

## ST GREGORY'S 250TH JUBILEE MEMORIAL

It is traditional on major anniversaries that parishes mark the occasion by having something of a memorial. For our last occasion, the stained glass window was commissioned. We are lucky that our church is in good repair and does not need any extra additions. For our 250th Anniversary, I propose that we remember the many hundreds of children buried within our graveyard without any recognition. And so, I propose a memorial in their memory be erected in the old graveyard containing their names within it. I hope this meets with your approval. If anyone feels they have a more appropriate suggestion, please let me know.

## 250th JUBILEE CELEBRATION

There will be a special celebration lunch on **Saturday 27th July at 12:00 noon** in the grounds at St Gregory's to mark the 250th Anniversary. Parishioners from both our parishes are welcome to attend the event. Admission will be by ticket only and requests must be in writing. There are forms at the back of church for you to complete. Unfortunately on this occasion due to the limitations on numbers, it is only open to children and young people over the age of 18 years, however, there will be other events later in the year which will be open to our younger parishioners.

## CHORLEY CHURCHES WALK OF WITNESS

This year, both of our parishes will be joining other churches in Chorley for a Walk of Witness on Sunday 23rd June at 12:00pm. The walk will start from Cunliffe Street in Chorley at 12:00noon and will end in Astley Park for Worship and Family Fun. Bring along a picnic and join in the fun! If you are interested in joining the walk, please let me know so that a rough idea of numbers can be notified to the organisers. Thank you.

## CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA

There will be a charity Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 22nd June at 2:00pm** at St Gregory's Weld Bank. Our chosen charity will be Cancer Research UK. Tickets for this event are £10 each and are available from the parish office. Any donations of raffle prizes would be very welcome.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 19th May 2024 - Pentecost Sunday, Year B

## REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST

Fifty days ago we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter and today we mark the end of the Easter season as we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Before his Ascension, Jesus promised his followers that he would send them a helper, an advocate, namely the Holy Spirit to encourage and strengthen them. After more than two thousand years we may look back on the first followers of Jesus as being great leaders but initially they certainly weren't! They were neither strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus, Peter denied him and the rest of them deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death, they all doubted and hid themselves away out of fear because the Jewish and Roman authorities were looking for them. They had lost all heart and hope but then the strangest thing happened to them! With the sound of wind and the sight of fire, these frightened followers of Jesus were transformed from within. Through the Holy Spirit they were each given new hope, new heart and new purpose and their fear was silenced and replaced with courage and conviction. They left the upper room in which they were hiding to go out into the streets to proclaim the good news about Jesus. They became new people, missionaries with a new message - the beginning of our church. We are no different from the first followers of Jesus; we too have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. When we were baptised and confirmed, we were anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit. God continues to call and fill us with the same Spirit that those first followers of Jesus experienced. We are sent out just as they were to live and share our faith with courage and conviction. Today it is our privilege and responsibility to proclaim the good news about Jesus. Let us thank God for the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church. Let us pray that each of us may be open to experiencing the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. May we be renewed and refreshed with the power of the risen Lord so that in the words of Pope Francis 'we may, go out again and again without hesitation, without fear to proclaim the joy of the good news which is for all people.'

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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 12th May 2024

Gift Aid: **£98.70**

Loose Plate: **£422.06**

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 - Baby Elmo Allan  
Sheila McGeown - Teresa Abernethy - Rita Compton - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington  
Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Mary Langton - Josie Gaskell

*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  
John Slater & John Howard 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

### CONFIRMATIONS 2024

Just a reminder, the 6:30pm Mass at St Gregory's this Sunday will be a special Mass for the young people from our parishes who will be confirmed this year. Please remember them all in your prayers as they make their preparations to receive the sacrament.

Confirmations will take place at St Gregory's on **Tuesday 25th June at 7:00pm.**

### NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

I can now confirm that the cost of purchasing a personal copy of the new missal will be £20. If you would like to order one, please place your order in writing and return to me with your payment asap. If you have already ordered one, we are now accepting payment for those orders. 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.

### 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.

### LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

There will be a box at the back of church this weekend in which you can recycle all of your old or unwanted pairs of spectacles. The next Fair Trade coffee morning will take place on the weekend of 1st/2nd June please do come along and give your support.

### REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

There will be tea & coffee available after Mass at St Oswald's on the first Sunday of each month starting on 2nd June. All are welcome to attend.  
'Cake Sunday' will also return to St Gregory's after the 9:30am Mass on the last Sunday of the month commencing on Sunday 26th May. All are welcome to attend.

### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The righteous person may have many troubles,  
but the Lord delivers him from them all'

*Psalms 34:19*

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 19 May	9:30am	Pentecost Sunday	Barbara Edwards Harry Ainscough	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Bernard Dickinson (BR) Neville Evans (BR)	
SUN 19 May	11:00am	Pentecost Sunday	Charlotte Fishwick (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 20 May	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Carol Hardman	
Tues 21 May	9:15am	St Christopher of Magallanes	Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 22 May	8:30am	St Rita of Cascia	In Thanksgiving for prayers answered	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 23 May	9:15am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	Fr Bill Bootle	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 24 May	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 25 May	10:00am	St Bede the Venerable	Harry & Doreen Ainscough Mildred Wilcock (BR)	
SUN 26 May	9:30am	The Most Holy Trinity	Bert Parker (A) John Todd (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Brenda McGuigan (LD) Susan Catterall (BR)	
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