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis asks us all to pray and act on 'Care for Our Common Home'. CAFOD and the Archdiocese of Liverpool have put together a series of five short weekly sessions of prayer, reflection and discussion during Lent. We will be holding these sessions at 7pm each Tuesday in the meeting room at St Gregory's starting on **Tuesday 28th February**. Could you spare an hour each week to join us? Please come if you can.

STEP INTO THE GAP - A GAP YEAR WITH CAFOD


Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage.

Please visit the CAFOD website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gapyear

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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RESISTANCE CHEEK TUNIC
CLOAK BORROW LOVE
NEIGHBOUR ENEMY CREDIT




THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 19th February 2023 - 7th 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:

Awaiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 12th February 2023

Gift Aid: **£70.00**

Loose Plate: **£425.25**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The retiring collection today will be taken by the SVP

REFLECTION

Today's readings focus on holiness and loving our neighbour.

The first reading tells us not to bear grudges whilst the second reading reminds us that we are all God's temples. Jesus begins the gospel by quoting the Jewish Law; 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth' - in other words, if you hit me, I am entitled, even obliged to hit you back in retaliation. Tradition says that we are to love our friends and neighbours and hate our enemies, but Jesus says to us, that is not good enough! We are to love our enemies too. The command to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us seems impossible at times. When we have truly been wounded by another person, forgiveness is not as simple as flicking a switch - it takes time and patience.

Jesus tells us that we must find another way to solve our differences - he says, if someone hits you, offer no resistance, on the contrary, turn the other cheek. If someone takes your tunic, give them your cloak as well! He asks us to give whenever we are asked for something and never to turn away from or refuse anyone - not an easy task!

Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King both believed passionately in non-violence and passive resistance. Gandhi brought the British Empire to its knees by refusing to fight back - he never gave up and Martin Luther King fought for the dignity of all people and refused to fight, attack or use violence. They both looked to Jesus as their role model and example of how to live with hatred, violence and intolerance. They both actually turned the other cheek countless times when they marched and protested. Being able to love irrespective of any difficulties is a mark of a true believer. Love unites because it forgives, tolerates, and corrects gently and patiently (1Cor 13). A community that lacks true love never progresses and likewise, a family that lacks love never stands together. An individual who lacks love cannot love even him/herself. We can't control how others treat us; but we can decide how we respond and react to others - the choice is ours, not theirs. We need God's help to change our hearts to truly want to forgive. When the desire to forgive is growing in our hearts, then we can pray for the person who

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

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

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)

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

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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)

VIGIL FOR UKRAINE

Friday 24th February marks one year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. To mark this, there will be a vigil which will start on the plaza of the Metropolitan Cathedral at 4:30pm before continuing at Liverpool Cathedral at 5:30pm. All are welcome to this vigil which will include speakers representing a range of faiths, a choir of Ukrainian singers, Evensong sung by Liverpool Cathedral Choir and space to reflect, light candles, pray and sit in peace.

More details can be found here: [Vigil for Ukraine - Friday 24th February 4.30 pm | News](https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/vigil-for-ukraine-friday-24th-february-4.30-pm)
[liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 19 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Bert Southworth (A & BR) John & Elizabeth Watmough (A) Joanna Hardyman (LD) Private Intention (CER)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 19 Feb	11:00am	7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Jason Ogden	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 20 Feb	10:00am		Paul Kerrigan (LD) John Cooper (F)	
Tues 21 Feb	9:15am	St Peter Damian	Paul Eastham	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 22 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY	Bernard Marmion Agnes Lasker People of the Parish	Day of Fasting & Abstinence EXPOSITION 10:30am - 2:00pm
Thur 23 Feb	9:15am	St Polycarp	Victims of the earthquake in Turkey/Syria	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 24 Feb	8:30am 9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 25 Feb	10:00am		Canon Edward Banks (F)	
SUN 26 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	Petronilla Molloy (LD) Teresa Hamer Paul McManus (A)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 26 Feb	11:00am	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	Charles Holt (A) Winifred Maureen Hooson (A))	ST OSWALD'S