

## YOUTH MASS

There will be our final Youth Mass of the academic year at the 6:30 pm Mass today  
Please do come along and support our young people in their faith journey.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who have made their First Holy Communion this year.  
Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue on their faith journeys.

## HOUSEBOUND

Over the past two weeks, I have become aware of parishioners who are housebound who were not receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis. If you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass and would benefit from receiving Holy Communion at home, will you please let me know so that arrangements can be made. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This year, we will be reintroducing our Annual Beer Festival & Concert in the Garden at St Gregory's Weld Bank.

The dates are as follows:

**Friday 11th August 7:00pm - 11:00pm**

**Saturday 12th August 1:00pm - 11:00pm**

**Sunday 13th August 2:00pm - 8:00pm (Concert in the Garden & BBQ)**

This year, there will be a selection of 18 beers and 5 ciders.

Tickets will be £5 each to include a souvenir programme & glass plus a free glass of beer.

Wine and gin will also be available.

Tickets will be on sale from **Sunday 16th July**

Food will also be available throughout the festival.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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PREFERS	FATHER	MOTHER
WORTHY	DAUGHTER	CROSS
FOOTSTEPS	LIFE	WELCOMES
PROPHET	HOLY	WATER



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

Sunday 2nd July 2023 - 13th 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 25th June 2023

Gift Aid: **£92.10**

Loose Plate: **£542.35**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

**The retiring collection today will be taken by the SVP**

## REFLECTION

Today's gospel isn't one that can be easily understood. Jesus is very clear and even demanding in what he says to those who were with him - *'anyone who prefers their father or mother is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers their son or daughter is not worthy of me.'* What could Jesus possibly mean by these words and why would he suggest that we decide between our family and him? When St Matthew was writing his gospel, the early Christians were being persecuted by both religious and civil authorities. To freely decide to follow Jesus was a very radical and even dangerous thing to do. It was not a decision that was taken lightly. Some members of a family decided to become followers of Jesus whilst others didn't. This caused great division within families and communities as they were split and separated from each other because of religious beliefs. It is unlikely today that any of us are going to be persecuted for being Christian. However, we must never forget the many people in our world who are still being persecuted and killed for following Jesus. There are many whose lives are in danger for believing in and following Jesus. However, for those of us who live a life of religious freedom, we face no such dangers; we are free to practice our religion or not as we choose. It has been said that once you encounter and experience Jesus in your daily life, you are never the same! To encounter Jesus we have to decide to accept him or reject him - the choice is ours. Jesus freely calls and invites us to follow him and then he waits. He can't make us follow him - it is our decision. We think of the Rich Young Man. Jesus asked him to become one of his followers, but he simply couldn't and Jesus let him go. Today in our modern world and society we are surrounded and even bombarded by all sorts of messages and ideas. They are all asking for our attention; they are all looking for our commitment. To whose voice are we attracted and to whom are we listening? Once Jesus asked his closest friends if they wanted to leave him. Peter replied, *'Lord, to whom would we go, you have the message of eternal life.'* Maybe today is a time to gently recommit ourselves to following Jesus who is our Way, our Truth and our Life - today and every day of our life.

### 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

*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



### BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's  
**Sophia Ava Williams & Emilia Grace Williams**  
 Please keep them and their family in your  
 prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

### CAFOD: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM CAMPAIGN

*"God blessed them and said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the earth and every tree with seed as its fruit; you shall have them for food," [Gen. 1: 29].* CAFOD's Parish Campaign is to ensure that small farmers who grow nearly half of the world's food can continue to choose to use their own seeds and not be made dependent on huge seed corporations funded by the World Bank. We ask clergy and parishioners' support by signing jointly a letter from Salina, a small farmer from Bangladesh to the World Bank to address this abuse at their October meeting. No further contact details are needed.

To find more, search [cafod.org.uk/food](http://cafod.org.uk/food), or contact CAFOD's Colette or Ged via [liverpool@cafod.org.uk](mailto:liverpool@cafod.org.uk).

### JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 8th July at 2pm** at St Mary's Parish Centre, Chorley.

In aid of CAFOD and Mary's Meals

Good Quality Jumble, Good as New, Books, Jewellery, Fair Trade Goods, Tombola & Delicious Refreshments

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION NETWORKING DAY: SHAPE THE CHANGE

*Thursday 6th July, Liverpool*

The purpose of this event is to bring together policy makers, workers and volunteers involved in social action, to interlink themes, make partnerships, and advocate for change. Further details contact Pablo Guidi or visit

[https://Social\\_Action\\_Networking\\_Event.eventbrite.com](https://Social_Action_Networking_Event.eventbrite.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 02 July	9:30am	13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Teresa Iddon (A) Mary Halton (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Francis Benedict John Sharples (LD)	Youth Mass
SUN 02 July	11:00am	13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Margaret Ingram (BR) Ernest Farrimond	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 03 July	10:00am	St Thomas	Michael Cannings (LD)	
Tues 04 July	11:00am	St Elizabeth of Portugal	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 05 July	8:30am	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 10:00 - 12:00noon
Thur 06 July	9:15am	St Maria Goretti	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 07 July	8:30am		EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 08 July	10:00am		The Wilcock Family (F)	
SUN 09 July	9:30am	14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Kath & Jim Dunn Keith Ellison (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The People of the Parish	
SUN 09 July	11:00am	14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The Hayden Family (F)	ST OSWALD'S