

DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE CORONATION

There are some prayer booklets for the Coronation at the back of church - apologies that they are a little late being put out but I hadn't realised that preparation for the Coronation actually started on Easter Sunday!

SPONSOR A WHEELCHAIR APPEAL

To coincide with their centenary, the Lourdes Pilgrimage group are hoping to fund a number of new wheelchairs and are appealing for sponsorship. The sponsorship could be in memory of someone who has died, or on behalf of a parish, family or organisation. The cost of a sponsored wheelchair is £400 to include an engraved plaque with the name of your chosen individual or group and a fitted seatbelt - those people would then be part of the Lourdes journey both this year and for many more years to come. If you are interested, please let me know or email: lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk

PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE!

Would anybody be interested in a Parish trip to France later this year? Fr Simon Henry, PP at St Catherine's Farington is sounding out interest from Parish Groups in staying at St Peter's International College during the summer recess (July-Aug). The school is in the pretty village of Saint-Pierre-de-Maille in the Vienne region of France. Flights would be direct from Manchester to Limoges Airport and transfer to the College by road is a journey of about one and a half hours. The estimated cost based on today's flight costs for 7 nights including meals (with wine!) & excursions would be around £645. (Excluding luggage charges and insurance). Accommodation is in twin en-suite rooms, simple but comfortable and there would be no surcharge for single bookings. Please let me know if you would be interested!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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VILLAGE	EMMAUS	FACES
DOWNCAST	ISRAEL	FOOLISH
ORDAINED	GLORY	EVENING
BREAD	BLESSING	RECOGNISED



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 23rd April 2023 - 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

REFLECTION

This Sunday we experience another appearance of the Risen Lord to two of his friends and followers. The two disciples are leaving Jerusalem and are walking to Emmaus. Having just experienced the betrayal, denial, condemnation and death of their close friend, Jesus, they have turned their back on the place where their dreams were shattered, and, with a sense of failure and grave disappointment they leave Jerusalem. As they walk along, they are talking about all the events that have just happened. As they carry on their journey a stranger comes alongside them and asks them a simple and polite question; 'What are you talking about as you walk along?'. They ask if he is the only one who does not know about all the things that have happened in Jerusalem. The stranger asks them another question; 'What things? He is interested in everything that has happened to them. As they walk and talk, the stranger simply listens to them. Only when they have told him of all the things that have happened to them does he reveal that he is the Risen Lord! Jesus makes as if to go on, but they press him to stay and to share supper with them. Whilst they are at table, he takes bread, blesses it and hands it to them and at once, their eyes and hearts are opened. This is an image and symbol of the Pilgrim Church which we are all part of. We too are walking along with each other as members of the Body of Christ. We are not alone - Jesus walks with us on our journey as individuals and as a church. He is deeply interested in our story and asks each of us what our own personal experience and story is. As we walk along on our journey through life, Jesus walks by our side and listens to us just as he walked along the road to Emmaus with the two disciples. He asks us to tell him our story and waits for us to share with him what is most important to us. Each of us has a personal, unique and sacred story. Pope Francis reminds us of this when he says, 'Each of us have a story; a story of grace, a story of sin, a story of journey, many things. It is good to pray with our story.' Today, as we continue our journey through this Easter Season, let us pray that we will all come to know that Jesus is walking by our side as our friend and companion in our journey and pilgrimage through daily life.

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Awaiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 16th April 2023

Gift Aid: **£84.50**

Loose Plate: **£406.73**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection next week is for the Priests Training Fund

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - 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
 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

RETURN TO A NEW NORMAL?

As of Maundy Thursday the Bishop's of England and Wales have said that
 Communion under both kinds can be re-introduced at Masses.

Thank you to all those who expressed an opinion in response to my request for views on
 this last week. Whilst there was a wide range of views, the over riding majority was to start
 at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. A number of people expressed their
 desire to receive communion under both kinds and so this will be offered, however, please
 can I emphasise that this is an option and no one including Eucharistic Ministers should feel
 that they have to receive from the chalice.

I have reintroduced the phrase 'Let us offer each other the sign of peace' and again people
 are free to offer that sign in whatever way they feel comfortable. As for coming forward for
 communion, each Mass is different and so a flexible approach will be adopted until new
 norms develop. However, I don't feel there is a need for stewarding of people to
 communion but it would be nice if the slow and dignified queuing continued.

The Ministry of Welcome which has grown since Covid will be retained.

PRAY IN MAY WITH MARY'S MEALS

In this month dedicated to Our Lady we invite you to join us in praying for the work of Mary's
 Meals, a mission carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some
 of the world's poorest communities. This meal brings children into the classroom where they
 can get an education, offering hope of a better future. Our work began with prayer and
 prayer has sustained our rapid growth. Please join us in praying for:

- all the children who receive Mary's Meals
- all those who have grown up eating Mary's Meals and gone out into the world as adults
- all the children still waiting for Mary's meals, that we will be able to reach them soon.

A prayer for hope

Thank you for the hope that life-changing meals bring to the communities that Mary's Meals
 serve. May the work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may
 those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their
 education and voices to change their communities for the better. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 23 Apr	9:30am 6:30pm	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ann & Agnes Walsh (A) Mark Southworth (LD) Tommy McGuigan (A) St Gregory's SVP (A)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 23 Apr	11:00am	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Brian Finnigan (BR)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 24 Apr	10:00am	St George	Pauline Critchley (LD) Stanley Bolton (LD)	
Tues 25 Apr	9:15am 11:00am	St Mark FUNERAL SERVICE	Charlotte Fishwick (BR) Frigga Hayes	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 26 Apr	8:30am		Valerie Bretherton Rev W. P. Henry (F)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 27 Apr	9:15am 1:00pm	St Maughold REQUIEM MASS	Livinia Turner (A) Michael Crook	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fr 28 Apr	8:30am 9:15am	St Peter Chanel & St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 29 Apr	10:00am	St Catherine of Siena	Sam Smith (A) Special Intention (G & I)	DAY FOR EUROPE
SUN 30 Apr	9:30am 1:00pm 6:30pm	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER WEDDING SERVICE	Jim & Kath Dunn Hugh O'Daly (LD) Elizabeth Hodgkinson & Christopher Jones People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
SUN 30 Apr	11:00am	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	William Ingram (A) Philip Compton (BR) William & Ann Higham (BR)	ST OSWALD'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS