



BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Jake Blackman & Poppi-Rose Marie Conway.
 We wish them and their families every blessing
 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.

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LENT?

Our last meeting will be on **Tuesday 28th March** in St Gregory's presbytery at 7pm.
 Everybody welcome. Please come and join us if you can for our last meeting.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS

Holy Week and Easter posters are now available at the back of church.

SHARING THE JOURNEY SO FAR

In the Synod people spoke about their concerns for the wellbeing (and flourishing) of their
 priests. There are copies at the back of the church of an update from our priests
 on the journey so far:

*'Please do not forget your priests and bishops in your prayers, in your suggestions and in your
 practical support. Remember that they are human beings in one of the most difficult periods
 in the history of the Church. Take care of the pastor who has a responsibility for the local
 community. Accompany them with love, patience, friendship and support.'*

Pope Francis

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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S	I	T	E	E	F	A	L	B	A
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LAZARUS
 BETHANY
 SISTERS
 MARTHA
 MARY
 OINTMENT
 FEET
 BROTHER
 JUDAEA
 TOMB
 STONE
 PRAYER



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 26th March 2023 - 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

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Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Awaiting Appointment

REFLECTION

In today's gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and urges
 us to live and believe in him as he offers us the hope and
 promise of eternal life. Surprisingly, when Jesus receives the
 news that his good friend Lazarus, the brother of Mary and
 Martha is sick and near to death, he does not rush to see him
 and comfort his family. On arriving, Jesus finds that Lazarus has
 been in the tomb for four days already and as he approaches
 the house, Jesus is met by Martha who is less than happy to
 see her friend. Even in the midst of sorrow and bereavement,
 she clearly says to Jesus, *'if you had been here, my brother
 would not have died.'* And then she continues with deep faith
 and belief in Jesus and says, *'but I know that, even now,
 whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.'* Even though she is
 angry with Jesus, she hasn't given up on him completely. Jesus
 assures her that her brother will rise again and then he
 proclaims clearly, *'I am the resurrection and the life, if anyone
 believes in me.....they will never die.'* After saying this, he looks
 directly at Martha and asks her, *'Do you believe this?'* Without
 any hesitation, she replies, *'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the
 Christ, the Son of God.'* Despite her loss, grief and pain, Martha
 is still able to have faith and confidence in Jesus as the
 Resurrection and the life who has come into the world. This
 gospel is like a sign-post that points and leads us to Holy Week.
 On Holy Thursday we will be asked to stand with Jesus as he is
 betrayed; on Good Friday he will be condemned, beaten and
 crucified and he will die. There is no way of ignoring or
 avoiding the reality of the death of Jesus. But the cross is not
 our final destination - it is only a stage on our journey, not only
 through Lent, but in our lives too. With the women who stood
 by him, we too must stand at the foot of the cross before we
 can experience the joy of the resurrection. On Good Friday, we
 are asked to experience the reality of death, but we are also
 asked to have faith in Jesus as Martha did. As we take another
 step on our Lenten journey, Jesus says to each of us, *I am the
 resurrection and the life, do you believe this?* As we face the
 reality of Good Friday, let us also look towards the new life of
 Easter Sunday. Jesus is still the resurrection and the life, if we
 believe in him, we shall not die.

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 19th March 2023

Gift Aid: £ 112.15
 Loose Plate: £322.91
 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 - Derek Birchall - 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

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 Angela Grindley, Philip Compton & Hugh O'Daly 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

RETURN TO A NEW NORMAL?

As of Maundy Thursday the Bishop's of England and Wales have said that Communion under both kinds can be re-introduced at Masses.

This implies that they think we can return to Mass as normal, but that does raise the question of what is normal!

So can I ask -

- ◆ How many people would like to receive communion under both kinds? (As always this will be optional - no one is required to receive from the chalice)
- ◆ Do people feel comfortable offering the sign of peace by shaking hands?
- ◆ Should we continue the practice of inviting people forward to Communion or should we return to people just coming out of their bench? Should we return to coming forward to communion using the central aisle?
- ◆ Is Maundy Thursday too early to start? Would Easter Sunday be better or the mid week masses after Easter?

Please let me have your opinions !!!!

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 St Gregory's - Friday at 6:30pm

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a Service of Reconciliation with individual confessions today at 3:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank.

EASTER SERVICES 2023

Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm - St Oswald's

Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord 3:00pm - St Gregory's

Easter Vigil Service 8:30pm - St Gregory's

Easter Sunday 9:30am - St Gregory's, 11:00am - St Oswald's

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 26 Mar	9:30am 3:00pm 6:30pm	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Maureen Carrington (BR) Valerie Bretherton Shaun McGeown (A)	ST GREGORY'S LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION
SUN 26 Mar	11:00am	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Brian Finnigan (LD)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 27 Mar	10:00am		Margaret & Thomas Hale (F) James Critchley (BR)	
Tues 28 Mar	9:15am 2:30 pm	REQUIEM MASS	Sylvester Woods (F) Angela Grindley	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 29 Mar	8:30am		Rev R. Bilsborrow (F)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 30 Mar	9:30am 6:30pm	REQUIEM MASS	Philip Compton STATIONS OF THE CROSS	HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 31 Mar	8:30am 9:15am 6:30pm		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Sat 1 Apr	10:00am		Martha & Edwin Grundy (F) Petronilla Molloy	
SUN 2 Apr	9:30am 6:30pm	PALM SUNDAY	Margaret Roberts (LD) People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 2 Apr	11:00am	PALM SUNDAY	L.I.S.C.F	ST OSWALD'S