



### BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's  
**Joseph Alker & Reggie Sharples**  
Please keep them and their families in your  
prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

### MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note the changes in Mass times this week as Fr Graeme will be attending  
meetings in Liverpool.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

Please keep in your prayers all of our young people who are to receive the  
Sacrament of Confirmation over the next few weeks.

### EOHSJ

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) is a Catholic organisation  
that supports the Christians in the Holy Land. To find out more about this work visit:  
[www.eohsj.org.uk](http://www.eohsj.org.uk)

### THANK YOU

St Gregory's SVP thank all parishioners for their kind and generous offerings of  
**£220.66** from the May collection.

### SPONSOR A WHEELCHAIR APPEAL

Sincere thanks to all those who have so generously donated to the 'Sponsor a Wheelchair'  
appeal. We have collected enough to sponsor 4 wheelchairs. Thank you all.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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HEAVEN	PRAYING
FATHER	WORK
HOUR	BELONG
GLORIFY	WORLD
POWER	EARTH



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

Sunday 21st May 2023 - 7th Sunday of Easter, 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 14th May 2023

Gift Aid: **£97.70**

Loose Plate: **£301.26**

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 World  
Communications

### REFLECTION

In the general calendar of the Church, this 'Seventh Sunday of Easter' is the Sunday which falls between the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Today's Gospel reading is the beginning of a prayer, sometimes called Jesus' 'High-Priestly Prayer', which appears at the conclusion of the Last Supper just before Jesus is arrested in the garden. It is the longest recorded prayer of Jesus in the Gospel. It unfolds in three main sections: Jesus prays for himself (Jn 17:1-5), then for his apostles who have been closely associated with him during his mission (Jn 17: 6-19) and finally for the unity of future disciples (Jn 20-26). He prays for his disciples, present and future, who will face opposition and for those who will welcome his Word. All three parts are, in this way, caught up in the one and same offering of Jesus to the Father. In this prayer of total abandonment to God, his coming suffering and death take on the meaning as a 'total gift'. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, that of revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. We also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. Jesus' prayer is therefore for the disciples' work in the world. Jesus also prayed for all those who would have faith in him because of the disciples' teaching. We are the ones now who are called to be the witnesses of Jesus in our world. We are called and challenged to be the face and voice of Jesus in a world that cries out for hope, peace, equality and justice. We are reminded that Jesus Christ is the source of Christian unity. We are all united with one another and with God. The heart of Jesus' prayer for his disciples and for us is that God will keep us united as Jesus and the Father are united and that God will protect us always.

### 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

*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  
 Alison Lewis & John Rhodes Ellison 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

### PARISH CELEBRATION 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Our Annual Parish celebration on **Saturday 10th June at 12:30pm** is now fully subscribed.  
 If you have reserved a place but for any reason find you are unable to attend, please do let us  
 know in good time so that your place can be filled.

Thanks & God Bless!

Fr Graeme

### 60th JUBILEE MASS

There will be a special Mass of Celebration for Mgr McKenna's Diamond Jubilee on **Thursday  
 8th June at 7:00pm** at St Gregory's Weldbank. All are welcome to attend.



### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Eleanor Vickers & Alexander Watson** who were  
 married at St Gregory's on Friday. We wish them every blessing as  
 they begin their married life together.

### CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR

On Sunday 25 June at 5pm, there will be a celebration Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral to  
 mark the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Mass is a chance for pilgrims past and present  
 to come together to celebrate this milestone. All are welcome to attend.

### THE NEED FOR FREEDOM

The Metropolitan Cathedral has been chosen to exhibit the sculpture 'The Need for Freedom'  
 by prominent contemporary Ukrainian artist, Dmytro Iv. This striking artwork, which shows  
 the figure of a chained but rising woman, represents Ukraine's struggle for peace and  
 freedom. Following the exhibition, the sculpture will be put up for auction with the proceeds  
 donated to organisations supporting migrants and orphans in Ukraine. The Metropolitan  
 Cathedral is open seven days a week between 8am - 6pm and entrance is free.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 21 May	9:30am 6:30pm	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Pauline Critchley Eddie & Tim Donegan Harry & Doreen Ainscough	WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY ST GREGORY'S
SUN 21 May	11:00am	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY ST OSWALD'S
Mon 22 May	9:00am*	St Rita of Cascia	Anne Grimes (F) Mgr McKenna (60th Jubilee)	
Tues 23 May	9:15am		Nicholas Jackson & Family	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 24 May	8:30am		John Todd (A)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 25 May	9:15am*	St Bede the Venerable	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 26 May	8:30am 9:15am	St Philip Neri	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 27 May	10:00am	St Augustine of Canterbury	Canon Richard Firth (F) Sarah Hardman (F)	
SUN 28 May	9:30am 6:30pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Bert Parker (A) Vera Critchley (BR) Paul Tuson (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 28 May	11:00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY		ST OSWALD'S