

**AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR GRAEME**

Dear Parishioners, two weeks ago we had a pastoral letter from the Archbishop talking about care of priests. I would like to say that although the workload is growing, I am very blessed in the parishes to which I have been appointed to serve. May I take this Easter time to thank the many people who support me and work so hard in keeping the parishes running so smoothly in all aspects. I would also like to thank all parishioners for their kind words and encouragement. May the joy and the hope of this Easter fill us all so that together we may continue to praise God and build His kingdom.  
God Bless you and your families!

**AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM**

Archbishop Malcolm has prepared an Easter Message which is available at: [Easter Message 2023 from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon | News \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/2023/04/01/easter-message-2023-from-archbishop-malcolm-mcmahon/)

**SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LENT**

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Lenten reflections.

**CHORLEY LIVING WATERS FOOD BANK**

Sincere thanks from Chorley Living Waters Food Bank for your recent donations and financial support which helps to continue to meet the needs of so many desperate people.

**MASS TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION**

On Friday 5 May at 5pm there is a vigil Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. All are welcome to attend.  
On 7th May, the morning Mass at both St Gregory's (9:30am) & St Oswald's (11:00am) will be a celebration of King Charles' Coronation.



**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
St Gregory's Weld Bank**

Sunday 9th April 2023 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord , Year A

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:**  
Christine Booth

**SAFEGUARDING REP:**  
Awaiting Appointment

**REFLECTION**



We began our Lenten journey with Jesus in the desert and did our best to pray as we travelled with him during those forty days. On Palm Sunday we greeted him joyfully with palms and cries of Hosanna! On Holy Thursday Jesus offered himself to us as the Bread and Cup of Life and he asked us to love and serve each other as he had shown us. On Good Friday, we stood with the crowd and watched as Jesus was betrayed, denied, beaten, condemned and crucified. With Mary his mother, we saw him being buried in the tomb. Now today, on Easter Sunday, we stand with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. Having travelled with Jesus through Lent and stood beside him as he endured his passion, we now stand at the empty tomb and share in the power, glory, joy and the new life of his Resurrection. It can be hard to understand God's power, particularly if we have lost loved ones or experienced greater challenges in our family life or relationships, especially during the most difficult times in our lives. But we must still believe that although God's ways are not our ways and his thoughts are not our thoughts, that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God has shown and offered us a new way of living. We don't have to respond to violence with more violence, we don't have to answer hatred with anger - there is another way, a better way - The Way of the Cross that leads to Resurrection. In a world where there is violence and anger, we are called to be the people of light; where there is hopelessness and despair, we are challenged to be people of hope and faith; where there is hatred and discrimination, we are asked to be people of love and compassion. Today, more than ever we are called not only to experience the Good News of the Resurrection but we are also called to be people of Good News in our daily lives.

**We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our song!**

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

Y	R	E	N	A	W	A	E	L	S	MARY	SEPULCHRE	EARTHQUAKE
A	R	K	J	E	S	O	J	G	E	ANGEL	STONE	ROBE
M	O	A	U	S	S	T	N	O	M	SNOW	JESUS	RISEN
N	B	U	M	U	S	I	O	S	A	AWE	JOY	GREETINGS
I	E	Q	U	S	T	Y	R	N	M			
T	N	H	O	E	O	U	G	A	E			
E	L	T	E	J	Q	E	R	I	R			
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G	A	E	A	R	T	A	Q	U	A			

**WEEKLY COLLECTION  
w/c 2nd April 2023**

Gift Aid: **£56.50**  
Loose Plate: **£493.28**  
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

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

*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  
 Fr Vin McShane 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

### RETURN TO A NEW NORMAL?

As of Maundy Thursday the Bishop's of England and Wales have said that  
 Communion under both kinds can be re-introduced at Masses.

Thank you to all those who expressed an opinion in response to my request for views on  
 this last week. Whilst there was a wide range of views, the over riding majority was to start  
 at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. A number of people expressed their  
 desire to receive communion under both kinds and so this will be offered, however, please  
 can I emphasise that this is an option and no one including Eucharistic Ministers should feel  
 that they have to receive from the chalice.

I will reintroduce the phrase 'Let us offer each other the sign of peace' and again people are  
 free to offer that sign in whatever way they feel comfortable. As for coming forward for  
 communion, each Mass is different and so a flexible approach will be adopted until new  
 norms develop. However, I don't feel there is a need for stewarding of people to  
 communion but it would be nice if the slow and dignified queuing continued. The Ministry  
 of Welcome which has grown since Covid will be retained.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations to Simon Melling and Christopher Inman on being received into the  
 church this weekend. Please remember them both in your prayers and continue to support  
 them in their faith journey.

### ANNIVERSARY

Please remember in your prayers Canon Firth whose anniversary is on Monday.  
 He is still fondly remembered by all those who knew him.

*Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
 May he rest in peace. Amen.*

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 9 Apr	9:30am	EASTER SUNDAY	Albert Gubay (BR) Pauline Critchley (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 9 Apr	11:00am	EASTER SUNDAY	Deirdre Holding (for a safe operation)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 10 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	Canon Richard Firth (A) Karen Francis (BR)	
Tues 11 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	William Ingram (BR)	
Wed 12 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	John Cooper (F) Paul Kerrigan (LD)	
Thur 13 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	Sarah Ann Hearsep (F)	
Fr 14 Apr	8:30am 9:15am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	
Sat 15 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	Joseph & Beatrice Turner Pauline Critchley (LD)	
SUN 16 Apr	9:30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Divine Mercy)	Maureen Ormerod Bill & Barbara Tennant (A) Jack & Marian Birchall (BR) Kathleen Green (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 16 Apr	11:00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Divine Mercy)	Kevin Davis (A) John McGreevy (B)	ST OSWALD'S