

PENTECOST SERVICE - 'ONE CHURCH - MANY NATIONS'

All are welcome to join the two cathedral's Pentecost service this afternoon (3:00pm - 5:00pm) starting at Liverpool Cathedral led by Bishop John Perumbalath, then journey and pray along Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral for a short prayer and a party celebration on the Piazza. For further information, please go to:

[Churches Together in Merseyside: Pentecost \(ctmr.org.uk\)](http://Churches Together in Merseyside: Pentecost (ctmr.org.uk))

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

A warm welcome to all those who have registered to be Confirmed this year from the parishes of St Gregory's and St Oswald's. Confirmation will be at St Gregory's on **Thursday 15th June at 7:00pm**. Please keep all our young people in your prayers as they take this next important step on their faith journeys.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Please keep in your prayers the children in both parishes who are currently preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

CHORLEY HOSPITAL


Please contact St Joseph's Presbytery on Tel: 01257 262713 if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit. In an emergency the hospital switchboard will contact the on-call Catholic Priest.

Please request this from any member of staff on the ward.

LIVING WATERS FOODBANK

Sincere thanks from Chorley Living Waters Food Bank for your kind donations and financial support which continue to help so many people in need during these challenging times. There is a box in the church porch in which to leave your kind donations of food. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 28th May 2023 - Pentecost Sunday, Year A

REFLECTION

Today as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the season of Easter reaches its final climax. This Sunday we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord. When we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, he promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from on high. Today each one of us is filled and anointed with the Holy Spirit. The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he needed them most and after his death they hid themselves away in fear. When he did appear to them, most if not all of them doubted, not just poor Thomas! They weren't strong, faithful or courageous - they had lost heart and hope and had all but given up on Jesus - but he did not give up on them. He promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit through which they would be refreshed, restored and renewed. So it was, their sadness was turned into joy and their fear transformed into strength - they were given new hope, new heart and a new purpose. They left the room in which they were hiding and went boldly without fear to proclaim the Good News that Jesus was Risen. They were a new people with a new message and mission - but they didn't change themselves - they were transformed by the Holy Spirit. So, are we so different from these first followers of Jesus? There are times in our lives when we too are afraid, anxious and overcome with doubt and sadness, when we face difficulties and challenges that seem insurmountable. But, through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit and just as the first followers of Jesus proclaimed the good news, we too are called to do the exact same. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change. So, as we celebrate the birth of the missionary church, we pray that each of us will be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. May we do what Pope Francis asks of each of us, *'Go out again and again, without hesitation without fear and proclaim this joy which is for all people...'*

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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 21st May 2023

Gift Aid: **£90.50**

Loose Plate: **£397.08**

Online Giving: **£73.37**

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 - 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,
 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

PARISH CELEBRATION 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Our Annual Parish celebration on **Saturday 10th June at 12:30pm** is now fully subscribed. If you have reserved a place but for any reason find you are unable to attend, please do let us know in good time so that your place can be filled.

Thanks & God Bless!

Fr Graeme

60th JUBILEE MASS

There will be a special Mass of Celebration for Mgr McKenna's Diamond Jubilee on **Thursday 8th June at 7:00pm** at St Gregory's Weldbank. All are welcome to attend.

CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR

On **Sunday 25 June at 5pm**, there will be a celebration Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral to mark the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Mass is a chance for pilgrims past and present to come together to celebrate this milestone. All are welcome to attend.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Isabelle Carole Smithies

Please keep her and her family in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate a Good Shepherd Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool on **Wednesday 28 June at 11am**. All are welcome to attend.

There will also be a Good Shepherd Mass on **Wednesday 14 June at 10.30am** at St Mary's Church, Leyland. All are welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 28 May	9:30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Bert Parker (A) Vera Critchley (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Paul Tuson (LD)	
SUN 28 May	11:00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	LISCF	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 29 May	10:00am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church	Clare Meredith John Littlewood (LD)	
Tues 30 May	9:15am	Blessed Lawrence Richardson	Margaret Noblett (B)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	10:30am	REQUIEM MASS	John Rhodes - Ellison	
Wed 31 May	8:30am	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	John & Winifred Lynch (F) Lucia Capacchione	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00noon
Thur 01 Jun	9:15am	Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest	Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 02 Jun	8:30am	St Marcellinus & St Peter	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
	9:15am			
Sat 03 Jun	10:00am	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Pauline Critchley Deceased members of the Catterall Family	
SUN 04 Jun	9:30am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Kath Dunn (A) Joanne Gilgun (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Joan Critchley & Family	
SUN 04 Jun	11:00am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S