

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST INTENTIONS

All of our Masses during November are traditionally offered for those on the Pious List of Intentions. Forms are available at the back of church, please fill them in and place them in the collection bucket before the beginning of November if possible. Thank you.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - ST GREGORY'S

In November, we celebrate our Annual Mass of Remembrance at which we remember all those parishioners who have died in the last twelve months. Due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to hold our service last year. This year, our celebration will be held on

Thursday 25th November at 7:00pm.

The names of those who have died in the past two years will be read out and a candle will be lighted in their memory. All are welcome to attend.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day.

Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis
Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of vulnerable communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks.

SONGS OF PRAISE

As October is traditionally a month dedicated to the devotion of Our Blessed Lady, there will be a special 'Songs of Praise' on **Thursday 28th October** from 1:00pm - 2:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank. The service will be available via the LiveStream and will also be recorded for those who may not be able to watch it live. If you would like to request a favourite hymn to Our Lady, please let me know the name of the hymn and your intention as soon as possible. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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JERICHO BLIND BEGGAR ROAD
BARTIMAEUS QUIET PITY COURAGE
JUMPED RABBUN! MASTER FAITH



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

24th October 2021 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

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Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 17th October 2021

Gift Aid: **£74.00**

Loose Plate: **£350.02**

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 APF World Missions

REFLECTION

Our gospel today has a lot to teach us! In it we hear how the blind and poor man Bartimaeus, yearning for healing and liberation, cried out for help. Refusing to be silenced by the crowd, the blind beggar continued his plea for Jesus to have pity on him. Jesus asked his disciples to call him and Bartimaeus immediately threw aside what was probably his only possession, his cloak, and hurried to Jesus. When Jesus asked him what it was he wanted, Bartimaeus' answer was simple, 'Master, I want to see'. According to Mark, it's the only prayer a true Christian should ever make. Logically you would expect Jesus to command, 'Receive your sight!' or something similar, but instead, he simply told him, 'Go; your faith has saved you'. The blind Bartimaeus represents our own human blindness which might not necessarily be a physical loss of vision. It could be our weaknesses, our failings, sickness or poverty or whatever it is that limits and prevents us from reaching our potentials in life. To be free from these limitations, firstly, we must not be too proud to acknowledge that they exist. Bartimaeus didn't believe because he was cured. Rather, he was cured because he believed, and humbly cried out for help. In a sense, Jesus is saying, 'I don't have to give you your sight; your faith has already done that'. There is a simple saying that: 'If you are not tired of praying, God is not tired of listening to you'. The good news today is that Jesus is always ready to hear, heal and liberate us from whatever is limiting us in life. He wants us to see again, to have a faith. However, like the blind Bartimaeus, we must humbly call out to him and for us too, neither the crowd, nor pride should stop us. As the psalmist tells us: 'The poor man called and the Lord heard him' - whoever thought a blind beggar would actually show us what to pray for! It's all a matter of noticing what's before our very eyes. Bartimaeus may have been a beggar by the wayside but he was a man of gratitude. Having received his sight, he followed Jesus - he did not selfishly go on his way when his need was met. He began with need, went on to gratitude, and finished with loyalty - and that is a perfect summary of the stages of discipleship!

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 - Caroline Rigby - Anthony Crilly - Bernard Marmion

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 Raymond Walmsley & James Parkinson

*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)

THURSDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

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)

TOILET FACILITIES

Please note: there will be no toilet facilities available at St Gregory's for the next few weeks whilst urgent repair works are carried out underneath the floor.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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.

BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's

Charlotte Olivia Wilson & Thomas Gray Smart

Please keep them and their families in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.



MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 24 Oct	9:30am 6:30pm	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Kath Dunn The People of the Parish	World Mission Day St Gregory's
Sun 24 Oct	11:00am	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary & Bernard Rigby (A) Phyllis Rourke	World Mission Day St Oswald's
Mon 25 Oct	10:00am		Bridget & Austin McManus Patrick Loughran	
Tues 26 Oct	9:15am 11:00am	St Chad & St Cedd REQUIEM MASS	The Horan Family Pauline Baldwin	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 27 Oct	8:30am		Martha & Edwin Grundy (F) The Kershaw Family (F)	
Thur 28 Oct	9:15am	St Simon & St Jude	Gerard Baker (LD)	SONGS OF PRAISE 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 29 Oct	8:30am 9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 30 Oct	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Raymond Walmsley	
Sun 31 Oct	9:30am 6:30pm	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	Kevin & Stella Gore (GW) Thomas & Mary Gray	Baptism at St Gregory's
Sun 31 Oct	11:00am	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	Alan Macdonald (LD)	St Oswald's