

LOURDES AT HOME 2021

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes was due to take place during the week 25-30 July 2021 but was cancelled due to the pandemic. The organisers have instead arranged a Lourdes at Home Pilgrimage Programme to take place from Sunday 25 July to Friday 30 July. Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the opening Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Sunday 25 July and the pilgrimage will conclude with a picnic followed by the Rosary and Torchlight Marian Procession in Our Lady's prayer garden, Southport Road, Lydiate from 6.00 pm on Friday 30 July. There will be two celebrations each day during the week at venues across the archdiocese which people will be able to attend. The full programme is available [here](#)

ORDINATION

The Archbishop will ordain Canon Tom Neylon as Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on Friday 3 September at 12noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. There will be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend. Tickets are not being issued, but it would be helpful if anyone intending to attend the Mass could register their interest by email: c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Please note that parking will be restricted at the Cathedral.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fr Julius Madaki on successfully gaining his PhD. Fr Julius will return to the UK in early August to provide supply cover in both Liverpool and Chorley and hopes to return to Nigeria at the end of September. We wish him every success in the future.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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APOSTLES	PLACE	BOAT
MANY	TOWN	ASHORE
LARGE	REST	CROWD
SHEEP	SHEPHERD	TEACH



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

18th July 2021 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

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WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 11th July 2021

Gift Aid: **£347.00**

Loose Plate: **£272.10**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection this week is for Priests in Retirement

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear about the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve returned, Jesus invited them to come away from the crowds and rest - but the crowds wouldn't give them any peace. As the Twelve had shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appeared to share in his popularity! In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples boarded a boat in the hope of finding a deserted place, but the crowds noticed this and arrived ahead of them. The crowds were so persistent that Jesus and his disciples couldn't find any place to be alone. St Mark tells us that Jesus was so moved with pity, he began to teach the crowds himself. As we know from the gospels, there were always demands being made on Jesus and on his time. Many who were sick waited and queued so that he could lay his hands on them. He spoke to the crowds whenever and wherever he could; he spoke and taught in the synagogue and the Great Temple, he spoke to the people on the sea shore and from the hills. He sought out the poor and the sick so that he could be with them and eat with them. Not an easy life! There were times in his daily life and ministry that Jesus simply needed to get away from the crowds and all their demands. These were the times when he went off by himself to be silent, to rest and to pray. Jesus sought the same rest and relaxation for his own disciples as he seeks for us today! Family demands can make us feel like Jesus and the Twelve. We wish for times of relaxation and renewal, but there are always errands to do, household chores to keep up with, other commitments to fulfil - these are all good things but there are times when need to stop what we are doing, we need to be silent and we need to pray. Perhaps we might take the opportunity this week to give ourselves permission to find the same rest and relaxation that Jesus sought for his disciples. Let us pray that we may never be so busy that we cannot find some time each day to be silent, to rest and to pray. Jesus did, so why can't we?

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Eileen Nuttall - 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

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.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

COVID 19 - CHANGES FROM 19TH JULY

In the light of further guidance received from the Archdiocese, going forward, the following will apply at both St Gregory's & St Oswald's from **Monday 19th July 2021**

- The wearing of facemasks will be **mandatory** for those attending all church services (except in the case of medical exemption).
- Social distancing will no longer be mandatory but taking into consideration that some people may still have concerns given the current infection rates, a section of the church will remain with social distancing restrictions in place.
- Hand sanitising will remain a requirement on entering the church but not on exit.
- We will no longer be taking details for track and trace purposes.
- Holy Communion will revert to the normal time and place in the Mass.
- Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.
- Stewards will invite people to the altar to receive Holy Communion row by row.

CHANGES TO MASS/SERVICE TIMES

I asked a small group from both parishes to both consider the needs of their own parish and also the needs of the other parish in looking at the provision of weekday Masses going forward. I am very grateful to them all for their thoughtfulness and their suggestions. After discussion, it has been agreed that the following will be implemented from **1st August 2021**

WEEKDAY SERVICES

MONDAY: **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's), **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

THURSDAY: **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's), **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

FRIDAY: **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE ONLY** 8:30am (St Gregory's) & 9:15am (St Oswald's)

SATURDAY: **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

SUNDAY MASSES

After consultation across the two parishes (which was inconclusive!) it has been agreed that the present times of Sunday morning Masses should be retained at this time, especially as this makes the most sense logistically for me and my Sunday Commitments.

Sunday: 9:30am (St Gregory's) & 11:00am (St Oswald's)

NB: The 6:30pm Sunday Evening Mass at St Gregory's will be reintroduced at a later date once we have seen the impact of the latest changes to Covid restrictions

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 18 July	9:30am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bridget McManus Ann & Agnes Walsh (A)	St Gregory's
Sun 18 July	11:00am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	In Thanksgiving	St Oswald's
Mon 19 July	8:30am 10:30am	FUNERAL SERVICE	Kath & Jim Dunn Frank Dearden (A) Margaret Ellwood	St Gregory's
Tues 20 July	9:15am 10:00am	St Apollinaris	Private Intention Edward Fairclough (A) Olive Morris (B)	St Oswald's Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Wed 21 July	8:30am	St Laurence of Brindisi	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Thur 22 July	10:00am	St Mary Magdalene	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Fri 23 July	8:30am	St Bridget	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 24 July	10:00am	St Sharbel MakhluF	Patricia Bond Rita Devine (s)	
Sun 25 July	9:30am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Robinson (A)	First Holy Communion St Gregory's
Sun 25 July	11:00am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	The People of The Parish	St Oswald's