

THANK YOU

Fr Graeme would like to thank all parishioners most sincerely for all the kind words, cards and gifts he received on his birthday. Thank you all for your generosity.

ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL & CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

There are still some tickets available for our Annual Beer Festival & Concert in the Garden at St Gregory's Weld Bank which will take place next weekend.

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.

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL ONLINE

The August edition of the Catholic Pic is now available to download at:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdcy94js>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Transfiguration of Jesus

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THREE
ELIJAH



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 6th August 2023 - Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A (p173)

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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 30th July 2023

Gift Aid: **£122.00**

Loose Plate: **£347.72**

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

REFLECTION

In the gospel today Jesus takes Peter, James and his brother John away from the business of the village and market place and invites them to travel with him as he makes his way up the mountain. We know from the gospels that it was not unusual for Jesus to go off by himself up into the mountains to pray. Whilst they were there praying, Jesus was transfigured; he changed; his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Imagine how surprised and shocked they all must have been. Then Peter uttered these words, 'Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here'. But more importantly than that, a voice from the cloud said to them, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. These words are also relevant for us today. The message that Jesus offers us is life-changing if we choose to open our hearts and hear it. The Transfiguration gives us a fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all his glory. It is a taste of what is to come and is offered in order to encourage and challenge us in our daily lives. Sometimes, we can get locked into our own world and our particular situation and we can forget about or lose sight of the fact that we are part of a much bigger world. It reminds us therefore that our lives are far more than what we see, hear and experience every day. Being a follower of Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose and hope. The transfiguration not only offers us a glimpse of Jesus in all his glory, it also offers each of us a foretaste of what God promises to us in the fullness of his Kingdom. We will never experience anything as powerful as The Transfiguration in our own lifetimes, but every day in countless and seemingly small ways God does break into our lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration both for ourselves and for those we help and each time somebody shows care and concern for us is a moment when God reaches out to us. This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us and let us take time to slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our own ordinary daily lives.

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,
 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.

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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LIVING WATERS FOODBANK

Sincere thanks from Chorley Living Waters Food Bank for your kind donations and financial support which continue to help so many people in need during these challenging times. There is a box in the church porch in which to leave your kind donations of food. Thank you.

BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Cora Jean Mather, Grace Lilley Billington & Ada Julia Yates

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 06 Aug	9:30am 6:30pm	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Ken Edwards (BR) In Thanksgiving (AD) People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 06 Aug	11:00am	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	LISCF	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 07 Aug	10:00am	St Sixtus II & Companions & St Cajetan	Elizabeth Dearden (A) Kay McGuffie	
Tues 08 Aug	9:15am	St Dominic	Jim & Judy Wheldon (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 09 Aug	8:30am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Joe Waring (A)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00noon
Thur 10 Aug	9:15am	St Lawrence	Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 11 Aug	8:30am 9:15am	St Clare	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 12 Aug	10:00am	St Jane Frances de Chantal	Phyllis Barton Mary Lovatt (LD)	
SUN 13 Aug	9:30am 6:30pm	19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Valerie Bretherton Christina Ashworth	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 13 Aug	11:00am	19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	William & Ann Higham (BR)	ST OSWALD'S