

IMPORTANT BUILDING SERVICES UPDATE

The Archdiocese are currently catching up with a lot of building related works and inspections that were put off due to the pandemic. So far in both parishes we have had a full quinquennial electrical test and inspection; inspection & maintenance of assets by UU; electric & gas meter replacements are currently in the process of being changed at both parishes and over the next few weeks we will have successive health & safety and fire risk assessment audits. This may cause some disruption to services and I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause but unfortunately we have to comply!

Fr Graeme

MASS OF WELCOME

Next Sunday at both morning Masses we will welcome the children who are to be baptized over the next few months. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they take this first step on their faith journeys.

CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2023

Sunday 3rd September, 12pm - 4pm, St Gregory's, Weldbank

This is a free event with lots of stalls, live music, games, tombola, BBQ & refreshments
Lots of fun for all the family. All are welcome.

CARD PAYMENTS

For those of you who have already moved into the 21st Century, the parish now has the ability to take payments via card. Unfortunately we aren't yet at the stage where we can take payments over the phone but watch this space.....!

ENVELOPES

For those who do not participate in Gift Aid but would like to use the weekly collection envelopes, these are now available at the back of church. Please feel free to take any box.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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CAESAREA
PHILIPPI
QUESTION
JOHN
ELIJAH
JEREMIAH
PETER
CHRIST
JONAH
ROCK
CHURCH
GATES
KEYS



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 27th August 2023 - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, 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 20th Aug 2023

Gift Aid: **£113.42**

Loose Plate: **£358.51**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

Today's gospel raises a vital question from Jesus: *'But who do you say that I am?'* If we were to introduce Jesus to others, how would we define him? At the time of Jesus, he was not the only travelling preacher. There were others who had their own vision and ideas, all vying for people's attention, all looking for followers and disciples. When it came to Jesus, there were all sorts of rumours about who he was and where he came from - even Jesus' own disciples and followers asked questions about him! As if reading their minds, Jesus turned and asked his friends this very direct and challenging question, *'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'* His friends offered him plenty of names, among them John the Baptist and Elijah. Others thought he was the prophet Jeremiah or one of the other prophets. Then he asked them an even more challenging question, *'But, you, who do you say that I am?'* Jesus was in fact saying to them, *do not repeat the rumours you have heard on the street corners or in the synagogue. He was asking them, who am I to you? This was a very personal question that Jesus asked them and he asks us the same question today. Through this gospel, Jesus is challenging us to define who we think he is and what he means to us. Jesus wants us not only to be honest with ourselves but also with him and he calls each of us by name to enter into a personal relationship with him. He will never force himself into our lives, it's our choice - a choice which is built on free will and love. At some point in our daily lives we must all try and answer the question that Jesus puts to his friends in today's gospel. As we build our friendship with Jesus on prayer and caring for others, we discover who Jesus is and more personally what Jesus means to us. We won't find the answer to this question in a textbook. We will only discover who Jesus is by trying to build and maintain an intimate friendship with him and we do this through caring for others, especially the poor and marginalised. So today, when Jesus asks us the question *who do you say I am?* let us think very carefully about how we would respond?*

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 - Brenda McGuigan - Barbara Edwards

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 Theresa Scott 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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The Alpha course will begin on **14th September 2023 at 7pm at St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green** and meet every Thursday for eleven weeks. If you would be interested in becoming a Catholic, please can I encourage you to join the Alpha course as the beginning of your journey into the church at the Easter Vigil. The Alpha course gives time for reflection and support with others also on their journey. If you haven't registered, please see me.

Fr Graeme

VISITATION

Bishop Tom Neylon will begin his visitation to St Gregory's next weekend. There will be an opportunity at the visit for all parishioners to meet him over refreshments after the Sunday Masses. Bishop Tom will also visit members of the sick and housebound of the parish and the children in the primary schools.

The visit to St Oswald's Parish will take place the following weekend of the 10th September.

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's **Caleb Ronnie Atkinson & Poppy Robyn Davies**

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

THE IRENAEUS CENTRE: 'THE SHAPING OF THINGS TO COME'

Reflecting on the future of our church, on our ministry and the way forward. Led by Sr. Moira Meeghan. Tuesdays 7.00pm - 8.30pm on 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th September. Come along to the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool, L22 1RD to share your thoughts and ideas as we journey together over the four evenings.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 27 Aug	9:30am	21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Bernard Marmion Margaret Mary Ellison	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 27 Aug	11:00am	21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Elizabeth Hilton (BR)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 28 Aug	10:00am	St Augustine	Tom Wilcock (A)	
Tues 29 Aug	9:15am	Passion of St John the Baptist	Fr Bernard Charnock	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 30 Aug	8:30am	St Edmund Arrowsmith	Philip Barton (A)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00
Thur 31 Aug	9:15am	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne	Ted Dunne (BR)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 01 Sep	8:30am	St Margaret Clitherow & St Margaret Ward	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 02 Sep	10:00am		Geoff Parker (LD)	
SUN 03 Sep	9:30am	22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Valerie Bretherton	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Mick Grady (S)	
SUN 03 Sep	11:00am	22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	William Fishwick (BR)	ST OSWALD'S