

THE MIRACULOUS CURE OF JACK TRAYNOR

Following the announcement in December of the miraculous cure of John (Jack) Traynor, the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be celebrating this historic moment with Mass followed by a drinks reception at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Tuesday 18th February at 7pm**. All are very welcome to attend. The Archbishop would particularly like to see all those who have previously been on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

PARISH MEETING

There will be a meeting at St Gregory's on **Tuesday 28th January at 7:00pm** to discuss new situations, including Families of Parishes, Ministries, Liturgy - Mass & services, an update on Safeguarding requirements and the Jubilee. It is important that your views are heard and therefore I do encourage you all to attend. Thank you.

Fr Graeme

CEMETERIES

Please Note: all Christmas wreaths/pots will be removed on or after 2nd February (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) when dead and thereafter until the end of the month, after which any remaining Christmas wreaths/pots will be removed. Any ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office for **4 weeks** after which they will be disposed of. Thank you.

'LIVE SIMPLY'- HIDDEN TREASURES (SHARE THE LOVE) SALE'

A gift given with love! Not quite you?

'Live Simply' will use it to help CAFOD. Any gifts can be left in the church porch. Our 'Hidden Treasures (Share the Love) Sale will be on **2nd February** after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A	Y	T	R	I	H	T	S	E	B	WEDDING	CANA	MOTHER
N	D	E	S	T	E	W	A	R	D	WINE	SIX	STONE
A	W	E	W	N	A	E	I	E	C	JARS	THIRTY	GALLONS
C	G	J	T	T	Y	D	N	N	H	BEST	STEWARD	BRIDEGROOM
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 19th January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - P.841 (red) & P.783(blue)

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Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

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SAFEGUARDING REP:

Waiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 12th January 2025

Gift Aid: **£141.00**

Loose Plate: **£392.86**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

Yesterday marked the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a time when Christians from many different traditions across the globe join together to try to heal divisions and to pray for greater unity. Although it is recognised that there are significant differences among denominations in terms of beliefs, practices and structures, and that there is still much work to do to be done to recognise Christ's vision 'that all may be one', it is also recognised that Christian congregations share common callings.

Today's Gospel from St John is one of the most well-known – the story of the Wedding feast at Cana, and as with many epics, the heroes of today's Gospel are not necessarily the main characters of Jesus, his mother and the disciples, but the props - in this case the six stone water jars. Whilst props have practical functions, they can also serve as metaphors that can deepen a plot's meaning. In this story, the water jars may be seen as a metaphor for Christian congregations - like the stone water jars in today's gospel, Jesus calls us as congregations to offer space for coming together. Those six stone water jars were the containers in which the servers could collect all the water needed for the ceremonial washings - and later, the miracle. However, a drop here or a splash there is not nearly as powerful as twenty to thirty gallons of liquid together in one space. Similarly, Christian life is strengthened when we come together as a community.

Congregations offer spaces within their walls, in their neighbourhoods, and even online to come together in a shared mission. Like the stone water jars, Jesus calls congregations to support spiritual transformation. As Jesus commands the servers to 'fill the jars with water', a transformation happens inside those jars, the site of Jesus' first miracle. Similarly, spiritual transformations happen inside our sanctuaries and holy spaces, offering vessels of hope for a world in need of some miracles. Jesus is at work within congregations big and small, Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, Orthodox, and many more who keep the hope of the resurrection alive, who time and again answer Christ's call to spark faith in others.

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 - Anne Boam - James (Jim) Parkinson

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

THE JUBILEE LOGO



The Jubilee logo is rich with imagery. It shows a **group of people travelling together**, reminding young people that they are never alone on their journey of faith and will always have support in their faith communities. There's also the symbol of the **wave**, a reminder of the potential difficulties of being a follower of Christ in the modern age. But most importantly there's the **anchor** – the anchor of hope – to show that no matter the difficulty, we can always find hope and comfort in our faith.

PILGRIMAGES

As part of the Jubilee celebration, the Archdiocese of Liverpool are organising a trip to Rome on 7-13 November 2025. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information, please contact Pat Murphy mpmmurphy@aol.com.

Those of us not fortunate enough to be able to visit the Holy City itself are encouraged to make our own pilgrimages throughout the Archdiocese. The following places of worship have been suggested as designated pilgrimage churches, where the faithful, on making a pilgrimage to these churches, can obtain a plenary indulgence.

Metropolitan Cathedral Of Christ the King
Co-Cathedral of St Mary of the Isle, Isle of Man
St Anne and Blessed Dominic, St Helens
St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
St Mary's, Chorley
St Mary's, Warrington
Prison Chapels

To find out more, please visit:

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

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord'

Psalm 40:4

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 19 Jan	9:30am	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Barbara Edwards (A) Bill Rainford (A)	ST GREGORY'S PEACE SUNDAY
	6:30pm		Mgr Michael McKenna	
SUN 19 Jan	11:00am	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Geoffrey Gore (A)	ST OSWALD'S PEACE SUNDAY
Mon 20 Jan	10:00am	St Fabian	Shirley Taylor (LD) For successful operation	
Tues 21 Jan	2:30pm	REQUIEM MASS	Anthony Joseph Halshaw	DEVOTIONS 1:00-2:00pm
Wed 22 Jan	8:30am	St Vincent	George Griffiths John Shuttleworth (LD)	EXPOSITION 4:00—5:00pm
Thurs 23 Jan	9:15am		Kevin Davis (BR) Marie & Paul Gallery	DEVOTIONS 1:00-2:00pm
Fri 24 Jan	8:30am	St Francis de Sales	Kay Nevis (LD) Michael Cullen (90th)	
Sat 25 Jan	10:00am	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle	Edward Dunne (A)	
SUN 26 Jan	9:30am	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Christina Catterall (A) Derek Parker (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Tom & Mildred Wilcock	
SUN 26 Jan	11:00am	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S