

CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2022

Just a reminder, the CCC Festival will take place today (Sunday 4th September 2022) from 12:00noon - 4:00pm at St Gregory's Weld Bank.

Admission free - live entertainment, BBQ, refreshments, tombola, cake stall, children's games and Sing It Big Choir.

All Welcome so please do come along and support this event.

ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

The Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous will be visiting St Mary's Chorley during 15th - 17th September 2022. Volunteers are required to assist on **Friday 16th September**. Help is needed in the Parish Centre to serve refreshments, meet and greet, traffic control, general enquiries etc. They are also looking for donations of sandwiches and cakes as Pilgrims will be invited to go to the parish centre for light refreshments. If you can help in any way, there are lists at the back of the church at St Mary's for you to sign up or alternatively please contact Kinga Grzeczynska at St Mary's Tel: 01257 262537

BACK TO SCHOOL

A warm welcome to all those who returned to our schools during the week, we wish you all a very happy and successful year!

SEASON OF CREATION

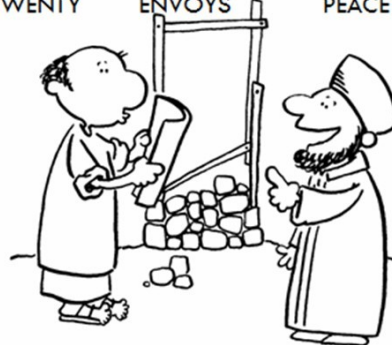
September 1st to October 4th 2022

September 1st marked the beginning of the Season of Creation which lasts till 4 October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Addressing the faithful, the Holy Father prayed that this year's theme 'Listen to the voice of Creation' may foster in everyone 'a concrete commitment to care for our common home'. For further information including a downloadable resource guide, please go to: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>
Laudato Si Action Platform <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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CROWDS TOWER COST
COMPLETE FOUNDATION KING
MARCHING THOUSAND WAR
TWENTY ENVOYS PEACE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 4th September 2022 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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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 28th August 2022

Gift Aid: **£115.50**

Loose Plate: **£458.00**

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 and the special collection next week will be for Catholic Education Services

REFLECTION

Today's gospel is a challenging one. The invitation from Jesus is always to 'follow me' - the decision to follow in his footsteps is not one to be taken lightly. Jesus makes this very clear right at the beginning of this Sunday's gospel when he spells out the cost of being his disciple, 'if anyone comes to me without hating their father and mother, wife, children, brothers and sister and even his own life, they cannot be my disciple!' Jesus tells us that we have to work it out for ourselves to see if we have what it takes to live with the demands of being his follower. This is not a peaceful, hopeful Jesus but rather a 'reality check' Jesus speaking to us.

Crucifixion was a horrible, humiliating way to die and the image of willingly taking up a cross would have been shocking to the people of the time. But with this shocking message, Jesus is telling us that following him is not just going to mean going about our lives as we have been doing - instead it is a warning that we are going to have to make sacrifices. Try to think of it as being like taking a long trip - we wouldn't set out without preparing and planning ahead, making sure we have directions for the journey. We work out how much it will cost us and we look at what's involved in the journey. We do our best to be prepared for unplanned events along the way.

To be a follower of Jesus means that first we have to figure out what being a follower of Jesus will cost us, and then decide whether we have the energy and resources to meet that cost. The cost of being a disciple of Jesus? Everything we have and are! The reward of being a disciple? Everything God has and is! The danger is that if we are overly worried about the cost of following Jesus, we might never set out on this path in the first place - but we have already started on this journey at our baptism. The reward is priceless - the fullness of life which begins here and which will be inherited fully in the life to come. We begin this journey of being a disciple of Jesus in faith, but not on our own. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom tells us that we are given the gift of wisdom and the Holy Spirit to guide and lead us on our journey. The challenge, then, is not to look at the cost, but to keep our eyes on Jesus who is walking with us showing us the way.

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 - Marty Kendrick - Nora Ball - Emmy Moss

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 around 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

REVISED & REVERSED COVID REQUIREMENTS

With the increase of infection rates and the new variants, the guidelines from the
 Archdiocese have changed and the following now apply:

1. **Face-coverings** are highly recommended for people who attend Sunday Masses.
2. **Sanitiser** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the doors to the church will remain open throughout each service during the summer months.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will **no** designated section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will be required to wear a face covering whilst distributing Holy Communion and will cleanse their hands before & after distributing Holy Communion.
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.

MASS OF WELCOME

At both morning Masses today, the families with children who
 are to be baptised during this coming year will be welcomed into
 our Parish Communities. Please keep them all in your prayers.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Hattie Amelia Bramwell Singleton
 Please keep her and her family in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Next Sunday we welcome back the Children's Liturgy group after their summer break.
 The Children's Liturgy has always been an important part of engaging our younger
 parishioners at Mass and was successfully relaunched last year following a break due to
 Covid. We do encourage younger children to attend so that they are able to listen and
 respond to the Gospel in an age-appropriate manner. All Welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 04 Sep	9:30am	23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Alex Duxbury (LD)	Mass of Welcome ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 04 Sep	11:00am	23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention	Mass of Welcome ST OSWALD'S
Mon 05 Sep	10:00am		Margaret Connolly (LD) Norman Hall (LD)	
Tues 06 Sep	9:15am		Margaret Ingham (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 07 Sep	8:30am		Special Intention John Miller Gerrard (F)	
Thur 08 Sep	9:15am	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin	Alan Macdonald (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 09 Sep	8:30am	St Peter Claver	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
	9:15am			
Sat 10 Sep	10:00am	St Ambrose Barlow	Karen Francis Bryan Topping	
SUN 11 Sep	9:30am	24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Phyllis Barton	Education Day ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Fr John Smith (A)	
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