

BAPTISMS



We welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's **Elijah Anthony Mulvaney Harris, Louis Thomas Whittle & Zachary Samuel Whittle**
Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

CHRISM MASS 2024

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on **Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm** in the Metropolitan Cathedral, is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of priests, deacons and lay faithful. Additionally, the Archbishop invites the priests of the archdiocese to renew the promises they made at their ordination: to dedicate their life in service to the Church - to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith, to faithfully celebrate the sacraments and to pray for God's people. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this liturgy which is enhanced by the Cathedral Choir.

Please see the poster in the church porch for further information.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 10th April 2024 at 7pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Leyland and meet every Wednesday for 6 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact: **Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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WORSHIP	FESTIVAL	WHEAT
BETHSAIDA	SINGLE	SOUL
VOICE	THUNDER	ANGEL
SENTENCE	PRINCE	DEATH



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 17th March 2024 - 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:
Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:
Waiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 10th March 2024

Gift Aid: **£90.00**
Loose Plate: **£511.71**
Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

REFLECTION

At this time of the year, we are all hopeful that the long cold darkness of winter is behind us - we notice the mornings becoming lighter and the days starting to get longer. The time of hibernation is coming to an end and new life is springing up all around us. Some of us will have sown seeds and bulbs during the winter, watered and nurtured them, patiently waiting for nature to take its course. As spring approaches what was sown begins to grow and flourish. As if by a miracle, new life begins to spring from the dark earth and the small seed sown months ago has now changed and transformed into something incredibly beautiful. But the circle of life is not always so romantic, it can be harsh and even violent - the seasons come and go, the fruitfulness of spring and summer gives way to the harvest of autumn. Nature doesn't hold on to things, there is always a dying and a letting go. There are many different images and symbols used in scripture to describe Jesus. He talks about himself as Light, Water, Bread, the Vine and being like a Shepherd. In the gospel this Sunday, he talks about himself in terms of a seed being sown in the ground. Jesus tells us that if a seed does not fall to the ground and die, it remains just one single small seed. However, if it falls to the ground and dies, something miraculous happens - over time the seed ceases to be a seed and in the dark earth it becomes something altogether different. As it gives up its life, something powerful comes to light and to re-birth. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, this is what happens for us. Jesus goes into the earth and there through the power of God he is changed and transformed and emerges from the earth with new and everlasting life. This is the mystery of the cross and the fruit of the resurrection. Jesus offers himself to each of us as the seed that falls to the ground and dies only to be resurrected. We are almost coming to the end of our Lenten Journey. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday! Jesus knows his time of suffering is near. As we began our Lenten journey with him, so too, Jesus now asks us to remain with him. Let us pray that we will all stay and experience the cross with him so that in turn we can experience the new life and fruitfulness of his Resurrection.

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 - Brenda McGuigan - Angela Helmn

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 Janice Tatlock 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

LENT 2024

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a Lenten Service of Reconciliation with individual confession at St Gregory's
Weld Bank on **Tuesday 19th March 2024** at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are celebrated in both parishes each week during Lent led by
Parishioners. Our grateful thanks to those who have volunteered to lead the prayers.
If people wish to follow the devotions privately, resources will be made available in Church,
but please do not remove them. The times for the communal celebrations are:

St Oswald's - Thursday at 6:30pm

St Gregory's - Friday at 6:30pm

CELEBRATING LENT WITH ART

Come along and join us in the Parish Meeting room at St Gregory's this Wednesday evening
7:00p - 8:00pm for our final session. All are very welcome to attend.

A WORD FOR LENT

Join Fr Denis McBride & Sr Janet Fearn this Lent as they invite you on a journey, a journey
with Jesus. Pause for reflection and deeper personal prayer travelling through the Lenten
Sunday Gospel with A Word for Lent. If you would like to join this video retreat please go to:
<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/a-word-for-lent-retreat-2024-online-streaming>

LENTEN ALMS

Our Lenten Alms collection during this season of Lent will be offered to 'The children of Gaza
and the Holy Land' Please place your donations in the box provided. Thank you.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST

This is the final week for your Family Fast offerings. Please place your kind donations in the
box at the back of church. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord gives you relief from your suffering and turmoil'

Isaiah 14:3

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 17 Mar	9:30am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Catenians Mass for Vocations	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Peter Brunt (BR), Anne Andjolkovitch, Marion Ball & Elizabeth Kavanagh	
SUN 17 Mar	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Doreen Haydock (A) Anthony Crilly (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 18 Mar	10:00am	St Cyril of Jerusalem & Blessed Roger Wrenno	Margaret Mary Ellison Harry & Doreen Ainscough	
Tues 19 Mar	9:15am	St Joseph	Sheila Spedding (S)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 20 Mar	8:30am		Bernard Marmion Valerie Bretherton	EXPOSITION 10:00am - 12:00 noon
Thur 21 Mar	9:15am		Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 22 Mar	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am			
Sat 23 Mar	10:00am	St Turibius of Mongrovejo	Hugh O'Daly (A) Betty Burgess	
SUN 24 Mar	9:30am	PALM SUNDAY	Mary Jane Barton (BR) Barbara Edwards	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 24 Mar	11:00am	PALM SUNDAY	Hélène Draper (LD)	ST OSWALD'S