

## CONFIRMATION 2024

The website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will remain open until the **15<sup>th</sup> March**. For those young people in Year 8 attending Catholic High Schools in the Liverpool Archdiocese, preparation and registration will be coordinated through the school. Any young people in Year 8 attending non-Catholic High Schools can register for Confirmation preparation at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). They will then be invited to take a part in a 'catch up' session that will try to cover what they have missed in the RE classes of our diocesan Catholic schools. There is a poster in the church porch which contains a QR code which candidates from non-Catholic High Schools can scan in order to register.

### REVIEW OF PARISH LIST OF THE SICK

After the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February), we will renew the list of those who are sick in our parishes as included on our Parish Newsletter. If you would like to add or remove any names from the list, please could you let us know asap. Thank you.

### WATER

Please note: the water supply to the cemeteries has now been turned off until the Spring to prevent burst pipes. Please be aware, during this period you will need to supply your own water for flowers/pots on graves. Thank you.

### LOST PROPERTY

There are still a significant number of cold weather clothing items (hats, gloves etc.) that have been left behind after Mass. If you think you may have left something behind which belongs to you, please contact the Parish Office asap. Thank you.

### CEMETERIES

Please note: All Christmas wreaths/pots will be removed when dead or after the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February 2024)**. If you wish to keep any pots or wreaths, please remove them yourself. Any remaining ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office for **4 weeks** after which they will be disposed of. Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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ARRESTED	GALILEE	GOOD
NEWS	HAND	REPENT
BELIEVE	CASTING	FOLLOW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	BOAT



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

Sunday 21st January 2024 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

### REFLECTION

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus at the start of his public ministry called on people to follow him. In the case of the first of his disciples, they weren't praying at the time, nor were they in the temple or the synagogue but we are told he called on them whilst they doing their ordinary daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. Jesus called them by their names and the disciples immediately dropped everything to follow him. Many of us today would find such a sudden and radical request impossible - there are probably only a few things for which we would willingly contemplate dropping everything without question - and yet this is the immediacy with which these first disciples responded to Jesus. They were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important things in their lives. Without doubt, all four of these men would have had dreams and expectations of their own, most likely involving their families and their fishing business. But the gospel doesn't say anything about their expectations because it focuses on what is most important - Jesus called them, and they trusted him enough to follow him. Of course when they followed him many things changed. They were not catching fish anymore, but people. They were traveling with Jesus around Galilee and Judea, listening to his teaching, witnessing his death and resurrection, and proclaiming the good news throughout the world. Jesus called them and they followed him - he sent them out in his name, not their own. Today, in the same way, Jesus continues to call each of us by our own name through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Those in the gospel today dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus when he called them - our response may not be quite as quick, but it doesn't need to be! We all follow Jesus at our own pace, in our time and in our own way. The important thing to remember is that Jesus never stops calling us by our name, continually inviting us to follow him with these words, 'if you want to be my disciple, come, take up your cross and follow me'. Let us pray that in our needy world of today, we will all strive to do our best, as now more than ever we are called to reach out to others.

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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 14th Jan 2024

Gift Aid: **£57.50**

Loose Plate: **£349.33**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

### Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan  
Fr Laurence Mayne - Teresa Abernethy - Rita Compton - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath  
Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Jimmy Waddington - Sarah O'Connor

*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  
Fr Jonathan Cotton, Susan Catterall & Barbara Edwards 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



### BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's  
**Alessia & Cecilia Sole Rao**  
Please keep them and their families in your prayers  
as they start out on their faith journey.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH - 25TH JANUARY 2024

On Thursday 18th January we began a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The chosen theme  
this year is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27).

Resources for the week of prayer are available at:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-Christian-Unity-2024/>

There will be a Breakfast & Prayer Service for Christian Unity at St Laurence's Church on  
**Friday 26th January starting at 9:30am.** All are welcome to attend.

### VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (IN THEIR 20s & 30s)

**Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life**

**Dates: 16-18 February 2024**

**Location: Liverpool**

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).  
If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more, why  
not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday  
for the day. There will be an opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, a chance to ask  
questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com)  
or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Do not be afraid, for I am with you'

*Isaiah 43:5*

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 21 Jan	9:30am	3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Valerie Bretherton Christina Catterall	ST GREGORY'S SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
	6:30pm		Fr Graeme Dunne	
SUN 21 Jan	11:00am	3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Shirley Langstrath (WA) Geoffrey Gore	ST OSWALD'S SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
Mon 22 Jan	10:00am	St Vincent	Margaret Dearden (LD)	
Tues 23 Jan	9:15am		Kevin Davis (BR)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 24 Jan	8:30am	St Francis de Sales	Kevin Fishwick (LD)	EXPOSITION 10:00am -12:00noon
	1:30pm	REQUIEM MASS	Susan Catterall	
Thurs 25 Jan	9:15am	The Conversion of St Paul	Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm <i>End of octave for Christian Unity</i>
	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Barbara Edwards	
Fri 26 Jan	8:30am	St Timothy & St Titus	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 27 Jan	10:00am	St Angela Merici	Barbara Green & Family	
SUN 28 Jan	9:30am	4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Ken Edwards (A) Derek Parker (A)	ST GREGORY'S DAY OF PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 28 Jan	11:00am	4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	LISCF	ST OSWALD'S DAY OF PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE