

PEACE SUNDAY: 15TH JANUARY 2023

This year, Peace Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday (January 15th). Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a special mass for peace at 11:00am at The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. All are welcome to attend.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 18th - 25th JANUARY

Resources for the week of prayer for Christian Unity can be downloaded at:
<https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

CEMETERIES

Just a reminder, all Christmas wreaths and pots will be removed when dead or after the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February 2023).

If you wish to keep any pots or wreaths, please remove them yourself.

Any ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office.

ALPHA COURSE

The Chorley Catholic Community Alpha Sessions start at 7:00pm on Thursday 19th January, at St Joseph's Parish Centre. To register please go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search 'Chorley Catholic Community Alpha' or call 01257 542324 for more info and to register.

CHORLEY BUDDIES

SVP Chorley Buddies has applied to the Laurus Community Fund for £25,000 of funding to help us continue and grow our work. The decision as to who should get the funding is greatly influenced by which application gets the most votes. The voting is carried out at Larus Construction Site Sales Office at Saxon Fields off Euxton Lane, Chorley. For further information and details of how to vote, please see the flyer in the church porch. The voting closes on 22nd January 2023

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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JESUS	JORDAN	JOHN
BAPTISM	FITTING	DEMANDS
WATER	HEAVENS	SPIRIT
DOVE	VOICE	SON



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 8th January 2023 - The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

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Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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REFLECTION

It may seem a little unusual that having just celebrated the birth of Jesus, we now suddenly jump to marking his baptism as an adult. The reason for this is that the gospels are not a chronological history of the life of Jesus. So what does the baptism of Jesus mean for us today? The word 'baptism' means to immerse or to wash - the sacred ritual of 'baptism' has existed in many religious beliefs for countless centuries. It requires that the person go down into water; to be totally immersed, to be washed and cleansed in order to become a new person. This was also a part of the Jewish culture to which Jesus belonged. When Jesus is baptised by John, the voice of God is heard to say; *'This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'* In this way, Jesus begins his public ministry. His baptism publicly confirms his very personal relationship with God. He is in God and God is in him. He is not here by or for himself; he has been sent by God. He is here to proclaim the Kingdom of God, not his own. Through our own sacred baptism, we too are connected to Jesus and to God. When we were baptised, whether as a child or as an adult, we became members of God's family - we became sons and daughters of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus. Through our baptism we are immersed in God, we are cleansed and we become a new creation. Through our baptism, God says to each of us personally, *I call you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid; you are precious to me and I love you.* (Isaiah. 43.1). As Jesus' unique relationship with God is confirmed through his baptism, so too our relationship with Jesus is established through our baptism. As God loves Jesus, so too Jesus loves each of us; *'As the Father loves me, so I love you; abide in my love.'* (John. 15.9). Today, let us take a moment to remember and appreciate our own baptism through which we became sons and daughters of God. May we be faithful to our Baptismal promises and let us thank God for the privilege of being joined to his mission of preaching the 'Good News' by living Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 1st January 2023

Gift Aid: **£84.60**
 Loose Plate: **£290.78**
 Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

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 - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - Paul Gallery
 Christine Zawistowicz - Catherine - Philip Compton - 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 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** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - with the onset of the recent cold weather, the church doors will now remain closed during Sunday 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

WEEKDAYS

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)

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)

BAPTISMS



Baptisms take place at St Gregory's at 1:00pm on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and at St Oswald's at 12:15pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you would like to book a baptism for your child, please see Fr Graeme after one of the Sunday Masses. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 08 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Margaret Wrennall (A) Tony Brown (LD) Deceased members of the Walmsley & McNally families	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 08 Jan	11:00am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Marie Gallery William & Anne Higham (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 09 Jan	10:00am		Mary Spear (LD) John Todd (BR)	
Tues 10 Jan	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 11 Jan	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 12 Jan	9:15am	St Aelred of Rievaulx	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 13 Jan	8:30am 9:15am	St Hilary	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 14 Jan	10:00am	St Kentigern	Karen Francis Valerie Bretherton	
SUN 15 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Hannah Slater (BR) Lilian Scott (LD)	ST GREGORY'S PEACE SUNDAY
SUN 15 Jan	11:00am	2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Paul Eastham (LD)	ST OSWALD'S PEACE SUNDAY