

ST GREGORY'S WELD BANK 1774 - 2024

This year, St Gregory's will celebrate its milestone 250 year anniversary. Whilst the exact date of the Anniversary falls in November, in order to assist us in making this a whole parish celebration we will need to hold part of the event outside in the church grounds and for this we will rely on the help of the warmer weather! The date for this milestone celebration has therefore been set as the weekend of **27th & 28th July**. Further details to follow but in the meantime, please put this date in your diaries.

CONFIRMATION 2024

The website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will remain open until the **15th March**. For those young people in Year 8 attending Catholic High Schools in the Liverpool Archdiocese, preparation and registration will be coordinated through the school. Any young people in Year 8 attending non-Catholic High Schools can register for Confirmation preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. They will then be invited to take a part in a 'catch up' session that will try to cover what they have missed in the RE classes of our diocesan Catholic schools. There is a poster in the church porch which contains a QR code which candidates from non-Catholic High Schools can scan in order to register.

LIVE SIMPLY WEEKEND


There will be a Fair Trade stall & refreshments at St Gregory's during the 2nd weekend of Lent as we look again at how we aim to achieve the Live Simply Award. Further information to follow in due course.

A MESSAGE FROM LIVING WATERS FOODBANK

Thank you once more for your incredibly generous donation of £450 and for your ongoing support to our foodbank. Your generosity and kindness towards our work overwhelm us. Partnering with you in this way is a blessing for the greater good of our town's people. We pray that God abundantly blesses you in the coming weeks and months, just as you've blessed so many others. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

D	E	S	S	E	S	S	O	P	E	SYNAGOGUE	MOTHER	FEVER
K	N	U	C	B	E	D	I	R	R	HAND	SUNSET	POSSESSED
A	S	A	G	A	L	I	L	E	E	DEVILS	CURED	SUFFERING
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 4th February 2024 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, St Mark completes the picture for us of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. It also highlights the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. We are told that Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. Jesus' example is an important lesson for us all. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness. We believe that in prayer Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision making to God in prayer asking for his guidance and direction in our lives. Our focus should be to serve others, not to gain popularity - we must never lose sight of our basic calling - as St Teresa of Calcutta said: 'We are called not to be successful, but to be faithful' By his example, Jesus also reminds us that prayer is very essential in our life if we really want to know and follow the will of God. Prayer is not just about asking for favours from God but it is our communication with God. How often do we forget to say our prayers because we are too busy? A day goes by and before we know it we are falling into bed exhausted. We intended to take time to pray, but time got away from us. Jesus, teaches us by example that it is important to take time to pray because from prayer we can draw strength to do what each day requires, especially by showing in word and deed what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The words of St. Paul 'Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!' must be the motto of us all. The gift of faith we have received is not supposed to be kept inside us - it must be shared and proclaimed. Let us all reach out to others and become missionaries of the faith - but in our own way. And when we too are in difficult times ourselves, let us find a quiet place and thank God for life even when it hurts.

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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 28th Jan 2024

Gift Aid: **£62.00**

Loose Plate: **£311.96**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan
Fr Laurence Mayne - Teresa Abernethy - Rita Compton - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath
Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Jimmy Waddington - Sarah O'Connor

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
John Bibby & Patricia Brownley 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
Frank Jimmy Roberts
Please keep him and his family in your prayers
as they start out on their faith journey.

ARCHDIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE 2024 SATURDAY 9 MARCH 10:30-3:30

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Hardybutts, Wigan, Lancashire, WN13RZ) will play host to the annual archdiocesan environment conference. Speaking at the conference is Environment and Issues Lead for the Catholics Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Salford Bishop, Bishop John Arnold; Sister Margaret Aitken, and John Paul Dequay. In groups, delegates will begin to think about what environment and sustainability plans and pledges they can make moving forward. The event will also be attended by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon O.P. and a cold buffet-style lunch will be provided. There is a capacity of 50 places so if you are interested in attending, please book your free tickets below:
<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vr8p9ggi>

IRENAEUS COME & SEE DAY

Irenaeus are hosting a 'Come and See' Day at the Irenaeus Centre (32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD) on 'The Power of Art' with keynote speaker, Christine Dodd (former Adult Education Advisor for the Diocese of Hallam). Irenaeus advise all attending to bring a packed lunch. For further details please email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

REVIEW OF PARISH LIST OF THE SICK

It is now time to renew the list of those who are sick in our parishes to be included on our Parish Newsletter. If you would like to add or remove any names from the list, please could you let us know this week as the new list will be published from next week. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy'
Matthew 5:7

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 04 Feb	9:30am	5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Tom & Sheila Grady Madge Critchley (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Kevin Fishwick (LD) Teresa Iddon (BR)	
SUN 04 Feb	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Bryan Dougan (BR)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 05 Feb	10:00am	St Agatha	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Tues 06 Feb	9:15am	St Paul Miki SJ & companions	Fr Jonathan Cotton (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 07 Feb	8:30am	FUNERAL SERVICE	Bernard Marmion Margaret Mary Ellison	
	11:00am		Patricia Brownley	
Thurs 08 Feb	9:15am	St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita	Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm Day for Victims of Trafficking
Fri 09 Feb	8:30am	FUNERAL SERVICE	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	10:30am		John Bibby	
Sat 10 Feb	10:00am	St Scholastica	Fred & Bessie Fowler (A) Barbara Edwards (LD)	
SUN 11 Feb	9:30am	6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	John & Elizabeth Watmough (A)	ST GREGORY'S Day of Prayer for the sick & those who care for them
	6:30pm		Mary Spedding (A) Bell & Donegan Families	
SUN 11 Feb	11:00am	6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Alan Macdonald (BR) Frank Ogden (A & BR)	ST OSWALD'S Day of Prayer for the sick & those who care for them