

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and will close on the 17th March 2023. Any young person in year 8 can register for Sacramental preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. While the registration period is open Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament in their RE classes. If you have a child who attends a non-Catholic school but would like to be confirmed, please speak to Fr Graeme as soon as possible.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

Today is Racial Justice Sunday, a day the church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for Racial Justice Sunday this year is: 'All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church.

Let us walk together, pray together and work together'.

For more information go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

SURVIVE-MIVA APPEAL

There will be a special appeal today at all Masses by Survive-Miva, a Catholic lay Association providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access. For further information about the work of the Association, please go to: www.survive-miva.org

CEMETERIES

Please note that In order to preserve the safety, appearance & maintenance of the graveyards, all crosses, plaques erected without permission will be removed. Pots and memorabilia are only permitted at the foot of the headstone and on the footing and should not encroach onto the grassed area or onto adjacent graves or pathways. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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SALT
EARTH
TASTELESS
NOTHING
TRAMPLED
CITY
LIGHT
UNDERFOOT
HILLTOP
LAMP
TUB
SHINES
SIGHT
MEN
PRAISE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 5th February 2023 - 5th 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

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Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Edward Brierley

REFLECTION

Following on from the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the quality needed to be one of his disciples. Nowadays, we all take salt and light for granted, but these commodities were much more precious at the time of Jesus - there was no electricity so light at the touch of a button was unheard of. The poor couldn't afford candles or oil lamps or even wood for the fire so they went to bed when the sun went down. In contrast, the widespread use of electricity in our modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring food, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Salt, used properly can brighten and enliven food. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. So today let us ask ourselves as followers of Jesus: Do I make a difference to those around me through what I say, what I do and how I live my daily life? By my living the gospel of Jesus, do I brighten and enliven the world around me? Am I worth my weight in salt? Through baptism we all share in the mission and ministry of Jesus - we are his disciples of today! When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things within the community of faith, the Church, we are acting as 'a city set on a mountain' that cannot be hidden! In our families, our schools and our communities, we are the ones who are called to stand up, speak out and shine as followers of Jesus. We are called and invited not to hide our light, hide in the shadows or be embarrassed that we are followers of Jesus. We are called to be people of light and even though there may be darkness in our world today, we are asked by Jesus to let the light of our faith and hope shine even more brightly than ever. It is said, that for evil to triumph all that is needed is that good people do and say nothing but when we let our light shine, darkness is dispelled and evil is defeated. Individually our one light may not make a huge difference, but when it shines brightly with others, the light becomes intense and powerful!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 29th January 2023

Gift Aid: **£105.50**

Loose Plate: **£287.81**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The monthly collection by the SVP will now take place next Sunday

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - Paul Gallery - Christine Zawistowicz
 Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Emily Moss
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden
 Catherine - Philip Compton - Paul Spedding

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 Petronilla Molloy
 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** - sanitiser is available as you enter the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the church doors will remain closed during all services.
3. **Social Distancing** - there is no designated section of the church with social distancing.
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.

NORMAL MASS/SERVICE TIMES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **EXPOSITION** 10:00am - 2:00pm

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

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SATURDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

SUNDAY MASSES

HOLY MASS 9:30am & 6:30pm (St Gregory's) & **11:00am** (St Oswald's)

REVIEW OF PARISH SICK LISTS

Please could you confirm as soon as possible if you would like a name to remain on the Parish list of the sick or if you would like a name to be removed. If we don't hear from you by the end of the week, we will assume that the name can be removed. Also, if you would like a name added to the list, please let us know. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 05 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Roy Carrington (BR) Tom & Sheila Grady (BR) Madge Critchley (A) Teresa Iddon (BR) Cyril Moss & Andrew Evans	ST GREGORY'S RACIAL JUSTICE DAY
SUN 05 Feb	11:00am	5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S RACIAL JUSTICE DAY
Mon 06 Feb	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Joanna Hardyman	
Tues 07 Feb	9:15am		Paul Eastham	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 08 Feb	2:30pm	REQUIEM MASS	Petronilla Molloy	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 09 Feb	9:15am		Margaret Mary Ellison Joseph Littlewood	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 10 Feb	10:30am 9:15am	REQUIEM MASS St Scholastica	Peter Riding	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Sat 11 Feb	10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Canon Garry Byrne (LD) In Thanksgiving - Our Lady of Lourdes	World Day of Prayer for the sick and those who care for them
SUN 12 Feb	9:30am 6:30pm	6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Marjorie Joan Critchley (A) Brian Dougan (BR) Jim Dunn (BR) Bertha Gerard (F)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 12 Feb	11:00am	6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Frank Ogden (A & BR) Alan Macdonald (BR)	ST OSWALD'S