PARISH MINISTRIES						
Counting	28 January	Derek & Celia Birchall				
Sacristy & Sanctuary Group	3 February	Janet Critchley & Pauline Critchley				
Dial a Ride	3 February	Linda & David Walmsley				
Readers	3 February	9:30am Jack Knight  11:00am David Fairclough  6:30pm Linda Corcoran				
Ministers of the Eucharist 3 February		9:30am Jack Knight, Richard Jackson, Clare Meredith 11:00am Margaret Scard, Helen Mather, David Chadwick 6:30pm Ulrike Yeomans, David Porter				

## **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

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## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF

# St Gregory's Weld Bank

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### St Gregory's RC Church

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## Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 32709

## **Church Office Hours:**

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 13:00

### **Parish Administrator:**

**Christine Edwards** 

## **Safeguarding Rep:**

**Edward Brierley** 

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Gift Aid: £302.59 Loose Plate: £453.51 Standing Orders: £168.94

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish

The retiring collection next week will be for the SVP

# **REFLECTION**When a politician wants to get themselves known to the

public, they set out their programme and political agenda, they may even have a slogan or catchphrase. In today's Gospel, Jesus goes to the synagogue where he stands up and reads from the Sacred Jewish Scriptures and boldly proclaims for all to hear; 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has anointed me. I have been sent to bring the Good News to the Poor.' So when we ask ourselves why was Jesus born, this is our answer: he came to bring the Good News to the poor - the Good News that God created us, God forgives us and God heals us. At the time of Jesus if a person was sick in any way; blind, crippled, a leper or a widow, they were shunned and treated as sinners and excluded, ignored and dismissed as being worthless in the eyes of God. But these are the very people that Jesus came to be with - he came to bring the Good News that God loved the poor, the outcast, the ignored and the despised. Many people disliked and criticised Jesus because of his friendship with the poor, but these were the very people who saw and recognised him for who he really was. It was the blind who saw him, the deaf who heard him and the crippled who followed him. Being a Christian is not just a pleasant name or a comfortable badge to wear, it's a way of life. To call ourselves Christians is to follow the one called the Christ. It is to live as he lived, to love as he loved and to treat others as he treated people. As Christians, we are called to put our faith into action in our daily lives. Today, we are called not only to hear the Good News from Jesus, we are challenged to live it and put it into practice whenever and wherever we can. Let us focus therefore on doing all we can to share the Good News of our faith with others, especially those who are poor, ignored and on the margins of our church and society today.

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

'Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life'

## **Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters**

Margaret Wood - Bill Burns - Margaret Bower - Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Victoria Birkett - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Gerard McGuigan - Julie Hurley - Thomas Moss - Fred Simpson - Joan Woodruff - Nora Taylor - Marian Leyland - Margaret Wrennall - Harold Sutton - Margaret Fishwick - David Porter

Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Sadly we record the deaths of Timmy Donegan & John Brownley.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

# **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019**

Please could all those booked to go on the Holy Land Pilgrimage in 2019, please arrange to pay your next instalment of £350 within the next week or so. Thank you.

### **SYNOD 2020**

SYNOD 2020 prayer cards are now available at the back of church. Please do take one and use it. The SYNOD prayer will be said at all Masses after Holy Communion until our representatives have been enrolled on 3rd February 2019.

Ahead of the enrolment service, there will be a meeting of the SYNOD representatives on Thursday 31st January 2019 at 7:00pm at the church house.

### **OPEN PARISH MEETING**

The next Open Parish meeting will be held on Monday 25th February at 7:00pm. Please hold this date in your diaries and let me know ahead of the meeting if there are any specific topics you would like to be placed on the Agenda.

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Just a reminder, there will be a meeting of the Scripture Reflection Group on Wednesday 30th January at 7pm in the church house. All welcome.

## ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage & Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday 17th February 2019 at 11:00am The Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. All welcome.

### MASS ON WEDNESDAY

As you will recall, we agreed to move the Wednesday morning Mass to 12 noon during January to allow those who weren't able to attend the early Mass during the week the opportunity to do so. As an update, I can tell you that moving the Mass does seem to have made it possible for different people to attend and the numbers are reasonable. I recommend that the trial should continue until the next Open Parish Meeting at which a final decision will be made.

\*Please note: Mass on the last Wednesday of each month will be celebrated at 8:30am to allow Fr Graeme to attend the monthly Deanery meeting.

## **MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS**

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 27 Jan	9:30am	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Derek Parker (A)	
Sun 27 Jan	11:00am	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Agnes & Thomas Durkin	Refreshments after Mass
Sun 27 Jan	6:30pm	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jannete & Gordon Latham (A)	
Mon 28 Jan	8:30am	St Thomas Aquinas	Kathleen Swarbrick (B)	
Tues 29 Jan	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	John Brownley	
Wed 30 Jan	*8:30am		Valerie Bretherton	Adoration after Mass
Thurs 31 Jan	8:30am	St John Bosco	Teresa Critchley	
Fri 1 Feb	8:30am		Joan Critchley (LD)	
Sat 2 Feb	10:00am	The Presentation of the Lord	Teresa Kershaw	
Sun 3 Feb	9:30am	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Robert Parkinson (B)	
Sun 3 Feb	11:00am	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Herbert Spedding	
Sun 3 Feb	6:30pm	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	The people of the Parish	

HOLY ROSARY: will be prayed twenty minutes before the weekday Mass

**CONFESSIONS:** are held after Mass on Saturday morning

If you wish to book a Mass Intention, please see Fr Graeme after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours