



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Sofia Grace Lord
Please keep her and her family in your prayers
as they start out on their faith journey.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard at St Gregory's after the 10:00am Mass on Saturday or by appointment at other times. Confessions at St Oswald's are by appointment only.
If you would like to make an appointment, please Tel: 01257 262462

DAY OF RENEWAL

The next Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday 5th October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at St Clare's Church, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston PR2 9HH. The day which will begin with Mass, will be led by Mary Hardiman who works as a Person Centred Counsellor for men in prison and also a Charity that supports men and women on death row in America. The theme of the day will be: 'Forgiveness - Following the example of Jesu Christ' Please see the notice on the church noticeboard for further information.

Good News

I am Pleased to be able to announce that the Archbishop has appointed
Fr Peter Murphy

As assistant priest to the parishes, he has been ordained 4 years and will be joining us Officially on the First Sunday of Advent.

I am sure you will make him very welcome and I am equally sure he will enjoy his time with us however long that will be.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 22nd September 2024 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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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 15th September 2024

Gift Aid: **£160.63**

Loose Plate: **£290.94**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

**The special collection next
Sunday will be for CAFOD
Family Fast**

REFLECTION

Ambition, success and winning are key themes in our lives but today's Gospel seems to contradict this – *'If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all'*. This message doesn't quite fit - there is something about being human that drives us to succeed, to want to achieve great things.

Some people target greatness through success, for example Olympic athletes, for others the ambition is much smaller - maybe just getting the children to school on time is in itself challenge enough. Our society of today tells us that being right, being first, being the best is all important - but society is wrong! There is nothing good or important about being first, however there is only one thing bad about being right, or first or best, and that one thing is doing something just to be right or just to be the best or just to be the first. But what are we supposed to do? We are called to be the servant of all, but it's human nature to put ourselves first. Jesus tells us not to, he tells us to put others first and he gives us a small child as an example. *'Put them first, serve them and you are serving him'*. There is a huge difference between doing your best and being the best. Being the best student, the best driver, the best mum, the best doctor, the best anything you can be is good, it's holy and it will bear fruit. Being better than anyone else is pointless and can only lead to conflict. We must use our skills for others, welcome their needs, shoulder their vulnerabilities, help them as we would help a child. If we welcome them with open arms, we will also be welcoming Christ into our lives. Following Jesus is not easy but he never promised it would be! Selflessness is not generally in our nature - pride and greed are! If we are to be followers of Christ we must put our human nature last to enable us to put our spiritual nature first. We must work hard, but always for others, strive to do our best, but resist the urge just to be the best and if we find we are the best, let us thank God that we are able to serve so well. We have a loving God, one who is selfless, who died for us, who forgives us, and is ready to help us - we only have to ask in prayer for that help. Let us therefore accept Jesus as the First and Only in our lives, for he has shown us how to be the last and the servant of all.

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 - Margaret Rossall & Teresa Joyce
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

READERS TRAINING

Prayer, reflection, and practical reader training will be offered at the following:

St Julie's, Eccleston, WA10 6SE – Sat 28 September (10.00-13.00)

Christ the King Parish Club, Childwall, L16 6AW – Sat 5 October (10.00-13.00)

Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD – Sat 19 October (10.00-13.00)

St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD – Sat 2 November (10.00-13.00)

Please bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book your place please email:

pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk

'POWER FROM ON HIGH'

The Irenaeus Centre will host several reflections on the Acts of the Apostles every Thursday throughout September from 10.30-12.00. For more information including zoom links, please email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

LIVE SIMPLY - RECYCLING

There is a box in the church porch for the recycling of old or unwanted mobile phones.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

As part of the pastoral statistics that we compile every year, the total number attending Mass in each parish will be recorded over four successive Sundays commencing today.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST APPEAL

This year, CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day will fall on **Friday 4 October**. This Harvest, we are sharing the story of Daniel, a young carpenter in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. Daniel is carving a better future for his family with the carpentry skills he learned in a training centre which supports people in Goma to learn life-changing new skills, so everyone has the opportunity to carve better futures for themselves.

Your kind donations will fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. There are some envelopes at the back of church for your kind donations or these can be made online at:

cafod.org.uk/envelope.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all'

Mark 9:35

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 22 Sept	9:30am	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Barbara Edwards (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The People of the Parish	
SUN 22 Sept	11:00am	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Robert 'Bob' Hooson (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 23 Sept	10:00am	St Pius of Pietreiciina	Mgr Michael McKenna (LD)	
Tues 24 Sept	9:15am	Our Lady of Walsingham	Charles Eastham (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 25 Sept	8:30am		Special Intention (MH)	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 26 Sept	9:15am	St Cosmas & St Damian	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 27 Sept	8:30am	St Vincent de Paul	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 28 Sept	10:00am	St Wenceslaus	Special Intention	
SUN 29 Sept	9:30am	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Valerie Bretherton	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Joseph Boland (LD)	
SUN 29 Sept	11:00am	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S