

A BEER FESTIVAL & A CONCERT IN THE GARDEN!

A big thank you to all those who attended our parish celebrations last weekend, the weather was very kind to us and a good time was had by all! Our next event will take place next Sunday and will see the parishes of the Chorley Deanery come together in a display of some of the good works that take place across parishes. Please see details below.



CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2022

**Sunday 4th September 2022 from 12:00noon - 4:00pm
at St Gregory's Weld Bank.**

Admission free - live entertainment, BBQ, refreshments, tombola, cake stall, children's games and Sing It Big Choir.

All Welcome so please do come along and support this event.

ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

The Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous will be visiting St Mary's Chorley during 15th - 17th September 2022. Booking for the event at St Mary's is **not** required.

For further information about the UK tour please follow the link:

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/>

To see the schedule for the visit of the relics to St Mary's Chorley, please follow the link:

<https://stgregoryschorley.org.uk/upcoming-events>

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Thursday 1st September is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Our normal Thursday afternoon devotions will be replaced by a special Songs of Praise with hymns dedicated to the Care of Creation.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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MEAL	GUESTS	PARABLE
WEDDING	FRIEND	EXALTS
HUMBLD	LUNCH	RELATIONS
REPAY	COURTESY	POOR



**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank**

Sunday 28th August 2022 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about humility and what that might mean in our lives today. If we go to the cinema or theatre, we are often asked if we want VIP seats - if we want to sit in the most comfortable seats, it will cost us extra! The rich and famous, and 'celebrities' never sit at the back - they always sit where they will be seen, heard and noticed! Jesus very clearly warns us today about the attitude of self - importance. Being a follower of Jesus is not about power, prestige or demanding the best seats in the house (or the church!). In God's eyes, we are all equal. None of us can really demand the best seat or expect special treatment; we all come before God just as we are. When we gather around the table of the Lord, it is not only as invited guests, but as the family of God - brothers and sisters of Jesus and of each other. Being a disciple of Jesus and following his example is about humility - living in the truth of who we are before God and who we are in relation to each other. Sadly, our culture today neither values truth or humility and so this teaching is at times difficult to accept. The first reading today is from the Book of Sirach. The teaching is that humility will make a person loved, even more than giving gifts to others. Humility always places us below others so that we can serve them without resentment, with love and appreciation. The higher position that we have in the world, the deeper is our need for humility. Jesus uses the symbol of the meal to teach us something about the true 'place of honour' at his 'wedding banquet.' This place of honour is not reserved for the select few. We are all invited to sit at the table with Jesus as his honoured guests. We are called to live and act as Jesus - to deepen our friendship with him and each other. Every time we accept his most generous invitation, he seats us at his 'place of honour.' How blessed and honoured we are! Jesus invites us to think of ourselves as always the last and the least. He came to serve not to be served so to be a disciple of Jesus is to put others first and serve them. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are fed and nourished and called to share the richness of God's life by reaching out to others in need. And so we ask ourselves - who can I serve today?

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Registered Charity No: 232709

Church Office Hours:

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

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Edward Brierley

**WEEKLY COLLECTION
w/c 21st August 2022**

Gift Aid: **£99.50**

Loose Plate: **£396.90**

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

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 - Marty Kendrick - Nora Ball

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
 and all those whose anniversaries occur around 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 be required to wear a face covering whilst distributing Holy Communion and will cleanse their hands before & after distributing Holy Communion.
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.



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Ederson Ray Smith
 Please keep her and her family in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.

GRAVEYARD REGULATIONS

It is becoming increasingly difficult to facilitate the safety, maintenance and appearance of our graveyards due to the number of crosses, pots and memorabilia that are appearing on and around graves. Please note that there are strict regulations which must be followed in order to keep all our graveyards safe and well maintained. Pots and memorabilia can be placed at the foot of the headstone and on the footing but should not encroach onto the grassed area or onto adjacent graves or pathways. The addition of crosses and plaques is strictly by permission of the parish priest only and may only be considered temporary pending the erection of a permanent memorial. Any crosses and plaques that are erected or placed on graves without permission will be removed. Notices warning of this will be posted in the graveyards for the next 28 days after which the items will be removed and stored by the sexton pending collection by the owners. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 28 Aug	9:30am 6:30pm	22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Margaret Connolly (LD) Tom Wilcock (A)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 28 Aug	11:00am	22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Elizabeth Hilton (BR)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 29 Aug	10:00am	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Philip Barton (A) Family & Friends (G&I)	
Tues 30 Aug	9:15am	St Margaret Clitheroe St Anne Line & St Margaret Ward	Michael Brookes (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 31 Aug	8:30am	St Aidan	Celia & Jimmy Critchley (A)	
Thur 01 Sep	9:15am		Eileen Dunne (S)	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation SONGS OF PRAISE 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 02 Sep	8:30am 9:15am			EUCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCHARISTIC SERVICE
Sat 03 Sep	10:00am	St Gregory the Great	Fr John Smith	
SUN 04 Sep	9:30am 6:30pm	23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Alex Duxbury (LD) People of the Parish	Mass of Welcome ST GREGORY'S
SUN 04 Sep	11:00am	23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention	Mass of Welcome ST OSWALD'S