



A MESSAGE FROM FR KENNY

I would like to say a big thank you to you all for the good wishes, kind words and generous gifts I have received this week. I feel very overwhelmed by all the love shown to me. I have had a very enjoyable celebration and look forward to my next 25 years ++ of priesthood.

Thank you & God Bless

SONGS OF PRAISE

Thank you to all those who have sent in requests for hymns. Please do continue to send in your requests via email to stgregory@rcaol.org.uk or Tel: 01257 262462

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

If you wish to arrange a Baptism, Funeral or Wedding, these can now take place in church but with the same restrictions as for mass with the exception of numbers which are reduced to 30 by law.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The special collection next Sunday will be for Priests in Retirement. If you wish to make a donation, please place it in a separate envelope and place in the bucket provided.

BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism Wolfgang Elliot Leigh, please remember him and his family in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A	E	S	D	R	I	B	R	F	S
E	S	D	E	E	S	O	E	E	E
A	R	C	K	E	O	L	W	L	E
S	A	S	O	S	L	I	O	A	S
R	E	D	H	R	T	I	S	K	E
P	S	W	C	H	C	H	O	E	D
R	O	O	E	S	T	H	K	S	S
S	N	R	O	H	T	R	E	I	I
E	E	C	C	T	R	E	A	D	B
D	S	T	O	O	R	T	A	E	R

LAKESIDE CROWDS SOWER
 SEEDS BIRDS SOIL
 EARTH SCORCHED ROOTS
 WITHERED THORNS CROP



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

12th July 2020 - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A

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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 28th June & 5th July 2020

Gift Aid: **£628.00**

Loose Plate: **£288.00**

Standing Orders: **£392.50**

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

REFLECTION

When election campaigns begin we get bombarded with politicians looking for our votes. We often hear phrases such as; 'you have my word on that', or 'I give you my word' and 'my word is my bond'. This Sunday, the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah speaks about the power of God's Word and in the Gospel Jesus continues this message by telling us the powerful parable of the sower and seed. The farmer sows his seed and according to where it fell and how it took root, some of it withered, died and produced no fruit. Other seeds fell on rich, deep and fertile soil and produced a bumper crop.

We know that through this parable Jesus is describing himself. The sower and seed is Jesus himself, the Word that has come down from heaven - and he will not return until he has succeeded in what he was sent to do.

The soil into which the seeds are sown are our daily lives. At times the words that Jesus speaks to us literally fall on deaf ears. We hear very powerful and challenging words but perhaps because of fear, we are reluctant to let them take root in our lives. But there are also times when we hear and welcome the words that Jesus speaks to us and allow them to be sown in us, they take root, we nourish and nurture them and they produce fruit that can be seen in the quality of our daily lives. Mostly we hear the Word of God proclaimed when we gather as part of our parish communities. Through the readings, hymns, the gospel and the homily we hear God's word that nourishes, nurtures and challenges us as we strive to live a Christian life. But the real challenge is how we take that word away and live it in our daily lives, in our families, parish community and beyond

In his letter to the Hebrews, St. Paul wrote that "the word of God is alive and active". This is as challenging now as when it was first written and is as relevant now as it was then. The Word of God is alive and active, not out there somewhere, but in all of us. May this word take root in us and bear much fruit, fruit that will last.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley
 Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Madge Henshaw - Eileen Nuttall
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
 Phyllis Barton

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Church Re-opening

The Priests of the Pastoral Area met on Tuesday 30th June to discuss the implementation of the cautious re-opening of churches for public worship. Whilst all present acknowledged the great desire of people wishing to return to church, mass, and Holy Communion, we were also very aware of the restrictions placed upon us in doing so. In the light of the age and health of some of the Priests, the restrictions in place and the number of volunteers needed, it was decided that in the first instance we would only open two churches for mass. This would be St Gregory's and St Mary's which are both large churches with easy access, and where a one way system can be followed easily. Mass times will be as follows:

St Gregory's (Monday - Saturday 8:30am, Sunday 9:30am)

(masses will continue to be LiveStreamed behind closed doors at the other mass times)

St Mary's (Monday - Friday 12:00noon, Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 10:30am)

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.

Those who can are encouraged to attend a weekday mass so that those who cannot, can attend at the weekend without the churches being overcrowded.

Restrictions that will be 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 so maximum numbers of 80 (St Gregory's) and 120 (St Mary's) are allowed. Some churches may open for private prayer and the celebration of the other Sacraments (restrictions of 30 people attending), please see your parish newsletters or websites for individual information.

As Priests we realise that this cautious approach may disappoint some Parishioners (and Priests) but it was felt that the safety of all is paramount and that it is better to be safe than sorry. The re-opening of churches will be reviewed locally and by the Archdiocese on a regular basis. Please continue to pray for each other and keep safe.

God Bless you all
 Fr Graeme Dunne
 (Dean of the Chorley Pastoral Area)

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 12 Jul	9:30am	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Davie Kirby (LD)	
Sun 12 Jul	11:00am	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention	
Sun 12 Jul	6:30pm	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fr Kenny Hyde (Silver Jubilee)	
Mon 13 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Henry	Henry & Mary Agnes Hunter (F) Derek Smith	
Tues 14 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Camillus of Lellis	James Holcroft (SO) Margaret Mary Rigby (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 15 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Bonaventure	Bridget McManus Kathy Smith & Family	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 16 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Family & Friends (G&I) Stephen Clohessy (A)	HOLY HOUR WITH SONGS OF PRAISE 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Fri 17 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon		Martha & Edwin Grundy (F) Teresa Iddon (LD)	
Sat 18 Jul	8:30am 6:00pm		Beryl Colette Messenger In thanksgiving to St Anthony	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 19 Jul	9:30am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ann & Agnes Walsh	
Sun 19 Jul	11:00am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	John Lilley (B)	
Sun 19 Jul	6:30pm	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Tim Guy (A)	