

FAMILY OF PARISHES ROADSHOWS

The Pastoral Plan makes clear the way forward for the church in our Archdiocese. It says this: 'Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have we will create families of parishes'. In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes. To explore what this means, there are 3 roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone and everyone to attend. The meeting for our area will take place on **Tuesday 7th Nov 7:00pm – 9.00pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk**. For further information, please contact:

Fr Philip Inch (p.inch@rcaol.org.uk).

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.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—ST GREGORY'S

Each November, we celebrate our Annual Mass of Remembrance at which we remember all those parishioners who have died in the last twelve months. This year, our celebration will be held on **Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm**. The names of those who have died in the past year will be read out and a candle will be lighted in their memory. All are welcome.

PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

If anybody would like the name of a loved one included in our Parish Book of Remembrance, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

JUMBLE SALE

The jumble sale in aid of Mary's Meals & CAFOD held at St Mary's last Saturday raised £454. A big thank you to everyone who came and supported it.

GIN TASTING

St Gregory's will be hosting a gin tasting evening on **Friday 1st December at 7:00pm**. Tickets cost £30 each to include 5 gins and nibbles. Numbers are limited so if you are interested, please see Fr Graeme as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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SCRIBES

CHAIR

MOSES

LISTEN

GUIDED

PRACTISE

PREACH

BURDENS

SHOULDERS

TASSELS

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SERVANT



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 5th November 2023 - 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

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Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Waiting Appointment

REFLECTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus calls out those who lay heavy laws on others but do not practice what they preach. Of all of the evils that Jesus confronted, one of the greatest was the evil of hypocrisy. He didn't mince his words when it came to hypocrisy and his strongest language was directed at religious hypocrites who provoked his greatest anger. Ironically Jesus had very little trouble with sinners but he had his greatest troubles with the religious leaders of his day, those same hypocritical leaders whose actions would ultimately lead to his death. As Christians we too are easily charged with hypocrisy. The standards set for us are so high that none of us can live up to them – unless we turn to God for help. The first thing we must do is to admit that there is a tremendous gap between what we are and what we ought to be. Only if we recognise the truth about ourselves and ask for God's mercy, can we then set about changing our lives. It is often said that there is only one significant difference between a saint and a sinner - the saint keeps on trying and humbly admits that God alone is holy and that we all fall far short of God's infinite holiness. The saint tries to walk the Christian walk and not simply talk the Christian talk - a saintly person would never demand things of others that they don't demand of themselves. The problem with the Pharisees was that they loaded up others with heavy burdens placing impossible loads on other people's shoulders without lifting a finger to help them. At the same time, they excused themselves of many of those same obligations.

As Christians we are here because we are making a conscious decision to turn our lives and our wills over to the care of God and we are asking God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves – to forgive us our sins, to give us the power of his holiness, his truth, and the power of his Holy Spirit. We are a sinners' church and our pews are filled with people who don't live up to the high standards and expectations God requests of us. And, yes, we are here to humbly confess our sins and ask God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves – to forgive us precisely because we cannot forgive ourselves. We haven't given up - nor should we because Christ is there to help us all!

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 29th Oct 2023

Gift Aid: **£67.50**

Loose Plate: **£385.46**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The retiring collection today will be taken by the SVP

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Gallery - Christine Zawistowicz
 Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Emily Moss - Teresa Abernethy
 Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Fr Jonathan Cotton - Catherine
 Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Barbara Edwards - Jimmy Waddington
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 Mildred Wilcock, Joan Parker, Bernard Farrell & John Wright
 and all those whose anniversaries occur 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

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Jack Christopher Taylor
 Please keep them and their families in your
 prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

MASS OF WELCOME

Next Sunday at both morning Masses we will welcome the children who are to be baptized
 over the next few months. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they take
 this first step on their faith journeys.

VATICAN II CONSTITUTIONS LECTURE & SEMINAR SERIES

The Vatican II Constitutions lecture & seminars is a series of events with Liverpool Hope
 University in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool. These events are in advance of
 the Year of Prayer 2024, in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025. These events are free
 and are available to everyone, but places are limited so it is essential to book tickets in
 advance. The remaining dates and speakers are as follows:

- Thursday 7 December: Paul McPartlan (Lumen Gentium)
- Wednesday 17 January: Peter McGrail (Sacrosanctum Concilium)
- Wednesday 28 February: Pat Jones (Gaudium et Spes)

You can find more information on each lecture/seminar on the archdiocese website:
<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/vatican-ii>

Both the seminars and lectures will take place at Liverpool Hope University and are open to
 anyone, however they will focus on discussions about pastoral ministries and are therefore
 ideal for pastoral ministers including priests, deacons, chaplains, readers, catechists and
 liturgists. The seminars will run from 3pm - 4:30pm. After an hour's break for refreshments,
 the lectures will start at 5.30pm - 7pm. If you can't attend in person, you can view the
 lecture online. The best way to do this is to log in to Liverpool Hope's online store ahead of
 time and register: <https://store.hope.ac.uk/myaccount>. If you would like to sign up for either
 the seminars and/or lectures, please go to: <http://bit.ly/3QI4e5R>

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

All of the Masses in November will be offered for the intentions of those on the Pious List

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 05 Nov	9:30am	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Josephine Riding	ST GREGORY'S MASS OF WELCOME
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 05 Nov	11:00am	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Amy Ogden (A)	ST OSWALD'S MASS OF WELCOME
Mon 06 Nov	12:30pm	REQUIEM MASS	Mildred Wilcock	
Tues 07 Nov	9:15am	St Willibrord	Bernadette Davis (BR) Paul Eastham (BR)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Bernard Farrell	
Wed 08 Nov	8:30am		William Dearden (BR) Ann Gerard (F)	EXPOSITION
Thu 09 Nov	9:15am	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Fr Graeme (Anniversary to the Priesthood) John Gilgun (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 10 Nov	8:30am	St Leo the Great		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
	9:15am			
Sat 11 Nov	10:00am	St Martin of Tours	Valerie Bretherton	REMEMBRANCE DAY
SUN 12 Nov	9:30am	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bernard Marmion Margaret May Ellison	ST GREGORY'S REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	6:30pm		Charlie Ward (LD)	
SUN 12 Nov	11:00am	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Lynne Marie McCoy (LD)	ST OSWALD'S REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY