

HARVEST & FRUITS OF THE EARTH SUNDAY

Today is a special day of prayer for Harvest, a day on which we praise God for his provision through creation, but also a day where we acknowledge the problems of a world of uneven distribution of resources. Let us therefore celebrate the abundance of God's gifts we each share and seek to respond with gratitude and generosity to those who are less fortunate.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day this year will be on **Friday 6 October 2023**. There are envelopes at the back of the church for your kind donations. We will keep the appeal open until the end of October.

SVP - APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS - REVISED DATE

There will be a short address by the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) at all Masses next Sunday. For 190 years, the SVP has worked to bring Christ's love, charity and justice to the poor and isolated in local communities. We are keen to hear from you, what is the need in your community and how we might encourage, support, and fund people's best efforts in your own neighbourhood. For those interested, there will be a follow up information meeting at St Gregory's RC Church, Weldbank Lane, Chorley, Lancs PR7 3NW on October 10 2023 at 19:00/7pm and an online Zoom meeting on October 12 2023 at 19:00/7pm

Meeting ID: 867 5817 0654 Passcode: 349125

[For further details, please contact preston@svp.org.uk](mailto:preston@svp.org.uk)


FAMILY FORGE - APPEAL FOR BICYCLES

The Family Forge is a registered charity based in Skelmersdale on the edge of the Merseyside Region. Skelmersdale houses a significant share of the regions' allocation of asylum seekers and refugees. The Family Forge group are engaged in work to support family life through education of people from many nationalities, cultures and religions, including families, married and single men and women. They are currently appealing for unwanted bicycles so if you find you have one that you don't need any more, please do get in touch with them:

Email: info@familyforge.org or FB: [family forge](https://www.facebook.com/familyforge) or Website: www.familyforge.org

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 24th September 2023 - 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

REFLECTION

How many of us fall into a trap when we first read one of Jesus' parables? That's because a parable is a story that is not as obvious as it first looks and it may take several readings before its message and meaning is revealed to us - it's a bit like a story with the wrong ending; or at least not the ending we were expecting! Today's Gospel contains one such parable that might prove to be a challenge to us. If I did a full day's work and the person sitting next to me only did half a day's work, but we were both paid exactly the same amount, would I not have every right to feel cheated? On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Surely those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two? When viewed in this way, the landowner seems to be unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived ideas of how fairness and equality should be quantified. A closer read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated with the workers and therefore he acted fairly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and shows us that the landowner is exceptionally just. He has given those who laboured in the field for a full day their due pay, but he also gave a full day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive more abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. What more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal? The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers us abundantly and equally. We are sometimes tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward than the actions of others, but, when we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's. The way God works in and through people's lives are not our ways, but his. Today we are all invited equally by God to build the Kingdom....and we should always remember the conclusion we find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first!

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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 17th Sept 2023

Gift Aid: **£86.00**

Loose Plate: **£336.70**

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

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
 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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - WEEK 1

As part of the pastoral statistics that we compile every year, the total number attending Mass in each parish will be recorded over the next four successive Sunday's.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Harry Joseph Pilling
 Please keep him and his family in your
 prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

*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.*

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.

YORK PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND

During the weekend of the 21st-22nd October 2023, Young Catholic Adults and the
 Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and
 will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's
 Abbey. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>.

ST KILLIAN'S CANDLE STANDS

Many thanks for all your positive feedback received on the new candle stands.
 They will be a permanent fixture going forward.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 24 Sep	9:30am	25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Barbara Edwards (S) Joan Wilcock (LD)	ST GREGORY'S HARVEST SUNDAY
	6:30pm		The Bond Family (F)	
SUN 24 Sep	11:00am	25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Charles Eastham (A) Robert 'Bob' Hooson (A)	ST OSWALD'S HARVEST SUNDAY
Mon 25 Sep	10:00am		John X. Chisnall (LD)	
Tues 26 Sep	9:15am	St Cosmos & St Damian	Fr John Rigby	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 27 Sep	8:30am	St Vincent de Paul	John McLoughlin (Jnr) (LD)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00
Thur 28 Sep	9:15am	St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence Ruiz	LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 29 Sep	8:30am	St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 30 Sep	10:00am	St Jerome	Joan Wilcock (LD)	
SUN 01 Oct	9:30am	26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Bernard Marmion Jim & Kath Dunn	ST GREGORY'S ROSARY SUNDAY
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 01 Oct	11:00am	26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention	ST OSWALD'S ROSARY SUNDAY