

## SAFE SPACES

Safe Spaces is a joint Anglican and Catholic Church project which aims to provide vital support for survivors of church-related abuse. Although the service is funded by the churches, it is run independently by the charity Victim Support, who are one of the leading charities providing specialist support to survivors of abuse in England & Wales. For further information, the Safe Spaces team can be contacted via:

Tel: 0300 303 1056 or Email: [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

LiveChat:- [www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk](http://www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk)

Website:- [www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk](http://www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk)

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

As the Archbishop doesn't know when he will be able to come to St Gregory's to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation in person, he has given Fr Graeme his permission to undertake adult confirmation himself. Adult confirmation is for anyone of school leaving age or above. Fr Graeme received an enquiry some time ago from somebody asking about confirmation and he asks if that person could get in touch again together with anybody else who would like to be confirmed.

## SYNOD SUNDAY

Next weekend, 17 & 18 October, we celebrate the 3rd Synod Sunday in the Archdiocese. Originally this was to be the weekend of our Synod 2020 event but the COVID-19 pandemic means this will now take place in June 2021.

On Synod Sunday the summary proposals on our four Synod Themes will be published which you will be able to find on the Synod Website. Over the following weeks our local Synod Members will be inviting your responses to these proposals as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be.

[www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk)

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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KING	FEAST	WEDDING
BANQUET	OXEN	BUSINESS
FURIOUS	UNWORTHY	GARMENT
SILENT	FEW	CHOSEN



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

11th October 2020 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/St-Gregorys-Weldbank-177113458975673/>

### Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

### Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

### WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 4th October 2020

Gift Aid: **£130.00**

Loose Plate: **£257.11**

Standing Orders: **£310.85**

Online/Text Giving: **£51.27**

**Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.**

The CAFOD Family Fast Collection will remain open until the end of October. Thank you.

### REFLECTION

There is nothing quite like a good meal with our friends and family! Whenever we share a meal with those we love, we experience a sense of joy, community and belonging. The same was true at the time of Jesus. We know from the gospel readings, that Jesus sat and ate with many people. In those days, to share a meal with another person was a sign of equality and often all those around the table ate from the same plate or bowl.

However, if you were sick in any way you were not allowed to sit at the table with others, even members of your own family. To be sick was to be seen as a sinner being punished by God. The Scribes, Pharisees and the Jewish elders decided who could come into the Temple, or the synagogue and who could sit at table to share a meal. If a person didn't reach the required standard, then they were ignored, dismissed and unable to eat with others. Jesus was very well aware of this as he himself often ate with those who were ignored, hated and dismissed - in his eyes, all were invited and welcome. In today's readings the imagery of the meal and banquet are used to depict God's generosity. The first reading tells us that the Lord will prepare a meal of rich wine and food, remove the veil of sadness and that all people will be invited to this celebration. In the gospel, Jesus continues this message. The meal is prepared but those invited give various excuses as to why they could not come to the feast. In response, the king invited and welcomed strangers, good and bad alike. Jesus too calls us all by our name and invites us personally to come to the feast but it is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is the host and we are his guests. The Eucharist is offered to us freely and we are invited to respond freely. God invites us all but in return he asks us to repent for our sins. As Pope Francis reminds us, *'the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak... the church is a place for everyone, with all their problems.'*

### Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Winifred Calderbank

Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison

Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Eileen Nuttall - Baby Elmo Allan

*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 Lois Chiasson.

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

#### LOCAL LOCK DOWN RESTRICTIONS

As we have now entered a local lockdown, it is more important than ever to ensure that we remain compliant with the restrictions and national government guidelines. Please can I therefore ask once again that you do not congregate outside church or on the car park after Mass but instead all return directly to your cars after leaving the building.

Thank you.

### HOLY COMMUNION

Following further guidance received from the Archdiocese relating to local lockdown rules, we are unfortunately no longer permitted to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound until further notice.

### SERVICE TIMES

Weekday Mass times are as follows:

**8:30am Mon/Wed/Fri and 10:00am Tues/Thurs/Sat**

**Sunday Mass times will remain as 9:30am (Public Worship) & 11:00am (LiveStream)**

It is important to emphasise that the **Sunday obligation has not been re-instated**; people who are shielding or at risk should not feel obliged to attend any mass; people who have had any symptoms of COVID 19 should not attend for at least 14 days after the symptoms first appeared.

Restrictions remain in place include the wearing of face masks and giving personal details for track and trace purposes. Social distancing of 1 metre+ will be observed and maximum numbers of 80 at St Gregory's.

For details of services and devotions at other local churches, please see relevant Parish newsletters or websites for individual information.

God Bless you all  
Fr Graeme Dunne

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 11 Oct	9:30am (Public Worship)	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention	Day of prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants
Sun 11 Oct	11:00am (LiveStream)	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Calderbank & Family	
Mon 12 Oct	8:30am	St Wilfrid	John Todd Roshan Thaliath	
Tues 13 Oct	10:00am	St Edward the Confessor	Kath Terry (LD)	HOLY HOUR (LiveStream) 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 14 Oct	8:30am	St Calistus	Jack Knight (B)	
Thu 15 Oct	10:00am	St Teresa of Avila	Valerie Bretherton	HOLY HOUR (LiveStream) 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 16 Oct	8:30am	St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary	Terence McCarrick A)	
Sat 17 Oct	10:00am	St Ignatius of Antioch	Special Intention Fr John Chadwick (A)	
Sun 18 Oct	9:30am (Public Worship)	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Nora Dunne (GW) Mary Rigby (A)	World Mission Sunday
Sun 18 Oct	11:00am (LiveStream)	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Spedding	