

CAFOD - ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR

The CAFOD Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection offers an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. You can sign up to receive daily reflections straight into your in-box at: <https://cafod.ork.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

ADVENT RETREAT WITH FR DENIS MCBRIDE C.S.S.R

Father Denis McBride leads a FREE online retreat, based on his book *Stations of the Infancy*. Fr Denis will read twelve of the fourteen episodes chosen from the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. To access the retreat, please go to:

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/advent-retreat>

PEBBLE POOL

From the beginning of Advent, our Pebble Pool Devotion will be reintroduced now that the severity of Covid is over. At the end of each week, devotions will be placed on the altar at the Saturday morning Mass and your prayers will be offered up.

CURRY NIGHT

If you fancy something different, there will be a 'Curry Night' at St Gregory's on **Monday 4th December at 7:00pm**. Tickets cost just £5.00 each (bring your own beer or wine). Numbers are limited, so if you would like to attend, please contact Christine on 07944 931469 asap.

GIN TASTING

St Gregory's gin tasting evening will be held on **Friday 1st December at 7:00pm**. Tickets cost £30 each to include 5 gins and nibbles. If you would like to attend, please let us know.


CHRISTMAS JOY TOY APPEAL

Chorley Buddies in association with Chorley Council and other local schools and parishes are appealing for new toys and gifts to bring some Christmas joy to families who may need some help this Christmas. Donated gifts may be dropped off at the Presbytery. **NB: It has been requested that the gifts are not wrapped. The last date for donations will be**

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

D	R	E	G	N	A	R	T	S	S	GLORY	ANGELS	THRONE
R	S	L	E	G	N	A	N	T	E	SHEPHERD	HERITAGE	HUNGRY
E	F	E	T	E	R	N	A	L	S	FOOD	STRANGER	CURSE
H	I	O	O	D	F	O	E	G	H	FIRE	DEVIL	VIRTUOUS
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 26th November 2023 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, 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:

Waiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 19th Nov 2023

Gift Aid: **£79.50**

Loose Plate: **£585.15**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection today will be for Animate Youth

REFLECTION

This Sunday marks the end of our current liturgical year. Before we begin the Season of Advent and our preparations for Christmas, we are asked to reflect upon Christ our King. When Jesus was asked by Pilate if he was a king, Jesus said that he was a king. But, what sort of a king was Jesus? He was born in a small, poor and unimportant village to parents who were not famous, powerful or wealthy. His first visitors were the poorest of people - humble shepherds. He didn't eat or associate with rich or powerful people; he never led an army into battle and he never wrote a great novel... but he did ask people to take up their cross and follow him. He didn't surround himself with politicians, soldiers or bankers but sat and ate with people who were usually despised, ignored and rejected - he reached out to those who others saw as worthless and as sinners. He didn't live in a castle surrounded by maids or servants but spent his time with the poor, the sick, the broken and those who were in need of love, healing and compassion. He didn't have any riches or wealth that the world thought much of, but he did share his greatest possession with each of us - God's love. The shepherd that is described in the first reading is the king we are not only asked to follow but whose life and example we are asked to live by. This shepherd looks for the lost, bandages the wounded and makes the weak strong - and just as he looks after and cares for each of us, so we in turn are asked to care for each other. Where do we to look for and find Jesus today? Jesus is to be found in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the poor, the rejected and those in prison. Today we are all called to turn our attention to each other if we are to find Jesus. This gospel and great feast asks us to draw on the presence of Christ who dwells within us so that we can reach out to Christ in others, especially those who are poor or in any kind of need. We know what Jesus expects of us as his disciples. Let us then love all others just as he has taught us to do by his own example. On this Feast of Christ our King, let us reach out to those in need of help and support - remember, whatever we do to and for each other, we do to and for Jesus.

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 - Teresa Abernethy
 Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Fr Jonathan Cotton - Catherine
 Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Barbara Edwards - Jimmy Waddington

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 Emily Moss 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

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.

LAUDATE SI - LIVE SIMPLY

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 28th November at 7:00pm** in the presbytery at St Gregory's in response to Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical 'Laudate Si' which remains a profound invitation to everyone on the planet to care for our common home, and to progress our move towards being more environmentally friendly & The CAFOD Live Simply Award.

All are welcome to attend.

URGENT - FAITH REFERENCES

Please note, I will be sending the response in this week and would hate anyone to miss out because I didn't recognise their name. So it is essential if you have asked for your child to go to St Michael's, that you see me urgently.

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS WITH FR STEPHEN WANG

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of shopping for Christmas and join us in the meeting room at St Gregory's each **Wednesday evening throughout Advent 7:00pm - 9:00pm** for video presentation and discussion.

Week 1: Search for Happiness (29th Nov); Week 2: A God who Speaks (6th Dec);

Week 3: The Bible (13th Dec); Week 4 - The Power of Prayer (20th Dec)

For further information please contact Michael Hall on 07548 305615

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer'

Matthew 21:22

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

All of the Masses in November will be offered for the intentions of those on the Pious List

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 26 Nov	9:30am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	Jim & Kath Dunn For a successful operation	ST GREGORY'S YOUTH SUNDAY
	6:30pm			
SUN 26 Nov	11:00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	Catenians - deceased brothers & wives	ST OSWALD'S YOUTH SUNDAY
Mon 27 Nov	10:00am		Patricia Walker Mildred Wilcock (LD)	
Tues 28 Nov	9:15am	St Catherine Laboure	Agnes Parkinson	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	EMILY MOSS	
Wed 29 Nov	8:30am		Mary Doreen Ainscough Margaret Berry (BR)	EXPOSITION
Thu 30 Nov	9:15am	St Andrew	Alice Kitching (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 01 Dec	8:30am			EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
	9:15am			EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Sat 02 Dec	10:00am		William Dearden (A) Agnes Price (BR)	
SUN 03 Dec	9:30am	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Joan Parker (LD) John & Elizabeth Watmough (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Pauline Clayton (LD)	
SUN 03 Dec	11:00am	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S