

## CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY - 7TH OCTOBER 2022

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today by using the envelope for our parish collection or if you would prefer to start a monthly gift to CAFOD online, please go to: [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

### PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST

*O Lord, good Father, who in your providence have entrusted the earth to the human race, grant, we pray, that with the fruits harvested from it we may be able to sustain life and, with your help, always use them.*

### PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL

Thank you for your prayers and donations to the **Pakistan Floods Appeal**. CAFOD DEC have been able to deliver immediate food and medical relief to flood affected communities in Sindh Province in Pakistan and will continue to do so. We recognise that these are tough times here in the UK, but we know the Catholic community appreciate the opportunity to stand alongside the world's most vulnerable communities, even when going through difficulties themselves. Thank you for your support and prayers.

### SEASON OF CREATION

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have published a downloadable resource guide for use during the Season of Creation. Please go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>  
Laudato Si Action Platform: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>  
Scottish Laity Network programme: [Season of Creation 2022 Programme](http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk) or via their website <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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FAITH	MUSTARD	SEED
MULBERRY	TREE	UPROOTED
EAT	SEA	SERVANT
SHEEP	FIELDS	MEAL



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

Sunday 2nd October 2022 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### St Gregory's RC Church

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### Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

### Church Office Hours:

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

### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

### WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 25th September 2022

Gift Aid: **£172.70**

Loose Plate: **£388.30**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

### REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is part of a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his disciples about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The disciples have a simple request; 'Lord, increase our faith.' It seems that their faith has been tested and found to be weaker than they thought! And so, with courage and humility they ask Jesus to increase and strengthen their faith. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness and he offers his disciples two related teachings in response to their cry for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans - but even when God works wonders through us, with only our limited amount of faith, we must not seek praise. In St Luke's Gospel, Jesus uses as his example the smallest of seeds, the mustard seed, which when planted, grows into the largest and most lush of all trees. He uses this example to show how faith can grow from even the tiniest and most insignificant spark. As disciples, we can't just pretend to follow Christ. Jesus makes it very clear that we must firstly love God and each other and also care for the less fortunate in our midst. Each of us have been given the most precious gift of faith. It is up to each of us then to protect this fragile gift. It is our responsibility to nourish and nurture this seed of faith through leading a good ordinary daily life; through regular prayer and by celebrating the sacraments with others, especially the eucharist. Our participation in God's plan is simply God's grace to us. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to increase a hundredfold. And so today, whether our faith be just a small spark or a small seed, let our prayer simply be, 'Lord, increase our faith'.

## 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 - Emmy Moss - Roy Carrington - Paul Gallery

*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

### 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** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - with the onset of the recent cold weather, the church doors will now remain closed during Sunday services.
3. **Social Distancing** - there is **no** designated section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will cleanse their hands before & after distributing HC.
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.**



### BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's  
**Jack Michael Philip Ambler**  
 Please keep him and his family in your  
 prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If there is anybody whose child goes to a non-catholic school who would like them to make  
 their First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Graeme after Mass or contact the Parish  
 Office Tel: 01257 262462. Registration will continue until next Sunday, **9th October**.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Sincere thanks for your generous offerings in support of ACN.

### MISSIONARY APPEAL

Today there will be an Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries at all Masses.

### WRAP UP WARM FOR WINTER APPEAL

Your kind donations of small items of **warm clothing (hats, scarves and gloves only)** will be  
 very welcome for those less fortunate than ourselves who are homeless and for whom  
 winter is going to be a battle for survival. Unfortunately we are unable to take larger items.  
 Your donations can be left at the back of church or dropped off at the presbytery. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 02 Oct	9:30am 6:30pm	27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Kevin Fishwick (B) The People of the Parish	Rosary Sunday ST GREGORY'S
SUN 02 Oct	11:00am	27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Iain Macdonald (LD)	Rosary Sunday ST OSWALD'S
Mon 03 Oct	10:00am		Terry Kenyon (LD) The Baldwin Family	
Tues 04 Oct	9:15am 10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	<b>NB: NO MORNING MASS TODAY</b> Nora Ball	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 05 Oct	8:30am	St Faustina Kowalska	Ronnie Samuel (LD) Rose Anne Gerard (F)	EXPOSITION 12:00 - 2:00pm
Thur 06 Oct	9:15am 11:00am	St Bruno REQUIEM MASS	Marie Gallery Successful Operation (MG) Dennis Berry	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 07 Oct	8:30am 9:15am	Our Lady of the Rosary	<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY
Sat 08 Oct	10:00am		Valerie Bretherton Mary June Tranter (A)	
SUN 09 Oct	9:30am 6:30pm	28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Hannah Slater (A) Nora Ball (LD) The People of the Parish	DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS & THEIR VICTIMS ST GREGORY'S
SUN 09 Oct	11:00am	28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	For prisoners & their victims	DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS & THEIR VICTIMS ST OSWALD'S