

WORLD MISSION DAY 2023

Today we celebrate World Mission Day, the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. We offer our prayers and join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News. Our special collection today is for APF World Missions as we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. There will be a display at the back of church at St Oswald's to promote World Missions and if anybody is interested in having a red box in their home, please let me know.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month is Black History month and is an opportunity for us all to celebrate the rich heritage of our Catholic communities. The Archdiocese are seeking to gather stories from black and other people of colour and will be holding a series of conversations around the AD.

If you would like to be part of this conversation, please contact p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk.

Resources are available from the Catholic Bishop's Conference

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice/>

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Applications are now open for young people to travel to Lourdes as part of the annual Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage. Next year's pilgrimage runs from 18th - 27th July 2024 and is open to young people aged between 15 (or in Year 10) and 22. Coach 5 covers the Lancashire area of the Archdiocese and takes young people from the schools and colleges of:

All Hallows, Penwortham, St. Mary's, Leyland
 Holy Cross, Chorley, St. Peter's, Orrell
 St. John Rigby Sixth Form, Orrell
 Cardinal Newman Sixth Form, Preston

Applications are made on line at www.liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk. Please contact Ben McMullen, Coach Leader, at lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 22nd October 2023 - 29th 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 15th Oct 2023

Gift Aid: **£73.50**

Loose Plate: **£368.90**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

There is a collection box at the back of church for your Harvest Fast envelopes.

REFLECTION

There is an old saying that the only things certain in this world are death and taxes. It appears from today's gospel that at the time of Jesus, taxes had to be paid then also! The religious leaders in Jerusalem never missed an opportunity to try and trap Jesus - they were always hoping that he would say or do something that would make him look foolish in front of his friends and followers. As they continue their exchange of questions, they try to entrap him by questioning him about the payment of taxes. The two groups ask Jesus to take sides in their dispute - the Herodians favour the payment of taxes; the Pharisees oppose it. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome but if he answers with the Herodians, he will offend popular Jewish religious sensibilities. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks for a Roman coin and proceeds to ask his questioners to examine it. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them with simple logic that it must belong to Caesar. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God that which belongs to God. Jesus uses the coin's image to discuss ownership, implying that just as the coin bears Caesar's image, humans, made in God's image, belong to him. This interaction highlights a distinct separation between earthly obligations and spiritual commitments. Just because we are followers of Jesus, doesn't mean that we are exempt from living in the real world - we have to work, earn money to spend on the things we need to stay alive. Bills have to be paid and we too have to pay our taxes to keep the economy going. Paying taxes, as unpleasant as it might be, is an earthly duty. It's part of living in a society where everyone must contribute. However, Jesus' answer also alludes to a deeper truth. Whilst we owe certain obligations to our governments and leaders, our ultimate allegiance is always to God. Today, let the words of the Gospel remind us in whose image we are made and for what purpose we should be 'spent'. Everything we are, everything we do and everything we have comes from God.

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, especially Agnes Latham, Eileen Finn & Roger Turner 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

If your child is in Year 4 and not in any of our Catholic primary schools, please contact Fr Graeme as soon as possible to register your child for First Holy Communion and preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you.

ST MARY OF THE ISLE INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas, has been granted cathedral status by Pope Francis as a co-cathedral of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The inauguration ceremony, at which Archbishop Malcolm will be installed in his seat by the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will take place on **Friday 3 November at 12 noon**. The canons of the Metropolitan Cathedral will also be installed. Ecumenical partners and civic dignitaries will have a role in the liturgy. On this historic day for the Isle of Man, the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the wider church, we welcome people across the Archdiocese to join the celebration online by watching the livestream: <https://manxcatholic.org.uk/#livestream>

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A big thank you to all those who supported our Macmillan fundraising events last weekend. We raised the grand total of **£1,000** which will be sent to the charity in your name. There is just one raffle prize yet to be claimed Ticket No: 836-840 (green & white SN: AD801520).

If you have got that ticket, your prize can be collected from the sacristy after Mass.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Mitchell & Maggie Ann Houlihan
 Please keep them and their family in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL ONLINE

The October edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here:
<https://tinyurl.com/yskvrxp>

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 22 Oct	9:30am	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Kathleen Green (A) Christina Catterall	ST GREGORY'S WORLD MISSION DAY
	6:30pm		Vincent Spedding (S) John Fishwick (BR)	
SUN 22 Oct	11:00am	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Adrian Hart (A)	ST OSWALD'S WORLD MISSION DAY
Mon 23 Oct	10:00am	St John of Capestrano	Margaret Mary Ellison Agnes Latham (LD)	
Tues 24 Oct	9:15am	St Anthony Mary Claret	Sylvester Woods (F)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 25 Oct	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Agnes Latham	NO EXPOSITION TODAY
Thur 26 Oct	9:15am	St Chad & St Cedd	Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 27 Oct	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 28 Oct	10:00am	St Simon & St Jude	Margaret Finney (LD)	
SUN 29 Oct	9:30am	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jim & Kath Dunn	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Bernard Corcoran (A)	
SUN 29 Oct	11:00am	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bernard & Mary Rigby (A)	ST OSWALD'S