

THANKYOU

A big thank you to Mgr McKenna for agreeing to look after the parish whilst I am on holiday for the next two weeks.

BIG SUNDAY FESTIVAL

Just a reminder, the Chorley Network of Catholic Laity are hosting 'The Big Sunday Festival' at St Gregory's this afternoon. Please do try to come along and support this event.

BACK TO SCHOOL

A warm welcome to all those who returned to school during the week, we wish you all a very happy and successful year!

LIVESTREAM

Our new LiveStream system is up and running and services at both St Gregory's and St Oswald's can now be viewed via the homepage on our website at:

<https://www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk/>

LIVING WATERS FOOD BANK

The Foodbank are urgently appealing for items such as tinned food, pasta, toiletries, UHT milk, tinned fish etc. Please leave your donations in the box in the porch. All your generous donations are very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOD CLUB

SVP Chorley Buddies is considering opening a Food Club operating from Buttermere Community Centre. We need 6 volunteers to help run it. The Food Club would run in conjunction with and supportive of Living Water's Food Bank. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact the Parish Office Tel: 01257 262462

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

12th September 2021 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 15:30

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 5th September 2021

Gift Aid: **£1129.00**

Loose Plate: **£277.25**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Donations: **£141.64**

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

The Special Collection is for the Catholic Education Service

REFLECTION

Today's gospel reading comes from a pivotal point in the Gospel of St Mark. Up until this point, we have seen Jesus perform many miracles and heard him teach many things.

Up until now, the people have been amazed and sometimes scandalised by some of Jesus' actions - but the question still remained, who is he? In today's reading, Jesus confronts his followers about this very question. He first asks them for feedback on what people thought of him. Their response indicates that the popular opinion about Jesus was that he was a prophet, but nothing more. This is not too different from the opinion many people have about Jesus today. Most people in our society think that Jesus was a good man who taught many good things and was and is a good example to follow. But they would not go beyond that. Jesus, to most people, is just another religious figure who we can learn from, in a line of many other good people throughout history. But Jesus' identity is not determined by popular opinion - and Jesus did not leave it at that with his followers. He then asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' He is also asking each of us this question too. It is, in fact, the most important question. The identity of Jesus is the hinge on which our lives pivot.

Will you open the door of faith and acknowledge Jesus as Lord - or will you close the door and choose to live contrary to his plan for you? If Jesus is merely another good man with some good moral and religious teachings, then to reject him and his teachings doesn't really matter. But if Jesus is who he said he is, the Son of God - then to reject him is to reject God, who created and sustains us. Jesus invites us to believe in him and then to put that faith into action. To follow Jesus does not mean our lives will be easy or even comfortable, for Jesus said, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me'. But the way of the cross, of following Jesus, is truly the most fulfilling way to live.....and best of all, it leads to salvation and eternal life. Let us pray that we will have the courage to take up our cross no matter how difficult!

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Margaret Shaw Thomas Moss
 Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Neil Haydock
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Neil Bass - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden
 Sheila McGeown - Derek Birchall - Caroline Rigby - Anthony Crilly - Bernard Marmion - Ian Macdonald
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 Monica Wilcock.

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

MASS/SERVICE TIMES

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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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FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory'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)

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard at St Gregory's after the 10:00am Mass on Saturday or by appointment at other times. Confessions at St Oswald's are by appointment only.

If you would like to make an appointment, please Tel: 01257 262462

CONFIRMATION AT ST GREGORY'S

Just a reminder, there will be Confirmations at St Gregory's on Wednesday 3rd November at 7:00pm. If there are any adults who would like to be confirmed, please get in touch as soon as possible. Thank you.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Emma Louise Latham & Allen Akrigg
 who are to be married at St Gregory's on Saturday.
 Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 12 Sep	9:30am 6:30pm	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Thomas & Winifred Booth Tom Wilcock B(R) Pauline Roche (LD) Phyllis Barton	EDUCATION DAY St Gregory's
Sun 12 Sep	11:00am	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Private intention	St Oswald's
Mon 13 Sep	10:00am	St John Chrysostom	Geoff & Rita Smith (GW)	
Tues 14 Sep	9:15am	Exultation of the Holy Cross	NO MASS TODAY	
Wed 15 Sep	8:30am	Our Lady of Sorrows	NO MASS TODAY	
Thur 16 Sep	9:15am	St Cornelius & St Cyprian	NO MASS TODAY	
Fri 17 Sep	8:30am 9:15am 10:30am	St Robert Bellarmine REQUIEM MASS	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE Monica Wilcock	St Gregory's
Sat 18 Sep	10:00am 2:00pm	WEDDING SERVICE	Vincent Horan (LD) Sheila Grant (A) Emma Latham & Allen Akrigg	St Gregory's
Sun 19 Sep	9:30am 6:30pm	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Hugh O'Daly (F) Kath & Jim Dunn The People of the Parish	St Gregory's
Sun 19 Sep	11:00am	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Charles Eastham (A)	St Oswald's