



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's
Max Adam Watson
 Please keep him and his family in your prayers
 As they start out on their faith journey

ST GREGORY'S 250th ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our 9:30am Mass at St Gregory's next Sunday 28th July, will be the first of a number of celebratory Masses for our 250th Anniversary. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. Please note: there will be **no** Sunday evening Mass on this day. Mass at St Oswald's will be at the slightly later time of **11:15am** in order to allow Fr Graeme additional time to get there.

250th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Just a reminder, for those who have booked a place at our Celebration Lunch, please arrive promptly at 12:00 noon so that the lunch service is not delayed. Parking for this event is very limited so if you can leave the car at home, we encourage you to do so. Please do not block the church driveway or the entrance to the presbytery so as to allow access for any emergency services should they be required. We wish you all an enjoyable afternoon.

HYMN BOOK AMNESTY

If anybody has a hymn book lying on the shelf at home, please can you return it asap as our numbers are sadly dwindling. Many thanks.

WHAT'S ON - LIVE SIMPLY

The Live Simply group will be placing a recycling receptacle at the back of church this weekend to collect all your old or unwanted batteries.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 21st July 2024 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear about the Twelve who were chosen and sent out by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve returned, Jesus invited them to come away from the crowds and rest - but the crowds wouldn't give them any peace. As the Twelve had shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appeared to share in his popularity! In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples boarded a boat in the hope of finding a deserted place, but the crowds noticed this and arrived ahead of them. The crowds were so persistent that Jesus and his disciples couldn't find any place to be alone. St Mark tells us that Jesus was so moved with pity, he began to teach the crowds himself. As we know from the gospels, there were always demands being made on Jesus and on his time. Many who were sick waited and queued so that he could lay his hands on them. He spoke to the crowds whenever and wherever he could; he spoke and taught in the synagogue and the Great Temple, he spoke to the people on the sea shore and from the hills. He sought out the poor and the sick so that he could be with them and eat with them. Not an easy life! There were times in his daily life and ministry that Jesus simply needed to get away from the crowds and all their demands. These were the times when he went off by himself to be silent, to rest and to pray. Jesus sought the same rest and relaxation for his own disciples as he seeks for us today! Family demands can make us feel like Jesus and the Twelve. Sometimes, we too wish for times of relaxation and renewal. But there are always errands to do, household chores to keep up with, other commitments to fulfil - these are all good things but there are times when we all need to stop what we are doing, we need to be silent and we need to pray. Perhaps we might all take the opportunity sometime during this week and give ourselves permission to find the same rest and relaxation that Jesus sought for his disciples. Let us pray that we may never be so busy that we cannot find some time each day to be silent, to rest and to pray. Jesus did, so why can't we?

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Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Waiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 14th July 2024

Gift Aid: **£115.00**

Loose Plate: **£451.41**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

The special collection this week will be for Priests in Retirement

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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APOSTLES	PLACE	BOAT
MANY	TOWN	ASHORE
LARGE	REST	CROWD
SHEEP	SHEPHERD	TEACH



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 - Rita Compton - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington
Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Mary Langton - George Griffiths

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 Anthony Federici 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

PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT

Throughout their lives, our retired priests have responded to the call to be priests. They have devoted their lives and their all to serving God and God's people. Whilst they may 'retire' at the age of 75, they are still priests for life and many continue in ministry leading active lives – celebrating Mass, serving as chaplains, counselling people in need, supporting parish life and praying for us all. Our special collection today is for Priests in Retirement, a fund which ensures that our retired priests enjoy a dignified retirement, making sure that their social and healthcare needs are met. Our priests rely on this support after devoting their lives to the

Church's mission and bringing people closer to Christ. Over the next ten years, approximately one third of our diocesan priests will reach retirement age and the cost of care will rise significantly as a result of this. With your help, we can continue to offer our gratitude and support to them. Please also remember our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Gregory's Annual Beer Festival 16th - 18th August 2024

This year's festival will feature a selection of 16 beers and assorted ciders. Tickets for this event are now on sale - £5 each to include a souvenir programme & a free glass of beer. Wine and gin will also be available as well as food from our own Pit Stop café.

Concert in the Garden & Family Fun Day - 18th August

Our ever popular family event will take on **Sunday 18th August** in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's. The event will begin at 2:00pm and entry to the concert is free (i.e. no ticket required). Entry to the beer tent is free for those attending the beer festival on Fri/Sat but otherwise entry is £5 on the door. Bring along your friends and family and your own chairs and picnic blankets! There will be live music to entertain you, donkey rides and games for the children. Bring along your own picnic or enjoy food from our BBQ and refreshment stand.

Big Sunday Festival - 8th September

This is a free event with lots of stalls, live music, games, tombola, BBQ & refreshments
Lots of fun for all the family.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'If God is for us, who can be against us?'

Romans 8:31

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 21 July	9:30am	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	John Slater Sam Smith (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Fr Peter Hannah Philip Spedding (S)	
SUN 21 July	11:00am	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Fr Bill Bootle	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 22 July	10:00am	St Mary Magdalene	Phyllis Barton Frank Dearden (A)	
Tues 23 July	9:15am	St Bridget	Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 24 July	8:30am	St Sharbel Makhluif	Josie Gaskell (LD)	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 25 July	9:15am	St James	Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Anthony Federici	
Fri 26 July	8:30am	St Joachim & St Anne	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 27 July	10:00am		Catherine & Cecil de Lacy	
SUN 28 July	9:30am	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	250th JUBILEE MASS Mary Robinson (A)	ST GREGORY'S World Day for Grandparents
	6:30pm		NO EVENING MASS	
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