



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's
Thomas Riley Howard
Please keep him and his family in your prayers
as they start out on their faith journey.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL - ADOREMUS

A day of Eucharistic Pilgrimage for the Archdiocese to The Metropolitan Cathedral will take place on **Saturday 21 September** at 9am until 6pm. In advance of the Jubilee Year 2025, and in celebration of this Year of Prayer, there will be Mass, confessions, a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Eucharistic Procession with time for prayer and reflection. The event will reflect on the themes of Care for Creation, Food Poverty, Modern Slavery, Managing Debt, Forgiveness and Rest as well as our own personal concerns and prayers. The workshops provide an opportunity for developing our own spirituality, and to discern what the Jubilee year might mean for us in our own lives. Booking for the event is not required. Tea and coffee will be available in the Gibberd Room for those attending the event. You would be more than welcome to bring your own food, as food will not be available. Information will be provided about workshops over coming weeks.

For more details about the Jubilee, please visit:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/jubilee>

PAUSE FOR HOPE

There will be a special Pause for Hope service on **Sunday 22 September** at the Metropolitan Cathedral, dedicated to supporting those affected by cancer. The event is open to all, with no tickets required. This ecumenical and reflective gathering includes hymns, prayers, and the lighting of candles to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to pray for a future free from the disease. Further information on the poster in the church porch.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 15th September 2024 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

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WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 8th September 2024

Gift Aid: **£55.00**
Loose Plate: **£274.20**
Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

REFLECTION

Today's reading from St Mark's gospel, explores the challenges confronting all disciples on their journey of faith. The first challenge is to clarify the nature of our commitment as disciples of Jesus. If we fail to understand who Jesus is, then we have little chance of understanding the nature of our own call to follow him. The two questions Jesus asked: 'Who do people say that I am?' and 'Who do you say that I am?' were addressed to his disciples over two thousand years ago and exactly the same two questions have been asked to Christians throughout the world over the centuries since. Today, we are invited to hear these questions anew as we are called to examine our lives and to question whether our actions are a true reflection of our faith. Are we living in a way that shows our commitment to God? It is only when we ask ourselves this question that we can truly align our lives with our beliefs. Jesus' call to take up our cross, deny ourselves and follow him requires more than intellectual belief. James 2:14-18 teaches us that faith without works is dead. This means our actions must reflect our faith. Believing in God is important, but we also need to show our faith through our deeds. Being a Christian requires sacrifice and means entrusting ourselves fully to Christ by picking up our cross daily and living according to his teachings. Denying ourselves and helping others go hand in hand and when we help those in need, we show the love of God in action. It is only then that our faith becomes alive and active through our good works. Today, as we celebrate *Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday)*, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by Pope Francis to evangelise the whole world. Pope Francis encourages us to live out the joy of the Gospel not only in our prayer, but also by the way that we are called to serve each other especially the most vulnerable and those who feel themselves to be on the periphery of society. As we enter our Jubilee Year 2025 as 'Pilgrims of Hope', let us pray for the work of evangelisation across all countries not forgetting our own and may we all seek out ways in which Catholics within our parish settings may become more involved in this work.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Fr Laurence Mayne - Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Elmo Allan
 Sheila McGeown - Teresa Abernethy - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington
 Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Mary Langton - George Griffiths - Margaret Rossall
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

THANK YOU

Firstly my thanks to all those who braved the dreadful weather last Sunday afternoon to either help with or support the Big Sunday Festival. Your efforts in the face of such adversity are truly appreciated.

My sincere thanks also to all those who took a part in the vigil and funeral Masses for Monsignor McKenna and also those who worked so hard behind the scenes with the preparations. Your hard work meant that everything ran smoothly and with great dignity.

You are a credit to the parish and Monsignor's legacy.

Fr Graeme

READERS TRAINING

Prayer, reflection, and practical reader training will be offered at the following venues:

St Julie's, Eccleston, WA10 6SE – Sat 28 September (10.00-13.00)

Christ the King Parish Club, Childwall, L16 6AW – Sat 5 October (10.00-13.00)

Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD – Sat 19 October (10.00-13.00)

St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD – Sat 2 November (10.00-13.00)

Please bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book your place please email:

pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk

'POWER FROM ON HIGH'

The Irenaeus Centre will host several reflections on the Acts of the Apostles every Thursday throughout September from 10.30 -12.00. For more information including zoom links, please email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

LIVE SIMPLY - RECYCLING

There is a box in the church porch for the recycling of old or unwanted mobile phones.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

As part of the pastoral statistics that we compile every year, the total number attending Mass in each parish will be recorded over four successive Sundays commencing next Sunday,
22nd September 2024

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go'

Genesis 28:15

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 15 Sept	9:30am	24th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Josie Gaskell	ST GREGORY'S Evangelii Gaudium
	6:30pm		Tom Wilcock (BR) Philip Spedding (S)	
SUN 15 Sept	11:00am	24th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Derek Sydney Moss	ST OSWALD'S Evangelii Gaudium
Mon 16 Sept	10:00am	St Cornelius & St Cyprian	Mass of Thanksgiving Brenda Kelsall (S)	
Tues 17 Sept	9:15am	St Robert Bellarmine & St Hildegard of Bergen	LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 18 Sept	8:30am		For a safe journey	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 19 Sept	9:15am	St Theodore of Canterbury	Foundation Mass	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 20 Sept	8:30am	St Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 21 Sept	10:00am	St Matthew	Mgr Michael McKenna (LD)	
SUN 22 Sept	9:30am	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Barbara Edwards (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The People of the Parish	
SUN 22 Sept	11:00am	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Robert 'Bob' Hooson (A)	ST OSWALD'S