

CAFOD - SUDAN EMERGENCY APPEAL

Thank you for your kind and generous donations for the Sudan emergency appeal. If you would still like to donate, there is a box at the back of church. Thank you.

CONFIRMATIONS 2024

All the young people of our parishes who are to be confirmed this year are invited to attend a special Mass next **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**.

LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

There will be a meeting in the presbytery on **Monday 20th May at 7:00pm** to review progress and to plan ahead for future events, all are welcome to attend. There are some Live Simply 7 leaflets at the back of church, please do take one as you leave.

WOMENS WEEKEND AT IRENAEUS:

MARY IN A WORLD OF MARTHA

Join the Irenaeus Project for their Women's Weekend on 14-16 June. The theme is 'Mary in a world of Martha' where they will explore what it is like to be Mary listening at the feet of Jesus, and what it is like to be Martha in her busy life, ministering to those around her.

It is important to book early for a residential place. For more information, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or 0151 949 1199.

THY KINGDOM COME:

ASCENSION DAY 9TH - PENTECOST DAY 19TH MAY 2024

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global ecumenical prayer movement which started in 2016 and has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. It takes place between Ascension and Pentecost from 9th May to 19th May this year. More information about 'Thy Kingdom Come' resources is available at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 12th May 2024 - 7th Sunday of Easter, Year B

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Waiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 5th May 2024

Gift Aid: **£56.50**

Loose Plate: **£393.19**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

The special collection this week will be for World Communications

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we look back on the final few days of Jesus's life as he said farewell to his disciples at the Last Supper. In his message, Jesus commends himself to the Father and expresses his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of the prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Throughout St John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth - this prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. We also hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father and we are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity - through him, we are united with one another and with God our Father. But importantly, we also hear Jesus describe part of his mission in the language of protection - in Jesus's presence, his disciples have been protected from Satan. As Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from evil. One of the greatest gifts that we are given in our life is protection from harm. In our families, we work together to keep one another safe from physical and emotional harm. For example, when our children are young, we childproof our homes to make them safe and we strive to talk to one another in a way in which we don't hurt one another's feelings by our words. Most importantly, we work together to protect each other from those things that might harm us spiritually, shielding our children from those things in our culture that might tempt them. When we work together to strengthen our sense of God and community, we build the spiritual strength to turn from those things that would lead us away from God and the Church. When Jesus prayed for his disciples, he was praying for all that the Church will have to be and do in the millennia after his Ascension - in other words, the time we are in now. This is his prayer for us as well. His words are echoed in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples - the Lord's Prayer. Today, as we say together the Lord's Prayer in our communities, let us pray especially for each other and for peace and protection from all that is evil in our world 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, especially
Carol Hardman & Margaret Redshaw 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

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2024

Today we celebrate the 58th World Communications Day. The theme for this year chosen by Pope Francis, is '**Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication**'. Let us pray today for all who work in communications; may they listen with understanding and speak truth from the heart and for all of us who receive the news in whatever format; that we learn to discern the good news in all that we hear.

*O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.*

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.

*Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen*

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.

LOVE THE STRANGER

Love the Stranger is a publication from the Department for International Affairs that presents a Catholic response to migrants and refugees. It places the human being at the heart of our pastoral outreach, looking beyond statistics and policies to the person – each with a name, a face and a story. To read the document, please go to: [Catholic Church in England and Wales - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic Church in England and Wales - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk))

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love'

Psalm 86:5

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 12 May	9:30am 6:30pm	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Joseph Robinson (A) For all those who join us via LiveStream	ST GREGORY'S World Communications Day
SUN 12 May	11:00am	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S World Communications Day
Mon 13 May	10:00am		Bernard Marmion Valerie Bretherton	
Tues 14 May	9:15am	St Matthias	Brenda McGuigan (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 15 May	8:30am	Our Lady of Fatima	Tom & Mildred Wilcock	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 16 May	9:15am		LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 17 May	8:30am 9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
Sat 18 May	10:00am	St John I	Tony Brown (BR) Margaret Mary Ellison	
SUN 19 May	9:30am 6:30pm	Pentecost Sunday	Barbara Edwards Harry Ainscough Bernard Dickinson (BR) Neville Evans (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 19 May	11:00am	Pentecost Sunday	Charlotte Fishwick (A)	ST OSWALD'S

'Live Simply' news

Big thanks for helping with 'the great dig' of the wild flower bed towards the end of April and supporting the Fair Trade events shortly after Easter, as you can see from the photos below, it's fun working together. The parish proposals for working towards the 'Live Simply' eco award have been accepted, and we hope to achieve it within two years. Please watch out for further news and information in the newsletter and on the notice board at the back of church., and come along and be part of it. As always 'every little helps, and the more, the merrier!



Phase 1

Removing the turf to allow the ground to be prepared for the seeds to be sown.

St Gregory's

'Live Simply 7

Dates for your diary

May 11/12th -

Fairtrade coffee mornings

May 19th -

'Spectacle Sunday'

**(recycle your old/unwanted
specs.)**

June 1st/2nd -

Fairtrade coffee mornings

June - plant swop