

CAFOD APPEAL

Thanks to generous support from the Catholic community, CAFOD's long term response to the global pandemic means we are already working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus' spread, and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. But there is so much more to be done - the needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving, and so our response needs to be large scale, and multifaceted.

This month, as the DEC raises awareness of the global situation, we are asking the Catholic community to again keep those worst affected in their thoughts and prayers.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. If you would like to make a contribution no matter how small, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked **CAFOD** and place it in one of the collection buckets at the back of church.

For other ways in which to help, please click [here](#). Thank you.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A big thank you to all the staff in our Primary & Secondary schools and to all the pupils who are now on holiday. We pray that they will have an enjoyable and safe break and we look forward to seeing them all again in September.

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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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PARABLE
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FIELD
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SERVANTS
WEED
BUNDLES
BURNT
BARN



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

19th July 2020 - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A

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Church Office Hours:

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

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Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 12th July 2020

Gift Aid: **£607.00**

Loose Plate: **£430.20**

Standing Orders: **£196.25**

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

The Special Collection this week is for Priests in Retirement

REFLECTION

Today we continue the theme of last Sunday's Gospel as Jesus carries on talking about sowing seeds among weeds.

He uses two very important images; the tiny mustard seed and the yeast used for making bread. Traditionally, the mustard seed is the smallest and most insignificant of seeds – only the size of a pin head. It's a miracle then that

when they are planted that anything, least of all the mustard (the biggest of shrubs) grows. Hence, from small beginnings come great and wonderful things. This is

closely connected to the image of the yeast and the flour that Jesus speaks of at the end of the gospel. He says the Kingdom of God is like a woman who takes the yeast and

mixes it with flour to produce plenty of bread. Flour on its own is simply flour, not bread! The flour needs the active power of the yeast to change and

transform into something new. So why then does Jesus draw our attention to the smallest of seeds and yeast? It is very easy for us to ignore or even dismiss things we

believe to be unimportant or insignificant. Yet, these two parables suggest the very opposite. This smallest of seeds, which grows slowly and silently in the depths of the earth

becomes the biggest of trees. Yeast, when added to flour is transformed into dough and becomes bread. The yeast transforms the flour from within. Likewise, the Kingdom

of God exercises its powerful presence from within us. It may have small beginnings, but it will increase and grow like the seed and the yeast. Just as the yeast is the 'active

ingredient' in the flour, so too, we as followers of Jesus are called and challenged to be the 'active ingredient' in our modern culture and society. Without the seed, there

is no mustard tree; without the yeast there is no bread. Without each of us and our efforts, no matter how small, the Kingdom of God will not grow and spread. Today, as

followers of Jesus, we are being called to be actively engaged in bringing the message of the gospel into all areas of life. If the small mustard seed and the yeast can

be powerful agents of change, so can you and I!

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
 John Fishwick, Beryl Mayock & Jean Temple
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As of next week we will be reduced to 3 priests covering the weekend masses and so the **Sunday evening mass at 6:30pm will cease as of next weekend.**

Sincere thanks to Canon Peter Stanley who is leaving us to LiveStream services from his own church, St Joseph's, Chorley.....*please do stay loyal to St Gregory's though as I'm sure he has told his own parishioners to join him at St Joseph's!!* 😊

The other weekend masses (Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:30am - Public Worship and 11:00am LiveStream) will continue as normal.

Public Worship

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 19 Jul	9:30am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ann & Agnes Walsh John Lilley (B)	
Sun 19 Jul	11:00am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Tim Guy (A)	
Sun 19 Jul	6:30pm	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony	
Mon 20 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Apollinaris	John Fishwick (LD) Connie Walmsley (F) Teresa Iddon (LD)	
Tues 21 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Laurence of Brindisi	Alice Robinson (F) Phyllis Barton (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 22 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Mary Magdalene	Derek Smith (LD) Howard & Ruth Walker (RIP)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 23 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Bridget	Leo Mulcahy (A) Patricia Bond (A) Special Intention	HOLY HOUR WITH SONGS OF PRAISE 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Fri 24 Jul	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Sharbel MakhluF	Philip Roebuck (A) Private Intention	
Sat 25 Jul	8:30am 6:00pm	St James	Canon Edward Banks (F) The Kershaw Family (F)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 26 Jul	9:30am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Robinson (A)	
Sun 26 Jul	11:00am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Derek Smith (LD)	
Sun 26 Jul	6:30pm	NO EVENING MASS		