

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If there is anybody whose child goes to a non-catholic school who would like them to make their First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Graeme after Mass or contact the Parish Office Tel: 01257 262462. Registration continues until 9th October.

PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL

Sincere thanks for your kind and generous offerings for the Pakistan Flood Appeal. Your donations will go towards providing clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter to those most affected. Further donations can be placed in the collection bucket but please label clearly 'Pakistan Flood Appeal'.

You can also donate online at: cafod.org.uk/give

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - 7TH OCTOBER 2022

Today, millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be worse than any we've lived through - a crisis created by other disasters: climate change, coronavirus, and conflict in Ukraine, meaning food prices are skyrocketing. This year, the CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 7th October is an opportunity for us all to join together so that families around the world survive today and have food for all their tomorrows. By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis. No-one deserves to go hungry.

WRAP UP WARM FOR WINTER APPEAL

This winter is going to be challenging for many people due to soaring food and fuel costs but even more so for those living on the streets or in need. With this in mind, over the next few weeks we will be collecting small items of warm clothing (**hats, scarves and gloves only**) for those less fortunate than ourselves who have no place to call home and for whom winter is going to be a battle for survival. Unfortunately we are unable to take larger items. Your donations can be left at the back of church or dropped off at the presbytery. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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RICH PURPLE LINEN
 SORES ANGELS TORMENT
 BOSOM FLAMES AGONY
 BROTHERS WARNING DEAD



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 25th September 2022 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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Registered Charity No: 232709

Church Office Hours:

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 18th September 2022

Gift Aid: **£85.11**

Loose Plate: **£259.53**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

All of the readings this Sunday are continuations of those from last Sunday and centre on the day of God's judgement. Most importantly, they point to the end of the unjust and the triumph and comfort of the poor and just. Today's gospel puts before us the abundance of the rich man versus the poverty of Lazarus. He is lying at the rich man's door with the dogs as his only companions. The rich man simply steps over Lazarus - he is so self-absorbed that Lazarus' condition does not affect him in any way. When both die, Lazarus inherits eternal life with God, but the rich man doesn't fare quite as well. Only when he dies does he take notice of Lazarus, but by then it's too late. Our modern society and the wider world are places of extremes - on one side of the coin there are the very wealthy and on the other the desperately poor. In the media we see and hear so many stories of people who have more money, wealth and riches than they know what to do with and conversely more and more we see those who are struggling just to stay alive each day. Politicians tell us that our economies are 'recovering' yet the number of food banks and charity shops is growing daily. Many churches and charities report that more people than ever are looking for help and support just to provide the basic necessities of life. Today's gospel puts before us two very challenging questions: How do I treat others, especially the poor and marginalised? How do I respond when someone else asks for my help? We hear the gospel every time we celebrate the Eucharist, but its message about how we are to live as followers of Jesus does not only come from scripture, it also comes through those lying at our door, and through those who we see begging on our streets. We only need to open our eyes to see them and we only need to listen to them to help them. The rich man did nothing either to or for Lazarus. His sin was indifference. Every day, in countless small ways, we are asked to look beyond our own needs and see where we can help another person and make a difference. The choice of how to respond is ours - we can either reach out in mercy and compassion or we can walk away. Today, let us take some time to consider: How will I respond?

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
 Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Derek Birchall - Christine Zawistowicz - Catherine
 Kathleen Green - Philip Compton - Rona Roberts - Emmy Moss - Roy Carrington

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
 Dennis Barry & Mary Patricia Williamson 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

REVISED & REVERSED COVID REQUIREMENTS

With the increase of infection rates and the new variants, the guidelines from the
 Archdiocese have changed and the following now apply:

1. **Face-coverings** are highly recommended for people who attend Sunday Masses.
2. **Sanitiser** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the doors to the church will remain open throughout each service during the summer months.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will **no** designated section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will cleanse their hands before & after distributing HC.
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.

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Darcy Amelia Forbes & Olivia Lemon
 Please keep them and their families in your
 prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

As part of the pastoral statistics that we compile every year, the total number attending
 Mass in each parish will be recorded over four successive weekends which began on
 18th September 2022.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Today, at all Masses, Rachel Buckley will talk to us about the work of Aid to the Church in
 Need, a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and
 other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in need. There will also be a sale
 of religious items and books at the back of the church.

MISSIONARY APPEAL

Next Sunday there will be an Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries at all Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 25 Sep	9:30am	26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Emily Moss (Get Well)	World Day of Migrants & Refugees ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Theresa O'Hare & Family	
SUN 25 Sep	11:00am	26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	John & Olive Turner Robert (Bob) Hooson (A)	World Day of Migrants & Refugees ST OSWALD'S
Mon 26 Sep	10:00am	St Cosmos & St Damian	Private Intention (PD)	
Tues 27 Sep	9:15am	St Vincent de Paul	Mgr J. L. Alston (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 28 Sep	8:30am	St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence Ruiz	Leah, Emma & Paige (Healing)	EXPOSITION 12:00 - 2:00pm
Thur 29 Sep	9:15am	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (The Archangels)	LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 30 Sep	8:30am	St Jerome	EUCARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am			
Sat 01 Oct	10:00am	St Teresa of the Child Jesus	Bryan Topping	
SUN 02 Oct	9:30am	27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Kevin Fishwick (B)	Rosary Sunday ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The People of the Parish	
SUN 02 Oct	11:00am	27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Iain Macdonald (LD)	Rosary Sunday ST OSWALD'S