

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and will close on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Any young person in year 8 can register for Sacramental preparation at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). While the registration period is open Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament in their RE classes. If you have a child who attends a non-Catholic school but would like to be confirmed, please speak to Fr Graeme as soon as possible.

## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday, a day the church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for Racial Justice Sunday this year is: 'All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church.

Let us walk together, pray together and work together'.

For more information go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

## THE LETTER - A MESSAGE FROM THE EARTH

There will be a screening of the film 'The Letter' in the meeting room at St. Gregory's Presbytery on **Saturday, 4th February from 2 - 4pm**. Visually stunning, this is a feature film about the Pope's call to care for our planet. All are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be provided.

## CEMETERIES

Just a reminder, all Christmas wreaths and pots will be removed during the next week or so.

Any ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office.

Please also note that in order to preserve the safety, appearance & maintenance of the graveyards, all crosses, plaques erected without permission will be removed. Pots and memorabilia are only permitted at the foot of the headstone and on the footing and should not encroach onto the grassed area or onto adjacent graves or pathways. Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

S	P	I	R	Y	P	A	H	A	E
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HAPPY	POOR	SPIRIT
HEAVEN	GENTLE	EARTH
MOURN	HUNGER	MERCIFUL
PURE	HEART	REWARD



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

Sunday 29th January 2023 - 4th 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:

Edward Brierley

## WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 22nd January 2023

Gift Aid: **£103.00**

Loose Plate: **£476.71**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Giving: **£171.07**

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

*The retiring collection next Sunday will be taken by the SVP*

## REFLECTION

Today's Gospel reading defines our Christian goal of eternal happiness and explains the attitudes and actions we need to take to reach it. The Beatitudes are best understood as being a framework for Christian living - our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. Unlike the Ten Commandments which stress the 'Thou Shalt Nots', Jesus presents the Beatitudes positively, as the virtues in life which will ultimately lead to the rewards of salvation - not in this world, but in the next. Today's Gospel offers to us a contrasting message. If we were to accept the 'way to get ahead' messages of our culture today, we would think that happiness is defined by money, success and possessions - not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. The crowd that day also associated happiness with material possessions and status. Yet, Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what this world might call happiness. 'Blessed' is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor or hungry, those who mourn or those who are persecuted for their faith. This Gospel is one of reversals - the people who Jesus calls 'blessed' and 'happy' are not people we think of as either blessed or happy! In fact, if anybody other than Jesus had proposed this we might have dismissed it as bizarre! But Jesus meant what he said and practiced what he preached and as followers of Jesus, we need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in a similar way in our daily lives. The Beatitudes show us a new way of life, inviting us to identify with the poor, the meek, those who mourn or who hunger and thirst after justice. They challenge us to be compassionate people, to become the peacemakers in our dealings with one another, our families, and society at large - even when this approach to things exposes us to ridicule and persecution. Let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes in the here and now. The challenge is: Are you going to be happy in the world's way or in Christ's way?

### Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding  
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden  
 Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - Paul Gallery - Christine Zawistowicz  
 Catherine - Philip Compton - Emily Moss - Petronilla Molloy

*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 Joanna Hardyman  
 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

### COVID REQUIREMENTS

The following guidelines from the Archdiocese are now in place:

1. **Face-coverings** are recommended for those attending Sunday Mass who are vulnerable.
2. **Sanitiser** - sanitiser is available as you enter the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the church doors will remain closed during all services.
3. **Social Distancing** - there is no designated section of the church with social distancing.
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.**

### NORMAL MASS/SERVICE TIMES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **EXPOSITION** 10:00am - 2:00pm

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

THURSDAY: **EXPOSITION** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

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SATURDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

### SUNDAY MASSES

**HOLY MASS** 9:30am & 6:30pm (St Gregory's) & **11:00am** (St Oswald's)

### REVIEW OF PARISH SICK LISTS

Over the next two weeks we will be reviewing the list of names of those on the parish sick list to ensure that it remains current. Please could you confirm as soon as possible if you would like a name to remain on the list or for it to be removed. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that the name can be removed. Also, if you would like a name added to the list, please let us know. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 29 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Derek Parker (A) Ken Edwards (A) The People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 29 Jan	11:00am	4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Paul Eastham (LD)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 30 Jan	10:00am		Sam Smith Herbert Spedding (BR)	
Tues 31 Jan	9:15am	St John Bosco	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 01 Feb	12:00 noon	REQUIEM MASS	Maureen Jackson	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 11:00am
Thur 02 Feb	9:15am	The Presentation of the Lord	The Hayden Family Nick Hobson	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 03 Feb	8:30am 9:15am	St Blaise & St Ansgar	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 04 Feb	10:00am		John Todd Maureen Jackson (LD)	
SUN 05 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Roy Carrington (BR) Tom & Sheila Grady (BR) Madge Critchley (A) Teresa Iddon (BR) Cyril Moss & Andrew Evans	ST GREGORY'S RACIAL JUSTICE DAY
SUN 05 Feb	11:00am	5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S RACIAL JUSTICE DAY