

CAFOD - DID YOU KNOW?

CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. With your support, the Church works with some of the hardest-to-reach and poorest communities overseas. We believe in tackling the root causes of poverty. This is why we ask please to add your voice and campaign with us to address poverty and injustice head-on. So, people sign our petitions, meet their MPs and contact big businesses, etc. to get lasting change, and we thank you for your commitment. Together we've helped bring historic breakthroughs like debt relief for whole struggling countries, diverting Government and World Bank support for fossil fuels to tackle climate change and getting large companies to behave more ethically. Please join in our next campaign about food cafod.org.uk/food to help everyone not just to have life but 'have it to the full' [Jn: 10:10].

BEER FESTIVAL

We are pleased to announce that Our Annual Beer Festival will take place on **Friday 19th August from 7:00pm - 11:00pm** in the Parish grounds at St Gregory's There will be a selection of beers, ciders and wine on sale and also food from the 'Pie Stop'.

CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

Our ever popular **Concert in the Garden** event will be held in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's on **Sat 20th August** from 2pm. The event is free, so bring along your friends and family and your own picnic chairs and blankets! There will be live music to entertain you from 2:30pm to 4:00pm and donkey rides for the children so please come along and support us - either bring your own picnic or enjoy delicious food from our BBQ and refreshment stand. Beer, wine and cider will also be available to purchase. All are welcome to attend.

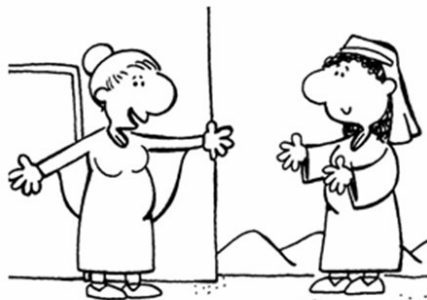
ALPHA 21 DAY PRAYER CAMPAIGN

There are still some prayer cards at the back of church for anybody who wasn't able to pick one up last week.

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

14th August 2022 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year C

REFLECTION

The Solemnity of the Assumption honours the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she was taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son. No other person other than our Lord is honoured and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God is. Perhaps in the past we have been guilty of praying to Mary rather than with her! We are not asked to worship Mary from afar as if she is totally different from us - she does have a special and unique place within our faith and tradition, but she more like us than we think. Mary was called personally by her name to be the mother of Jesus. After some very natural doubt and with God's encouragement, in faith she said 'yes', not knowing what lay ahead of her. Her 'yes' was not gentle or submissive, it was courageous and radical. As the gospel for the feast tells us, when Mary visited Elizabeth, she went to tell her cousin all that happened to her. Mary was the first to bear the Good News and the first to share the Good News. From the very beginning of her journey, Mary is a missionary disciple. She followed Jesus when others walked away. At the wedding at Cana, she led and pointed others to Jesus, not to herself. With the other women, she stood at the cross and watched Jesus die. Even though she was the Mother of Jesus, she was not spared suffering or pain. We are told that she was with the followers of Jesus at Pentecost. She was present when the missionary church sprang into life and she is the prime example of what it is to be a dedicated, committed and radical disciple of Jesus. This is her greatness, importance and relevance for us today. She is the woman whose life, faith and discipleship we are called to follow. Through Mary's example, we are given a model of how to follow Jesus. Like her, we are also called by name so that we too can make Jesus present in the world today. As she became a missionary disciple and shared her Good News, we too are called to be the same. Just as she remained faithful to Jesus when others didn't, so too are we. As Mary pointed to and led people to Jesus, we are called to do likewise. We are called to stand at the foot of the cross and to become missionary disciples in and for our world today. Mary remained faithful to what God asked of her. This is her greatness and the example she offers us.

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

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Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 7th August 2022

Gift Aid: **£63.40**

Loose Plate: **£301.41**

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

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Joanna Hardiman
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown
 Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Derek Birchall
 Christine Zawistowicz - Catherine - Kathleen Green - Philip Compton - Rona Roberts

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 Laurie Montgomery and all those whose anniversaries occur around 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

REVISED & REVERSED COVID REQUIREMENTS

With the increase of infection rates and the new variants, the guidelines from the Archdiocese have changed and the following now apply:

1. **Face-coverings** are highly recommended for people who attend Sunday Masses.
2. **Sanitiser** - please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. **Ventilation** - the doors to the church will remain open throughout each service during the summer months.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will **no** designated section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will be required to wear a face covering whilst distributing Holy Communion and will cleanse their hands before & after distributing Holy Communion.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will **not** be reintroduced at this time.

NB: We have been informed of a number of parishioners suffering from Covid recently so please be cautious and do not attend if you have any symptoms.



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Elsey Valentina Gmira-Liptrot
 Please keep her and her family in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.

NEW PROGRAMME OF DAY RETREATS

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella in Lostock Hall has launched a new programme of day retreats exploring a range of topics including prayer, scripture and other religious texts.

Our first retreat will take place on Saturday 10th September 2022, when attendees will be invited to explore John of the Cross' remarkable *Spiritual Canticle*.
 If you are interested in attending this or any of our other retreats, please register your interest before Monday 29th August.

A minimum of 15 people is required for the retreat to be offered.

Visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-programme-2022-2023/> for more information on upcoming retreats and how to register your interest.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 14 Aug	9:30am 6:30pm	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Peter Brunt (A) Agnes Price (A) Evan Critchley & Family	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 14 Aug	11:00am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	William & Ann Higham	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 15 Aug	10:00am		Isobel Richardson (A) Special Intention	
Tues 16 Aug	9:15am	St Stephen of Hungary	Theresa Critchley (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 17 Aug	8:30am		Bryan Topping The Smyth Family	
Thur 18 Aug	9:15am		Philip Compton (S)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 19 Aug	8:30am 9:15am	St John Eudes	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 20 Aug	10:00am	St Bernard	Margaret Berry (A) John Todd & Family	
SUN 21 Aug	9:30am 6:30pm	21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Mary Lovatt (B) Wulstan Barton (B) Cath Terry (A)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 21 Aug	11:00am	21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S