

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST INTENTIONS

All of our Masses during November are traditionally offered for those on the Pious List of Intentions. Forms are available at the back of church, please fill them in and place them in the collection bucket before the beginning of November if possible. Thank you.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—ST GREGORY'S

Each November, we celebrate our Annual Mass of Remembrance at which we remember all those parishioners who have died in the last twelve months. This year, our celebration will be held on **Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm**. The names of those who have died in the past year will be read out and a candle will be lighted in their memory. All are welcome.

PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

If anybody would like the name of a loved one included in our Parish Book of Remembrance, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Applications are now open for young people to travel to Lourdes as part of the annual Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage. Next year's pilgrimage runs from 18th - 27th July 2024 and is open to young people aged between 15 (or in Year 10) and 22. Coach 5 covers the Lancashire area of the Archdiocese and takes young people from the schools and colleges of:

All Hallows, Penwortham, St. Mary's, Leyland

Holy Cross, Chorley, St. Peter's, Orrell, St. John Rigby Sixth Form, Orrell

Cardinal Newman Sixth Form, Preston

Applications are made on line at www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk. Please contact Ben McMullen, Coach Leader, at lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

GIN TASTING

St Gregory's will be hosting a gin tasting evening on **Friday 1st December at 7:00pm**. Tickets cost £30 each to include 5 gins and nibbles. Numbers are limited so if you are interested, please see Fr Graeme as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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NEIGHBOUR



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 29th October 2023 - 30th 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

REFLECTION

Today's readings are a call to love. The first reading tells how we are to treat other people, especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalised. The second reading reminds us that how we live should show that we are followers of Jesus and in today's Gospel from St Matthew we are presented with the greatest and first of all the Commandments. We are reminded that whatever we do for and to each other, we do for and to Jesus himself and conversely, whatever we fail to do for each other, we fail to do for Jesus. As followers of Jesus we are not only called to love God, but we are also called and challenged to have concern for those with whom we live and work, and to love our friends and relations. But it's not always that simple and our lives are not always that straight forward. What about the hard days when we feel unappreciated by work colleagues or unsupported by friends or family? What about when we are ill or those around us receive news that is unexpectedly bad? What then? In our society, love is too often merely equated with emotion and sentiment - but there is so much more to love than that. The Christian understanding of love means giving selflessly to another. If you love someone, it doesn't mean you just have feelings for that person, but also that you are willing to sacrifice for their benefit. Love is a choice - it's the choice to give freely of yourself for the good of another. So, if we say we love God but don't show any concern about those around us, then there is something missing. It's simple enough to understand, but more challenging to live out! Our faith life is a journey of learning how to better love God and in turn love others. It's often through very small actions and gestures of love that our love for others and our faith can be seen. The Irish poet Patrick Kavanagh, in his poem 'The Great Hunger', states that 'God is in the bits and pieces of everyday'. Perhaps therefore we need to look in the unexpected places, in the small and seemingly insignificant parts of our day, to see that God has given us unexpected gifts for which we should be grateful. Never underestimate the power of a small gesture such as a smile or a kind word - these small acts of kindness demonstrate how we love both God and our neighbours in our daily lives.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 22nd Oct 2023

Gift Aid: **£64.98**

Loose Plate: **£279.49**

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 - Fr Jonathan Cotton - Catherine
 Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Barbara Edwards - Jimmy Waddington

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 Lynne Marie McCoy 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

ST MARY OF THE ISLE INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas, has been granted cathedral status by Pope Francis as a co-cathedral of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The inauguration ceremony, at which Archbishop Malcolm will be installed in his seat by the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will take place on **Friday 3 November at 12 noon**. The canons of the Metropolitan Cathedral will also be installed. Ecumenical partners and civic dignitaries will have a role in the liturgy. On this historic day for the Isle of Man, the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the wider church, we welcome people across the Archdiocese to join the celebration online by watching the livestream: <https://manxcatholic.org.uk/#livestream>

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.

BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
**Harper Mairead Birtles, Woody James Emerson
 & Max Elliott Meadows**

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



FAMILY OF PARISHES ROADSHOWS: 4TH, 7TH, 8TH NOV

The Pastoral Plan makes clear the way forward for the church in our Archdiocese. It says this: 'Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have we will create families of parishes'. In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes. To explore what this means, there are 3 roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone and everyone to attend. The meeting for our area will take place on **Tuesday 7th Nov 7:00pm – 9:00pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk**. For further information, please contact:
 Fr Philip Inch (p.inch@rcaol.org.uk).

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

All of the Masses in November will be offered for the intentions of those on the Pious List

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 29 Oct	9:30am 6:30pm	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jim & Kath Dunn Bernard Corcoran (A)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 29 Oct	11:00am	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bernard & Mary Rigby (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 30 Oct	12:30pm	REQUIEM MASS	Eileen Finn	
Tues 31 Oct	10:30am	REQUIEM MASS	Roger Turner	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 01 Nov	9:30am 6:30pm	ALL SAINTS	Lynne Marie McCoy (LD) LISCF	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Thu 02 Nov	9:15am	All Souls	The Holy Souls	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 03 Nov	8:30am 9:15am	St Martin de Porres & St Winefrede	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 04 Nov	10:00am	St Charles Borromeo	The sick of the Parishes	
SUN 05 Nov	9:30am 6:30pm	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Josephine Riding People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S MASS OF WELCOME
SUN 05 Nov	11:00am	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Amy Ogden (A)	ST OSWALD'S MASS OF WELCOME