

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and will close on the 17th March 2023. Any young person in year 8 can register for Sacramental preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. While the registration period is open Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament in their RE classes. If you have a child who attends a non-Catholic school but would like to be confirmed, please speak to Fr Graeme as soon as possible.

COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on **Wednesday 8th February, 7.30pm - 9.00pm** in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7.00pm.

The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, email: Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk

WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL REUNION 2023

The annual reunion will take place on **Saturday February 18th 2023 from 1pm - 4pm.** at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood, PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and staff) are welcome to attend.

CEMETERIES

Just a reminder, all Christmas wreaths and pots will be removed when dead or after the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February 2023).

If you wish to keep any pots or wreaths, please remove them yourself.

Any ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

M	I	W	E	R	D	N	A	P	M
S	U	L	E	D	E	B	E	Z	E
E	J	A	M	E	S	T	N	E	U
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Z	N	A	D	R	O	J	S	C	A
N	U	G	U	B	E	Z	I	N	C

GALILEE	CAPERNAUM	ZEBULUN
NAPHTALI	JORDAN	ISAIAH
SIMON	PETER	ANDREW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	JOHN



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 22nd January 2023 - 3rd 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:

Edward Brierley

REFLECTION

Today's readings are centered on the Word of God. The

Gospel reading is from the 4th of the 28 chapters of St Matthew's account, the first two chapters, focussing on the advent and infancy of Jesus. Today's Gospel account begins the public life of Jesus in the cities and villages of Galilee. His 'mission does not begin in the religious, social and political centre of Jerusalem, but in an area on the outskirts looked down upon by the most observant Jews because in that region, various foreign peoples of different races, cultures, and religions converged. In this way, Galilee became a symbolic place for the Gospel to become open to all nations.

After Jesus called two sets of brothers to become 'fishers of men', he performed three works of public ministry - teaching, preaching, and curing the sick. When choosing his first disciples and future apostles, he did not turn to the schools of scribes and doctors of the Law, but to simple, humble people to diligently prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus chose to call them where they worked on the lakeshore as fishermen - he called them by name and they left their nets and followed him immediately. The fact that the short form

of today's Gospel reading ends by focusing upon Jesus' preaching suggests how central preaching was to his public ministry. In fact, the only words that we hear Jesus preaching in today's Gospel reading are: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. Repentance is the first word of Jesus' preaching the Word of God and for those who hear the Word of God, repentance is the first word of following Jesus.

Our world of today with its many different cultures, is a bit like Galilee. We live in a world where we too are immersed in a kind of 'Galilee of the nations', a world which at times may make us feel threatened or afraid - a world in which we may try to build fences to make us feel safer and more protected. But Jesus teaches us that the Good News, which he brings, is not reserved for just one part of the human race but is to be communicated to everyone regardless of race, culture or creed - and that is our mission. Today, God is calling each of us to work with him in the 'Galilee' of our times. He is calling each of us by name - Come Follow Me!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 15th January 2023

Gift Aid: **£94.83**

Loose Plate: **£317.35**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

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

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 Maureen Jackson & Peter Riding
 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.

NB: Please be cautious and do not attend if you have any symptoms.

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)

THURSDAY: **EXPOSITION** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

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)

BAPTISMS



Baptisms take place at St Gregory's at 1:00pm on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and at St Oswald's at 12:15pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you would like to book a baptism for your child, please see Fr Graeme after one of the Sunday Masses. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 22 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Christina Catterall (A) Mary Jane Barton (A) Shirley Langstrath (WA)	ST GREGORY'S SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
SUN 22 Jan	11:00am	3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Geoff Gore (A) Francis & Victoria Arnold (WA)	ST OSWALD'S SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
Mon 23 Jan	10:00am		Kevin Davis (BR) Margaret Mary Ellison (A)	
Tues 24 Jan	9:15am	St Francis de Sales	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 25 Jan	8:30am	The Conversion of St Paul	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 26 Jan	9:15am	St Timothy & St Titus	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 27 Jan	8:30am 9:15am	St Angela Merici	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 28 Jan	10:00am	St Thomas Aquinas	Margaret Dickinson (LD) Special Intention	
SUN 29 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Derek Parker (A) Ken Edwards (A) The People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 29 Jan	11:00am	4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Paul Eastham	ST OSWALD'S