

## THE CHURCH'S MISSION—AN EVENT WITH CARDINAL TAGLE

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and was President of Caritas International (a global network of Catholic relief and development agencies) and is a fantastic speaker. We invite you to join us online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** in which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between evangelisation (sharing Christ and his Good News) and social action. **14 July 7:00-8:30pm**. For further information and to book a place on the webinar, please go to: <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation>

## ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL & CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

This year, we will be reintroducing our Annual Beer Festival & Concert in the Garden at St Gregory's Weld Bank.

**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 will be on sale from **Sunday 16th July** and will cost £5 each to 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.



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

Sunday 9th July 2023 - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

## REFLECTION

Amidst the challenges and difficulties we face in life, today's readings bring us a message of hope, trust, and reliance on God's strength. In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah speaks of a future king who will come to restore the kingdom, bringing justice and peace. The promise of a new beginning and the restoration of their homeland must have been difficult to believe in the face of despair and uncertainty. Yet, through Zechariah's words, God's promise shines as a beacon of hope, reminding the people that even in the darkest moments, God remains faithful and has a plan for their restoration. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to find rest and comfort in him. He acknowledges the burdens we carry, the struggles we face, and he offers to share our yoke, to lighten our load. Jesus assures us that the demands of God are not beyond our strength. He invites us to turn to him, to place our trust in him, and to seek his help whenever we encounter moments when we feel overwhelmed by challenges and trials that come our way. We may face personal struggles, social burdens or the weight of responsibilities and in such moments, it is easy to rely solely on our own strength, to become consumed by worry and doubt. But the readings remind us that we are not alone. Just as God promised a new king in Zechariah's time, he has given us Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, who offers us his love, mercy, and companionship. Jesus understands our burdens because he carried the weight of the world upon his own shoulders. He beckons us to find comfort in his gentle and compassionate presence. Turning to Jesus in our times of need requires humility, faith, and a willingness to let go of self-reliance. It means acknowledging that we cannot navigate life's challenges alone and that we need help. It involves surrendering our burdens and allowing Jesus to guide us along the path of righteousness, justice, and peace. As we reflect on today's readings, let us trust in Jesus, who offers us rest for our weary souls and who shoulders the weight of our burdens even in the most difficult of times. May we seek his guidance, his strength, and his love in all aspects of our lives, knowing that with him by our side, we can face any trial or tribulation.

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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 2nd July 2023

Gift Aid: **£108.50**

Loose Plate: **£485.79**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

**The special collection next week will be for Priests in Retirement**

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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BLESS	EARTH	CLEVER
ENTRUSTED	LABOUR	YOKE
GENTLE	HUMBLE	HEART
REST	BURDEN	LIGHT



### 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

*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

### BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's  
**Austin Alexander Arthur Alty, Poppy Alexandra Dean  
 & Ayrton Lewis Prescott**

Please keep them and their families in your  
 prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

### SICK & HOUSEBOUND

I have recently become aware of parishioners who are housebound who were not receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis. If you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass and would benefit from receiving Holy Communion at home, will you please let me know so that arrangements can be made. Thank you.

Please contact St Joseph's Chorley (01257 262713) if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and needs a visit. In urgent cases or emergency please ask the ward staff to bleep the duty Chaplain. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital please ring 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary please ring 01942 822324.

### DIVINE RENOVATION

Clothed in Power is an opportunity for parishes to explore the topic of the Holy Spirit as the driving force behind mission, evangelisation, and parish renewal. The video includes Dr Mary Healy, Fr Alex Colautti, Sarah Kaczmarek, and Fr John Adams who will share their experiences and insights on the topic. Please go to: <https://divinerenovation.org/clothed-in-power/>

### SJOG / CSAN HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Going into the second year of the war in Ukraine, the number of people fleeing the war and in need of shelter remains high amidst continued attacks on objects of civilian infrastructure, leaving millions living in fear of shelling and destruction. Saint John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG), in partnership with Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), are running a matching, training and support programme for UK-based sponsors and Ukrainian guests under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. SJOG Homes for Ukraine is an official provider of this government scheme, operating in the whole of the UK. Please see the notice in the church porch if you would like to know more about the ways you can help. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 09 July	9:30am	14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Kath & Jim Dunn Keith Ellison (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The People of the Parish	
SUN 09 July	11:00am	14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The Hayden Family (F)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 10 July	10:00am		Bernard Marmion Valerie Bretherton	
Tues 11 July	9:15am	St Benedict	Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 12 July	8:30am		Margaret Mary Ellison John Fishwick (A)	NO EXPOSITION TODAY
Thur 13 July	9:15am	St Henry	LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 14 July	8:30am	St Camillus de Lellis	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am			
Sat 15 July	10:00am	St Bonaventure	Evan Critchley & Family	
SUN 16 July	9:30am	15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Ann & Agnes Walsh (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Phyllis Barton	
SUN 16 July	11:00am	15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Fr Martin Peyton	ST OSWALD'S