

ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

The Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous will be visiting St Mary's Chorley during 15th - 17th September 2022. Booking for the event at St Mary's is not required.

For further information about the UK tour please follow the link:

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/>

To see the schedule for the visit of the relics to St Mary's Chorley, please follow the link:

<https://stgregoryschorley.org.uk/upcoming-events>

CHORLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2022

Sunday 4th September 2022 from 12:00noon - 4:00pm

at St Gregory's Weld Bank.

Admission free - live entertainment, BBQ, refreshments, tombola, cake stall, children's games and Sing It Big Choir.

All Welcome.

A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all those who have worked so hard during the week in preparation for our weekend celebrations. Your efforts are much appreciated.

ENVELOPES

For those who do not participate in Gift Aid but would like to use the weekly collection envelopes, these are now available at the back of church. Please feel free to take any box.

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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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VILLAGES DOOR HOUSE GRINDING
TEACHING SUCCEED STREETS TEETH
NARROW MASTER WEEPING EAST



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 21st August 2022 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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Registered Charity No: 232709

Church Office Hours:

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 14th August 2022

Gift Aid: **£104.50**

Loose Plate: **£279.28**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

There is a double-edged message in today's readings. On the one hand, we are told that the blessings of God's kingdom are for all peoples, not just a select few but on the other hand, we are warned not take for-granted that we are 'on the A list' and have a pre-booked place at the royal banquet.

Rather, we should try our best to enter 'by the narrow gate' that is, to keep our minds and heart focused on Jesus and follow his example. Jesus invites us to be his friend and follow him but at times this is not an easy path. Following Jesus' example asks a lot of us. Although we are all created in the image and likeness of God, we can only dream of success, fame and pleasure and spend much of our time and effort trying to make at least some of these dreams come true. The reality is that we will always encounter along the way people or circumstances that will shatter those dreams. Our dreams will or will not be realised based on the decisions that we make every day which determine the course of our lives.

Today, we witness a very important 'moment of decision' faced by Jesus' disciples. Will they continue to follow him in a way that will bind them into a covenanted community - diverse, yet one people? Or will they follow a different path, return to their former life and walk away? We are told that many of Jesus' disciples found his teaching too hard to take. Some couldn't accept his words and many others simply chose the other path and returned to their former way of life.

The path that we are called to follow as disciples of Jesus is equally challenging, but it is also equally rewarding - the path of eternal salvation. In today's Gospel, the path of eternal salvation is described by Jesus as people coming from the east and west, from the north and the south to take their place at the feast in the Kingdom of God. The first letter of the four directions of the compass, that is, north, east, west and south spells the word, NEWS. The Good News for us as followers of Jesus is that in Christ, all the nations, from every direction, are to be saved, meaning no one is excluded from the possibility of sharing God's life forever.

The question is, are we ready to accept the challenge?

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 - Marty Kendrick

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 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.

MASS CARDS

We have a selection of Mass cards/Sympathy/Baptism/First Holy Communion and other greeting cards which can be purchased from the Parish Office.

GRAVEYARD REGULATIONS

It is becoming increasingly difficult to facilitate the safety, maintenance and appearance of our graveyards due to the number of crosses, pots and memorabilia that are appearing on and around graves. Please note that there are strict regulations which must be followed in order to keep all our graveyards safe and well maintained. Pots and memorabilia can be placed at the foot of the headstone and on the footing but should not encroach onto the grassed area or onto adjacent graves or pathways. The addition of crosses and plaques is strictly by permission of the parish priest only and may only be considered temporary pending the erection of a permanent memorial. Any crosses and plaques that are erected or placed on graves without permission will be removed. Notices warning of this will be posted in the graveyards for the next 28 days after which the items will be removed and stored by the sexton pending collection by the owners. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 21 Aug	9:30am	21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Mary Lovatt (B) Wulstan Barton (B)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Cath Terry (A)	
SUN 21 Aug	11:00am	21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 22 Aug	10:00am	The Queenship of Mary	Valerie Bretherton Sister Terecita (B)	
Tues 23 Aug	9:15am	St Rose of Lima	Colin Fishwick (A) Joshua Ainley (SO)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	3:15pm	REQUIEM MASS	Kathleen Ann McVey	
Wed 24 Aug	8:30am	St Bartholomew	Alex Duxbury (LD) Laurie Montgomery (LD)	
Thur 25 Aug	9:15am	St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz	Josie Malone (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 26 Aug	8:30am	Blessed Dominic Barberi	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
	9:15am			
Sat 27 Aug	10:00am	St Monica	John Calveley	
SUN 28 Aug	9:30am	22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Margaret Connolly (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Tom Wilcock (A)	
SUN 28 Aug	11:00am	22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Elizabeth Hilton (BR)	ST OSWALD'S