

ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL

Following the national Adoremus gathering, the Archbishop has decided that we will have a similar event within the archdiocese. This will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral and at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Isle on 21 September 2024.

The event itself is free and available to all.

At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day from 10am until 5pm, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops, and a shared time of prayer during the day for all.

All visitors are welcome to drop in and out throughout the day and only need to sign up to participate in the workshops due to the limited number of spaces.

To see the full timetable and to sign up to the events, please go to:

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

250th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL

As part of our 250th Celebration we said we would be buying a memorial in honour of all the children who are buried in our cemetery in unmarked graves. The design we have chosen is that of an angel on a plinth. Their names will be buried under the plinth or within the plinth depending on whichever is possible and hopefully the memorial will be ready for when we have the second part of our celebration as mentioned above. If anyone would like to make a donation towards this memorial, please feel free to do so, however, the funds to purchase the memorial are in place if need be. Thank you.

CHORLEY & SOUTH RIBBLE HOSPITAL

Please contact St Joseph's Presbytery, if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit (01257 262713). In an emergency the hospital switchboard will contact the on-call Catholic Priest. Please request this from any member of staff on the ward.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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LIVING
BREAD
JEWS
HEAVEN
FLESH
EAT
DRINK
BLOOD
ETERNAL
LIFE
FATHER
ANCESTORS



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 18th August 2024 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

REFLECTION

Today's gospel reading continues where last Sunday's ended with Jesus identifying himself as 'the bread of life' – the food that permanently satisfies our deepest hunger. Jesus also makes the even more astounding claim that the bread which he is offering us is 'his flesh, for the life of the world'. When his followers react to this statement, by questioning 'How can this man give us his flesh eat?', Jesus repeats his claim in even stronger language: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you'. Jesus, of course, is not speaking literally - he was no advocate for cannibalism! What he is telling us is something profoundly spiritual and personal. To eat the flesh of Jesus and to drink his blood means to be totally united with him, and to be filled with his spirit. It means to take on board his vision, his ideas, his values, and to embrace his mission of establishing on earth God's reign of justice, truth and love.

It means opening our hearts to his word as it comes to us through the Scriptures, and allowing that word to direct our everyday decisions and choices. This is what we do when we celebrate the Eucharist, recalling and re-enacting the greatest act of love the world has ever known – Jesus giving himself up to die for us on the Cross. And, when we say 'Amen' as we receive his body and blood, we identify ourselves with his sacrifice, and commit ourselves to carrying our own crosses just as Jesus did, accepting the sufferings which come into our lives as a consequence of this commitment. When we participate in the Eucharist and receive the body and blood of Christ, we affirm our deepest identity as members of Christ's body, called to be sources of healing and renewal for the world of our time. We are saying we want to be with Jesus totally and unreservedly, to serve him with all our hearts and work with him for the making of a better world: a world of truth and love, a world of justice and peace, a world of freedom and happiness. When we see ourselves as really being part of that great endeavour, then we know that in a very real sense we have eaten his flesh and drunk his blood. To come to the feast he has prepared for us is to live wisely and to become what we are called to be as children of God.

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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 11th Aug 2024

Gift Aid: **£142.00**

Loose Plate: **£380.80**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

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 - Mgr Michael McKenna
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 Margaret Noblett 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Big Sunday Festival - 8th September

This is a free event with lots of stalls, live music, games, tombola, BBQ & refreshments. If anybody has any prizes they could donate for the tombola which is being run by St Oswald's, Coppull, please leave them in the sacristy at either church. Many thanks.

PILGRIMAGE MASS TO THE HOLY HAND OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH

Church of St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield WN4 9NP. **Sunday 25th August 2024 at 3.00pm.** Principal Celebrant Bishop Tom Neylon.
 Followed by blessing followed by blessing with the Holy Hand.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

A harsh winter is forecast for Eastern Europe and with electricity cut off for 14 hours per day, the Ukrainians need all the help we can give them. Soon the autumn will come in and the weather gets cold at night and there is no heating in many parts of the country.

Your kind donations can be dropped off at the UKRAINE UNIT which has relocated from the town centre to the old White Hart pub in Mealhouse Lane, Chorley. PR7 1DZ.
 The unit is open Wednesday 2-4pm and Saturdays 10.00 – 12.00.

There are a number of items that the unit is appealing for to send to Ukraine:

Soldier appeal; razors, packet soups, wet wipes, socks, soap, heat pads, thermal underwear, sleeping bags, boiled sweets.

Childrens appeal; colouring books, pens, crayons, sweets, small toys, thermal underwear.

Medical appeal; bandages, plasters, paracetamol, Ibuprofen, joint supports, supplement drinks, first aid kits, crutches, spectacles.

Bike parts; any bicycle, or parts and tyre pumps.

Candle appeal; candles and candle wax, and matches.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Come to me all you who are weary and overburdened and I will give you rest'
Matthew 11:28

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 18 Aug	9:30am 6:30pm	20th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Josie Gaskell (BR) Margaret Berry (A) The sick of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 18 Aug	11:00am	20th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 19 Aug	10:00am	St John Eudes	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady	
Tues 20 Aug	9:15am	St Bernard	Kathryn Ramsay (LD)	NO DEVOTIONS
Wed 21 Aug	12:30pm	REQUIEM MASS	Margaret Noblett	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 22 Aug	9:15am	The Queenship of Mary	Mgr Michael McKenna (S)	NO DEVOTIONS
Fri 23 Aug	8:30am 9:15am	St Rose of Lima	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
Sat 24 Aug	10:00am	St Bartholomew	Valerie Bretherton	
SUN 25 Aug	9:30am 6:30pm	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Margaret & Malcolm Scard (RWA) Joseph Boland (S)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 25 Aug	11:00am	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	For students exam results	ST OSWALD'S