

1st HOLY COMMUNION

After the meeting on Tuesday, the numbers for each of the three celebrations were finalised, if you wish to pick up the sheet with the children and the date they have been allocated please do so after mass today. If you have any concerns or requests please see or email me. Thankyou. Fr Graeme

LIVE SIMPLY

'Live Simply' - Our next event Sunday March 22nd after the 9.30 Mass - Fair Trade Sale.

'Fair Trade Easter eggs may be ordered see list in the porch.'

'Easter egg orders need to be in the box in the Church porch by Sunday 15th March'.

Share the Love sale raffle prizes still unclaimed. Lenten prayer and recipe 5 available in the Church porch.

THE IRENAEUS CENTRE: PILGRIMAGE THROUGH LENT

The Irenaeus Centre would like to invite you to a series of Lenten Evenings held on Tuesdays at 7pm on the following dates: 17, 24 March. For more information and Zoom links please contact: centreirenaeus@gmail.com

MISSION DAY

Have you ever thought about your gift and call? Do you have a desire to do something more for the Church? The Archdiocese is organizing a Mission Day event taking place on 23 April 6.30pm--9.00pm at St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland. PR25 1PD. During the event, there will be a keynote presentation by Fr Peter McGrail, workshops on ministries (e.g. reader, catechist, evangelisation and Catholic social action) and time for prayer & reflection. If you're interested in joining us, please register online on or before 17 April.

<https://forms.office.com/e/TYfqtaFng?origin=IprLink>. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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BLIND	SPAT	PASTE
SPITTLE	SIGHT	RESTORED
PROPHET	PARENTS	DISCIPLES
SINNERS	DEVOUT	BELIEVE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 15th March 2026 - 4th Sunday in Lent, Year A P.127 (red) & P.137 (blue)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs

09:00 - 16:30

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Alison Fish

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Sharon Hobin

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 8th March 2026

Gift Aid: **£115.82**

Loose Plate: **£331.66**

Standing Orders: **£347.54**

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

The Special Collection today will be for Nugent

REFLECTION

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Laetare Sunday from the Latin word that means 'rejoice'. It is a day of joy in the middle of the season of Lent. The Gospel reminds us that God gives light, hope and healing. We are called to recognize God's work in unexpected ways and to look beyond outward appearances, we are challenged to live as children of light and to trust God's purpose, even in times of struggle.

Lent helps us pause and be glad, it shows that God's love is bigger than our mistakes. We are called to turn back to God and live in the light of his grace. We are challenged to see with compassion, trust in God's choices, and live as children of the light. By seeing as God sees, we learn to look at others with love and mercy and are called to see the potential and goodness in others. We are also called to examine our own hearts and ask if we are living faithfully. The Gospel invites us to reflect on our own willingness to see and believe. It asks us if we are open to Jesus' message or if we allow prejudice or fear to cloud our vision.

As we seek to follow God, maybe there are areas of our lives, which his light has not yet penetrated. We can make wrong judgements, be narrow and closed in our attitudes, take wrong turnings on our journey, or walk uncertainly in the shadows. We can still be blind, at least sometimes and in some areas of life. Opening the curtains and letting in the light can be a painful and challenging experience. Seeing brings new levels of awareness, and awareness makes demands. But it also leads to fuller life. In embracing the light, we embrace life. The Gospel reminds us that true sight comes from faith and an open heart. By seeing as God sees and trusting his purpose, we grow closer to Christ.

Lord, open our eyes to see as you see. Help us to look beyond appearances and to trust in your purpose. Lead us out of darkness and into your light. Give us faith to follow you and courage to share your love.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Elmo Allan - Teresa Abernethy
 Shirley Langstrath - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Eileen Baldwin
 Derek Blears - Irene Griffiths

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,
 James Bretland 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in both parishes each week during Lent, led by parishioners. Our grateful thanks to those who have volunteered to lead the prayers.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm at St Oswald's, Coppull

Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil 8:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank

Easter Sunday: 9:30am at St Gregory's, Weld Bank (NB: No Mass at 6:30pm)
 11:00am at St Oswald's, Coppull

CAKE SUNDAY

This was reintroduced to St Gregory's not long ago and is an important social activity within the parish, however if it is to continue, we need volunteers both to make cakes and/or to make the tea and coffee at the end of Mass. If you are willing to do either or both, please email or send us a note with your name and telephone number, it would be sad to see this social event end.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's
**Somkele Zikora Onyeka, Sienna Grace Tweedle &
 Annabelle Chloe Dempsey**

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

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Matthew 23:12

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 15 Mar	9:30am	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	LAETARE SUNDAY ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		George Haydock	
SUN 15 Mar	11:00am	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Angela & Gerard Grindley Doreen Haydock (A)	LAETARE SUNDAY ST OSWALD'S
Mon 16 Mar	10:00am		John Oswell	
Tues 17 Mar	9:15 am	St Patrick	Anthony Crilley (A)	DEVOTIONS 1.00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 18 Mar	10.00am	REQUIEM MASS	James Bretland	EXPOSITION 4:00PM - 5:00PM
Thurs 19 Mar	9:15am	St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM	Harry & Doreen Ainscough Maureen Taylor	DEVOTIONS 1.00pm - 2:00pm
	6.30pm			
Fri 20 Mar	8:30am		Mary Ellwood	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	7.00pm			
Sat 21 Mar	10:00am		Peter Brunt	
SUN 22 Mar	9:30am	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Anne Andjelkovich (A) Elizabeth Kavanagh (A) Marion Ball (A)	
SUN 22 Mar	11:00am	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Special Intention	ST OSWALD'S