

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies. Please give today using the envelope provided or at cafod.org.uk/give and do join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

CAFOD CALENDAR - LENTEN REFLECTIONS

CAFOD would like to invite you to join them in reflection and prayer this Lent. Each day reflections will be shared on one of the readings of the day together with prayers and actions to be taken in preparation for Easter. To sign up, please follow the link below:

[Lent calendar with daily prayers and reflection \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LENT?

Please join us for a session of prayer, reflection and discussion at 7pm each Tuesday in Lent in the meeting room at St Gregory's starting on **Tuesday 28th February**. All are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING

Sincere thanks to Edward Brierley for his many years of work as Safeguarding Representative at St Gregory's (much of it done behind closed doors!). A volunteer has come forward to take on this role but has not yet been inducted. In the interim, if anybody would like to raise any Safeguarding related issues, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

NEW WAYS TO PAY & DONATE!



In an effort to keep up with the times, we are pleased to say that donations to St Gregory's can now be made electronically by scanning this QR code and following the on-line instructions. There is another copy of the code on the noticeboard at the back of church. We are also pleased to accept payments by debit/credit card. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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WILDERNESS

- TEMPTED
- DEVIL
- FASTED
- FORTY
- HUNGRY
- STONES
- LOAVES
- ANGELS
- FOOT
- SATAN
- WORSHIP



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 26th February 2023 - 1st Sunday of Lent, 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:

Awaiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 19th February 2023

Gift Aid: **£113.10**

Loose Plate: **£413.12**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

Thank you for your kind donations - **£561.57** has been sent to Survive-Miva.

REFLECTION

As we enter this special season of Lent and forty days of preparation leading to the great feast of Easter, the Church invites us to accompany Jesus in the wilderness – at least symbolically – so as to deepen our relationship with him. Before Jesus begins his mission to establish God's reign of justice, peace and love here on earth, he withdraws into the wilderness to fast and pray for forty days. Into a very hostile and difficult place, Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit to face the tempter. Here he fasts from food and water for forty days and forty nights and comes face to face with the magnitude of his mission and the challenge of remaining faithful to his call. All three of the temptations that confront him are based on power and control. Will he trust God to provide for his needs or will he exert power to make bread from stones? Will he embrace fully the vulnerability that is part of every human being or will he call upon angels to rescue him when he is in danger? Will he be at one with the powerless of this world or will he seek political power and claim all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour? These three temptations are not random challenges – they define who Jesus is and the destiny that awaits him. Throughout his ministry, he identifies with those who barely have enough to eat, let alone make bread from stones – the lowly who live on the edge of hunger and poverty. He will accept death in a brutal, humiliating, and painful execution without calling on God to save him and he will preach and act in defiance of the Roman power without claiming political power for himself. But he did not do this alone nor did he rely on his own strength. Led by the Holy Spirit, he turned to God and asked for help. As we begin our own Lenten journey, the Holy Spirit can lead us too. When we are tempted to deviate from our call to be disciples, let us follow Jesus' example. But we will not be able to walk the Lenten journey on our own. We need to realise that like Jesus, we too need God's help, support, guidance and protection. Whenever we feel tired or ready to give up or give in, we need to turn to God for encouragement. We know that God will be with us during Lent as God was with Jesus when he was in the wilderness. God will never leave us alone.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - Paul Gallery - Christine Zawistowicz
 Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Emily Moss
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden
 Catherine - Philip Compton - 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 especially William Morris, 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

NORMAL MASS/SERVICE TIMES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **EXPOSITION** 10:00am - 2:00pm

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

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SUNDAY MASSES

HOLY MASS 9:30am & 6:30pm (St Gregory's) & 11:00am (St Oswald's)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in each Parish every week during Lent and will be led by Parishioners.

St Oswald's - Thursday at 6:30pm commencing 2nd March

St Gregory's - Friday at 6:30pm commencing 3rd March

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2023

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which each year brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer. The theme for this year's programme which was written by women in Taiwan is 'I have heard about your faith' and is based on Ephesians 1: 15-19. There will be a World Day of Prayer Service at St Oswald's, Coppull at 7:00pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 26 Feb	9:30am	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	Petronilla Molloy (LD) Teresa Hamer	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Paul McManus (A) Joe Catterall (LD)	
SUN 26 Feb	11:00am	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	Charles Holt (A) Winifred Maureen Hooson (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 27 Feb	10:00am	St Gregory of Narek	Margaret Fishwick (F) Julie Henry	
Tues 28 Feb	9:15am		LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 01 Mar	8:30am	St David	Alice Robinson (F) Patricia Bond (BR)	NO EXPOSITION TODAY
Thur 02 Mar	9:15am		The People of the Parish	HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	6:30pm		STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Fri 03 Mar	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	Women's World Day of Prayer CAFOD Family Fast Day
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	6:30pm		STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
	7:00pm		World Day of Prayer Service	
Sat 04 Mar	10:00am	St Casimir	Callum John Larkin (A) Thomas Brown (A)	
SUN 05 Mar	9:30am	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	Mary Robinson (BR) Frank Wrennall (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		James & Sarah Cornwall (F)	
SUN 05 Mar	11:00am	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	Paul Eastham	ST OSWALD'S