

CHANGES TO MASS & SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

As I am away on retreat this week and my supply cover is also ill, the morning Masses this week have unfortunately had to be cancelled. There will be Eucharistic services Mon & Wednesday at St Gregory's and on Tuesday at St Oswald's and at both parishes as usual on Friday. As Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be one evening Mass only and this will be on **Thursday 9th May at St Gregory's at 6:30pm.**

If you are unable to attend this Mass, the Archbishop has asked us to encourage you to attend one of the Masses being celebrated at other local churches instead.

(Eucharistic Services are not allowed except in an emergency on Holy Days & Sundays).

Mass times are as follows:

St Mary's, Chorley Wednesday 8th May, Vigil Workers' Mass at 7.30pm.
Thursday 9th May, 12.00noon

St Joseph's, Chorley Wednesday 8th May, Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
Thursday 9th May, 8.30am & 10.00am.

Sacred Heart Thursday 9th May, 9:30am & 6:30pm

St Mary's Euxton Thursday 9th May, 7:00pm

MASS OF WELCOME

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

CONFIRMATIONS 2024

All the young people of our parishes who are to be confirmed this year are invited to attend a special Mass on **Sunday 19th May at 6:30pm** at St Gregory's followed by pizza and an information session about the Confirmation service afterwards.

Confirmations will take place at St Gregory's on **Tuesday 25th June at 7:00pm.**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 5th May 2024 - 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Waiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 28th April 2024

Gift Aid: **£111.56**

Loose Plate: **£490.21**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

The special collection next Sunday will be for World Communications

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we are reminded of the greatest commandment taught to us all as Christians - that we should love one another just as Jesus loves us. The first action in relation to love is our obedience to God's commandments which are not there to make our life difficult but instead they are meant to help us practice love more readily. Just as a handrail isn't there to hinder our movement on the stairs but is there to help and protect us when going up and down. Through obedience to God's commandments, we show not only our love for God, but we also express our renewed relationship with him. In times of crisis, many of us long to see a great miracle from God. The problems that we face in the world each day often seem insurmountable - from economic pressures to wars, incurable and highly contagious diseases and a host of many other challenges - we are all hoping that God will intervene and put an end to all these troubles - in short we need a miracle! But God's work on earth is done and now it is up to us, with his help and guidance, to continue that work, and in doing so produce the miracles we need. And Jesus has already revealed to us how we do this - by loving one another! The problem is that we tend to think of love purely as a romantic emotion. True love is expressed in action. When we learn to love in deed and truth then this is the miracle that happens every day. Because of love, our enemies are reconciled, peace and harmony is restored again in countries who are at war, families are once again reunited, the poor and hungry are fed, criminals mend their ways, resources and blessings are generously shared among people, justice and peace prevails, and kindness and generosity rule. Life can often be difficult and full of troubles, but that shouldn't give us reason to complain to God. The difficulties and troubles we face in our life are opportunities to practice and show our love, and to prove once and for all that we are true followers of Jesus: *'This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another'* (Jn 13:35). Love which is demonstrated in practice is the greatest miracle we can hope and pray for in our needy world of today.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Fr Laurence Mayne - Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan
 Sheila McGeown - Teresa Abernethy - Rita Compton - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington
 Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Mary Langton - Josie Gaskell - John Slater
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 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

VOCATIONS - CAN YOU HELP?

Following on from the meeting on Monday, I am reaching out again to ask people to consider volunteering for one of the many roles for which volunteers are needed in both parishes. By volunteering, you will be a great help to our parishes, but you will not be asked to commit to more than you are able to. Many of the roles are on a rota system basis and can therefore be undertaken at your convenience. There are some forms at the back of church for you to sign up or you can register an interest and ask for more information. Thank you.

CAFOD - SUDAN EMERGENCY APPEAL

Thank you for your kind and generous donations for the Sudan appeal. I have been asked if the appeal could remain open and so we have placed a box at the back of church for any further donations you may wish to make. Thank you.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

If you would like to pay for a copy of the new missal for use in the parish in memory of someone, a dedication will be placed inside the front cover asking whoever is using it that Sunday to remember in prayer the name of the dedication. If you would like to participate, it is £20 per dedication and there are some forms at the back of church for you to complete. If anybody wishes to purchase a personal copy for their own use, this can also be arranged through the parish by submitting your request in writing to Fr Graeme.

LIVE SIMPLY AWARD - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Live Simply group will be holding Fair Trade coffee mornings on **11th/12th May** and **1st/2nd June** at St Gregory's Weld Bank. Please do come along and support them. There will also be a receptacle available at the back of church on the weekend of **18th/19th May** in which you can recycle any old spectacles you may no longer use.

WORD OF LIFE

Faith Sharing based on the Gospel - every 2nd Thursday of the month 10:30 – 11:30am in the Parish Meeting Room. We're meeting this **Thursday, 9th May, 10:30am**, please do come along and enjoy the company!

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life'
Proverbs 22:4

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 05 May	9:30am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Matthew James Jackson (BR)	ST GREGORY'S MASS OF WELCOME
	6:30pm		Paul & Angela McBeth (GWA)	
SUN 05 May	11:00am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	William Ingram (A)	ST OSWALD'S MASS OF WELCOME
Mon 06 May	10:00am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Tues 07 May	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 08 May	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 09 May	6:30pm	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	ST GREGORY'S DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 10 May	8:30am	St John of Avila	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 11 May	10:00am		Jim Dunn (A)	
SUN 12 May	9:30am	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Joseph Robinson (A)	ST GREGORY'S World Communications Day
	6:30pm		For all those who join us via the LiveStream	
SUN 12 May	11:00am	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER		ST OSWALD'S World Communications Day