

BENEMERENTI AWARDS - THANK YOU

David and Clare would like to thank Fr Graeme, Bishop Tom and all parishioners for attending the celebration on 3rd May and for all their prayers, cards and good wishes. Thank you all.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on **Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.00pm** in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool. Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Drinks Reception which will follow.

SPONSOR A WHEELCHAIR APPEAL

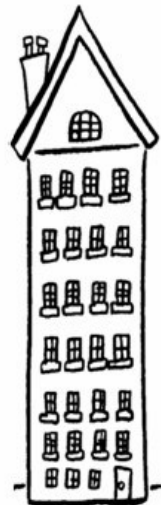
To coincide with their centenary, the Lourdes Pilgrimage group are hoping to fund a number of new wheelchairs and are appealing for sponsorship. The sponsorship could be in memory of someone who has died, or on behalf of a parish, family or organisation. The cost of a sponsored wheelchair is £400 to include an engraved plaque with the name of your chosen individual or group and a fitted seatbelt - those people would then be part of the Lourdes journey both this year and for many more years to come. If you would like to make a donation towards a Parish sponsored wheelchair, please put your donation in an envelope labelled 'Wheelchair Appeal' and place it in the bucket at the back of church.

WORD OF LIFE MEETING

All are welcome at the next Scripture sharing meeting at the Church house this Thursday 11th May at 10:30 am. We will be exploring 'Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour' (Romans 12:10).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 7th May 2023 - 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

REFLECTION

As we continue to make our way through this season of Easter, the words of encouragement that Jesus offers his followers at the very start of today's gospel are also meant for each of us today.... 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me.' It's another way of saying that familiar phrase used so often throughout scripture, 'Do not be afraid.' This small but powerful phrase appears in the bible three hundred sixty five times! It is a phrase that Jesus used himself when speaking to his followers. It reassured, comforted and strengthened them during the times when they were filled with fear, doubt and anxiety. For us too, in our own challenging world of today, at times each one of us need this reassurance from Jesus; 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me.' This season of Easter ends with the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and before that we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, when he returns to heaven from where he came. In today's gospel, he is already preparing his followers for his leaving them. Imagine their sadness, loss, confusion and disappointment. They had seen him die and be buried; he is now standing before them and he is telling them that he is leaving again! He may be leaving them, but he is not leaving them alone. He promises to send them the Holy Spirit; the Advocate, the one who will strengthen and encourage them. The one who will take away their fear and transform it into courage. This promise is not only made to them, but to us too - when we are lost, Jesus is our Way, when we are confused, Jesus is our Truth and when we are tired, Jesus is our Life. When we lose somebody very close to us, we can feel alone, abandoned, anxious and confused just like the followers of Jesus did. Death and bereavement are never easy and are made all the more painful when we feel we have been unable to say goodbye properly. However, as long we remember and pray for those we have lost, they are never far from us - they will always be with us. Jesus promises never to leave us, 'I will be with you always, until the end of time.' With Jesus by our side, especially during challenging times, we are not alone and never will be.

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Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Awaiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 30th April 2023

Gift Aid: **£35.60**

Loose Plate: **£598.27**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The retiring collection this week will be taken by the SVP.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - 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 - Baby Jonah Phillipson

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

PARISH CELEBRATION 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Our Annual Parish celebration this year will be held on **Saturday 10th June at 12:30pm** and will be combined with a celebration of Mgr McKenna's 60 years of dedicated ministry to the church. Allowing for his personal guests means that places are slightly limited compared with other years. However, an invite to all parishioners is extended and places will be allocated on a first come basis. Unfortunately, because of the nature of the celebration and the limitation on numbers, for this year only, children under 16 years of age will not be able to attend.

If for any reason you are unable to come to this event, there are other celebrations to look forward to in July and August.

God Bless!

Fr Graeme

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A big thank you to St Oswald's for hosting the World Day of Prayer Service on 3rd March. Thanks also to all those who attended and supported the event which raised a total of £204

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Knights of St Columba is the largest Order of Catholic Laymen in the UK which has been serving the Church and our communities for over 100 years. If you would like the opportunity to help fundraise for charitable causes, to 'make a difference', to have a purpose in life and to make lifelong friends, then come and join us!

To find out more about the Knights of St Columba, please contact Andrew Fowler on 07914 751020 or Cuthbert Culshaw on 07802 473504 or go to www.ksc.org.uk

RCIA - MASS FOR THE NEW CATHOLICS

The RCIA **Mass for the New Catholics** will take place on 21st June 2023 at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend. If you have any further questions, please email rcia@rcaol.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 07 May	9:30am	Coronation of King Charles III	Kathleen & Paul Green Philip Barton (BR)	ST GREGORY'S MASS OF WELCOME
	6:30pm	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	
SUN 07 May	11:00am	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Coronation of King Charles III	Fr Martin Peyton	ST OSWALD'S MASS OF WELCOME
Mon 08 May	10:00am		Thomas & Mildred Wilcock Jim Dunn (A)	
Tues 09 May	9:15am		For a successful operation (JA)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 10 May	8:30am	John of Avila	Pauline Critchley (LD) Sue Beirne (LD)	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 11 May	9:15am		LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fr 12 May	8:30am	St Nereus, St Achilleus & St Pancras	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 13 May	10:00am		The Bridcut Family (F)	
SUN 14 May	9:30am	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Joe Robinson (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Hugh O'Daly (LD)	
SUN 14 May	11:00am	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Margaret Noblett (90th Birthday)	ST OSWALD'S