

## PARISH PRIESTS

This coming Friday, 4th August, we celebrate the feast of St John Vianney a French Catholic priest who in 1925 was canonized by Pope Pius XI and in 1929 was made patron saint of parish priests. Today let us thank God for all parish priests throughout the world and for the work that they do. Mass will be celebrated on Friday morning at 8:30am at St Gregory's in thanksgiving for all priests of the Diocese and as it is also Fr Graeme's birthday, this will be followed by light refreshments in the meeting room. All are welcome.

## ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL & CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

Tickets are now available for our Annual Beer Festival & Concert in the Garden at St Gregory's Weld Bank.

**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 cost £5 each and include a souvenir programme & glass plus a free glass of beer. Wine and gin will also be available to purchase. Food from our Pit Stop Café will be available throughout the festival.

If you would be interested in sponsoring the event, please see Fr Graeme.

## CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2023

**Sunday 3rd September, 12pm - 4pm**, St Gregory's, Weldbank

This is a free event with lots of stalls, live music, games, tombola, BBQ & refreshments. Lots of fun for all the family. All welcome.

## SVP MONTHLY COLLECTIONS


June - £148.01

July - £241.35

The SVP would like to thank you for your kind and generous offerings.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

Sunday 30th July 2023 - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

## ST GREGORY'S RC CHURCH

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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 23rd July 2023

Gift Aid: **£59.00**

Loose Plate: **£453.46**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Giving: **£48.85**

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

## REFLECTION

The readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time are about the wisdom of God which is very different from the wisdom of the world. The first reading recalls how Solomon requested the gift of understanding instead of material goods or power. The psalm reminds us that God's commands are more precious than gold. The second reading tells us to work for God's purpose and in the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus continues to use more images and symbols to describe God's Kingdom. Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found. When one such precious pearl or treasure is found, the person who finds it sells everything he owns to buy the field. But how do we relate to that story today? Over the centuries, many nobilities (and some dictators!) have claimed to have had the biggest and most powerful kingdoms in the world. In many cases, these 'kingdoms' were gained through war or battle with much bloodshed and were often maintained through fear and oppression. But this isn't the sort of Kingdom Jesus is describing. Although Jesus calls it *his* Kingdom, it is in fact God's Kingdom, a Kingdom which is not built on power, but through peace; which is not about fear but faith; a Kingdom which is built on justice, mercy, forgiveness, compassion and concern for the poor. God's Kingdom is not a physical place so we won't find it on any map but it's more about relationships – our relationship with God and our relationship with each other. Jesus reminds us of this when he says: *'love one other just as I have loved you'*. We are called to promote and build the Kingdom of God in this world as we prepare to enter into the fullness of the Kingdom of God at the end of time. But the challenge is for us all to be the people of light where there is darkness, to be the people of hope where there is despair and to be the people of good news where there is fake news. The work of building God's Kingdom begins here and now! As missionary disciples, each one of us is called not only to be a member of God's Kingdom, we are also called to do all we can to promote and build it. We are called to build God's Kingdom, not our own.....a Kingdom without end!

### 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 - Barbara Edwards

*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 Margaret Haydock 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

### ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Would anybody be interested in joining the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council? If you would like further information on the work of the Pastoral Council and how you could help shape and progress the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, please see Fr Graeme.

### CAFOD: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM CAMPAIGN

A big thank you to all those who signed the letter from Salina which will be taken to the meeting of the World Bank in October. Your support is essential in addressing the issue of abuse amongst the small farming communities of the world.

### GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. **ALPHA** is an eleven week series of interactive sessions that explore the big questions of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed and safe environment.

**Alpha** is for anyone at any age, who is curious to find out more about faith. It's designed for those who are exploring and questioning; it's open to cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on **14th September 2023 at 7pm at St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green** and meet every Thursday for eleven weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact either Sr. Dorothy or Julie.

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### BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's  
**Heidi & Noah Allen and Theodore Roman McLoughlin**  
 Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 30 July	9:30am	17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Jim Parkinson (BR) Catherine & Cecil De Lacy	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Bridget & Austin McManus	
SUN 30 July	11:00am	17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Charles Eastham (BR) Nicholas Eastham (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 31 July	10:00am	St Ignatius of Loyola	The Sick of the Parish	
Tues 01 Aug	9:15am	St Alphonsus Liguori	In Thanksgiving	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 02 Aug	8:30am	St Eusebius of Vercelli & St Peter Julian Eymard	Betty Burgess (LD)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00noon
Thur 03 Aug	9:15am		Herbert Spedding (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 04 Aug	8:30am	St John Vianney	The Priests of the Diocese	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 05 Aug	10:00am	Dedication of St Mary Major	Valerie Bretherton	
SUN 06 Aug	9:30am	18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Ken Edwards (BR) In Thanksgiving (GD)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
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