

DIACONATE

Dear Parishioners, it is with deep sadness that I have to inform you that those responsible for Michael Hall's formation to the diaconate have decided, for academic reasons, that it is not the right time to ordain him to the diaconate this year. We are awaiting further clarification on this. I would like to thank Michael for his hard work and commitment in his years of formation and in the work that he has done in the Parish.

I realise that this must come as a surprise to many, especially those who were looking forward to celebrating with Michael at the Cathedral. Those who were booked to go on the coach will of course be reimbursed.

Please keep Michael in your prayers.

God Bless
Fr Graeme

YOUTH MASS

There will be our final Youth Mass of the academic year at the 6:30 pm mass on

Sunday the 2nd of July.

An open invitation to all the youth of the area and it would be lovely to see the non youth supporting them in their faith journey.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Please keep in your prayers the children in both parishes who made their First Holy Communion yesterday and those who will make it today .

May God bless them all.



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

Sunday 25th June 2023 - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

REFLECTION

These days, many people suffer from anxiety. We are all facing a world with many problems and difficulties. For anyone seeking an antidote to restlessness and fear, today's readings have something to say about peace and God's presence in our lives and world that is worth exploring. Jeremiah, the prophet speaks of his persecutors insulting him, trying to incite fear and failure. How many people, young people especially, suffer from this sort of behavior from others on line through social media or even in person? Noteworthy in the Jeremiah reading is that despite his enemies' bullying and fear mongering, Jeremiah is assured: "The Lord is with me." God is a peaceful, energetic response to his and so to our anxiety.

Though anxious thoughts can seem all-consuming, we are not alone in moments of darkness, peace is near. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples, and therefore us, that he speaks in darkness. When we feel in a dark place, Jesus is saying to us, you are still loved, and still alive. This is God's voice, a gift that brings peace. This peace reminds us that we are never truly alone. Even though the existence of the stars, galaxies and the whole Universe illustrates to us just how small we are in comparison. Even so we are re-assured that we are known and loved: "Even the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows," Jesus tells us.

May we accept this reality, not only for ourselves, but also for those around us who might need a reminder that God is near and all people are precious in his sight, that can see even in the darkest place.

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Waiting Appointment

**WEEKLY COLLECTION
w/c 18th June 2023**

Gift Aid: **47.50**
Loose Plate: **381.55**
Standing Orders: **186.25**

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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L	E	I	P	R	I	F	E	L	T	WHISPERS
Y	C	S	K	D	R	L	L	L	R	KILL
A	L	P	I	N	L	A	C	I	O	SOUL
D	A	E	H	U	F	E	P	K	Y	DESTROY
A	R	R	O	H	R	A	P	S	T	SPARROWS
S	E	S	P	I	H	W	O	S	E	PENNY
										HEAD
										HUNDREDS

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 - Susan Yates - Barbara Edwards – Brenda McGuigan

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

CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR

This **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.

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate a Good Shepherd Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool on **Wednesday 28 June at 11am**. All are welcome to attend.

CAFOD: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM CAMPAIGN

“God blessed them and said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the earth and every tree with seed as its fruit; you shall have them for food,” [Gen. 1: 29]. CAFOD’s Parish Campaign is to ensure that small farmers who grow nearly half of the world’s food can continue to choose to use their own seeds and not be made dependent on huge seed corporations funded by the World Bank. We ask clergy and parishioners’ support by signing jointly a letter from Salina, a small farmer from Bangladesh to the World Bank to address this abuse at their October meeting. No further contact details are needed.

To find more, search cafod.org.uk/food, or contact CAFOD’s Colette or Ged via liverpool@cafod.org.uk.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory’s
Theo James Lister
 Please keep him and his family in your
 prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 25 Jun	9:30am	12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem	ST GREGORY’S
	6:30pm		Patrick McManus	
SUN 25 Jun	11:00am	12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem & John Mc Greevy	ST OSWALD’S
Mon 26 Jun	10:00am		Margaret Kenyon Bryan Gilgun (A)	
Tues 27 Jun	11:00am	St John Southworth	REQUIEM Annie Woodruff	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 28 Jun	8:30am	St Irenaeus	Christien Dings (BR)	EXPOSITION 10:00 - 12:00noon
Thur 29 Jun	9:15am	SS Peter & Paul	Sylvester Woods Neil Haydock (A)	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
Fri 30 Jun	8:30am		EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 1 July	10:00am	St Oliver Plunkett	Private Intention	
SUN 2 July	9:30am	13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Teresa Iddon (A) Mary Halton	ST GREGORY’S
	6:30pm		Youth Mass	
SUN 2 July	11:00am	13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Margaret Ingram (BR) Ernest Farrimond	ST OSWALD’S