

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Please let us know if a member of your family is sick or unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion at home from one of the Eucharistic Ministers. If any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit, please contact St Joseph's Presbytery on 01257 262713. In an emergency the hospital switchboard will contact the on-call Catholic Priest.

THANKYOU

A big thank you to everybody who attended the Parish events last weekend and to all those who helped with the set up and running of the events. Although the weather wasn't brilliant, a good time was seemingly had by all. An overall profit was made and when figures are finalised, we will let you know what that is.

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.


ENVELOPES

For those who do not participate in Gift Aid but would like to use the weekly collection envelopes, these are now available at the back of church. Please feel free to take any box.

THE IRENAEUS CENTRE: 'THE SHAPING OF THINGS TO COME'

Reflecting on the future of our church, on our ministry and the way forward. Led by Sr. Moira Meeghan. Tuesdays 7.00pm - 8.30pm on 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th September. Come along to the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool, L22 1RD to share your thoughts and ideas as we journey together over the four evenings.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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T	E	R	A	S	E	N	N	E	G	DAUGHTER	DEVIL	LOST
I	O	L	L	E	W	I	S	R	O	SHEEP	WOMAN	HOUSEDOGS
N	S	R	D	O	O	F	A	H	D	SCRAPS	TABLE	WELL
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 20th August 2023 - 20th 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 13th Aug 2023

Gift Aid: **£78.00**

Loose Plate: **£408.95**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

When Jesus spoke, he spoke in parables and with authority - and the people listened to him and word of him spread throughout the countryside. When he healed and cured people, many others came to him with their own illnesses or brought their sick to him. In today's gospel we encounter Jesus engaging with one such person - a Canaanite woman whose daughter is seriously ill and needs to be healed.

Although Jesus initially refuses to listen to her, his encounter with her can teach us all a vital lesson about faith. This woman was not part of the Jewish community and she didn't follow their religious laws, making her an outsider but despite this, her unwavering faith caught Jesus' attention and because of her persistence, he gave her what she asked for and he healed her daughter. So how can this brave and courageous woman help us today? Very often, we are not that different from this woman as we too have our own struggles and difficulties. This is the time when we really need to have courage and pray - but prayer is not magic! As we know from experience, when we pray we do not always get what we want either immediately or automatically and when this happens it disappoints and frustrates us. How many times do we ask ourselves whether or not God has even heard our prayer? This naturally leads to the temptation to just give up. This Canaanite woman did the very opposite of giving up and going home, she kept making her case until she got what she wanted. Prayer is our way of sustaining our relationship with Jesus. It takes time, patience and as the woman in the gospel shows us, great perseverance. It's easy to pray when things are going well for us. We haven't any problem praying when we're not struggling or facing a painful and difficult situation. But when we are struggling, this is when we need to look at this woman as an example. The more that Jesus refused to listen to her, the more she kept on demanding that she be heard. In the end because of her faith, Jesus not only gave her what she wanted, he also singled her out and praised her for her faith. Today, let us make the prayer of this woman our own as we too pray, *Lord, help me?*

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 - 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, especially Geoff Parker 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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The Alpha course will begin on **14th September 2023 at 7pm at St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green** and meet every Thursday for eleven weeks. If you would be interested in becoming a Catholic, please can I encourage you to join the Alpha course as the beginning of your journey into the church at the Easter Vigil. The Alpha course gives time for reflection and support with others also on their journey. If you haven't registered, please see me.

Fr Graeme

VISITATION

Every few years one of the Bishops of the Archdiocese is asked by the Archbishop to undertake an official 'visitation' of the Parishes in the Deanery. This year, Bishop Thomas Neylon will be visiting both parishes in the coming weeks. There will be an opportunity at the visit for all parishioners to meet him over refreshments after the Sunday morning Masses. Bishop Tom will also visit members of the sick and housebound of the parish and the children in the primary schools. The dates of the visits are as follows:

St Gregory's 3rd - 8th September
 St Oswald's 9th - 14th September

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Catherine Fowler & Thomas Walsh** who are to be married at St Gregory's on Wednesday. We wish them every blessing as they begin their married life together.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's **Riley Terence Perrigo**
 Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 20 Aug	9:30am	20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Peter Brunt (A) Agnes Price (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 20 Aug	11:00am	20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Colin Fishwick (A) Private Intention	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 21 Aug	10:00am	St Pius X	Young People of the Parish	
Tues 22 Aug	9:15am	The Queenship of Mary	Mary Lovatt (BR)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 23 Aug	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Rose of Lima WEDDING SERVICE	Fr Francis Flynn Catherine Fowler & Thomas Walsh	NO EXPOSITION TODAY
Thur 24 Aug	9:15am	St Bartholomew	For all those who are sick	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 25 Aug	8:30am	St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 26 Aug	10:00am	Blessed Dominic Barberi	Dolly Dunne (BR)	
SUN 27 Aug	9:30am	21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Bernard Marmion Margaret Mary Ellison	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 27 Aug	11:00am	21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Elizabeth Hilton (BR)	ST OSWALD'S