

CAFOD - ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR

The CAFOD Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection offers an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. You can sign up to receive daily reflections straight into your in-box at: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

ADVENT RETREAT WITH FR DENIS MCBRIDE C.S.S.R

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES - ST OSWALD'S

If you are willing to deliver Christmas cards from local churches, please come to the sacristy after Mass and collect some cards for areas close to where you live.

LIVING WATERS FOODBANK - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Chorley Foodbank are once again appealing for treats for their Christmas food parcels which will be distributed to those families who are most in need. Items such as chocolate selection boxes, boxes of biscuits, tinned ham, tinned salmon, packets of stuffing, cranberry sauce & Christmas puddings etc. would be very welcome. Please leave your items in the box in the porch or at the presbytery. Thank you for your support.

New Sunday Missals

The new Missals have arrived and those who ordered a personal copy can pick them up from the sacristy today or after masses or from the office in the coming week. I do have a few extra if people would like to purchase one.

I am also looking for volunteers to put the dedication plates into the parish missals if you have some time spare please let me know.

The Jumble/Good as New sale at St. Mary's Parish Centre last Saturday raised £540, split between CAFOD and Mary's Meals. Any unsold items were donated to Aid for Ukraine. Thanks to all those who supported it



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

Sunday 24th November 2024 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, 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

REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King as the culmination of the Church's liturgical year before we begin a new liturgical year with Advent. We are asked to reflect upon Christ our King. When Jesus was asked by Pilate if he was a king, Jesus said that he was a king. So, what sort of king was Jesus? He was born in a small, poor and unimportant village. His parents weren't famous, powerful or wealthy. His first visitors were the poorest of people - shepherds. He never wrote a great novel, nor did he eat or associate with rich or powerful people. He never led an army into battle nor did he surround himself with politicians, soldiers or bankers but instead he sat and ate with people who were usually despised, ignored and rejected. He reached out to embrace those others saw as worthless and as sinners.

He spent his time with the poor, the sick, the broken and all those who were in need of love, healing and compassion. He didn't own anything and he didn't have any riches or wealth that the world thought much of - but he did share his greatness possession with all of us - God's love. The king we are asked to follow today is a simple shepherd, always caring and compassionate towards his flock; he looks for the lost, bandages the wounded and makes the weak strong. This is the shepherd and king we are asked not only to follow, but whose life and example we are asked to live by.

Just as he looks after and cares for each of us, so we in turn are asked to care for each other. Today, Jesus can be found in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the homeless, the poor, the rejected and those in prison. This great feast asks us to draw on the presence of Christ who dwells within each of us so we can reach out to Christ in others, especially those who are poor and those who are in any kind of need. This gospel is about each of us and how we follow Jesus here and now. If we open our hearts as well our eyes we will see Christ the King in everyone we meet. Today let us pray that we may all treat each other with the dignity and respect we share as members of God's royal household. As Pope Leo the Great once said, 'Christian, be aware of your dignity and nobility, it is God's own life that you share'.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION
w/c 17th November 2024**

Gift Aid: **£97.50**
Loose Plate: **£465.13**
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection today is for Animate Youth

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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I	E	O	N	I	J	T	S	E	T	JEW
R	J	R	D	N	H	S	E	P	F	PRIESTS
P	O	L	I	G	E	I	I	L	E	KINGDOM
B	E	D	U	N	N	L	H	C	I	WORLD
J	W	O	T	B	A	I	I	E	H	FOUGHT
E	F	I	P	T	E	O	K	I	C	BORN
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										VOICE



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 - Shirley Taylor - Maureen Waldman

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

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 15th December at 3:00pm at St Gregory's Weld Bank.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024

1st Mass of Christmas (Tuesday 24th December)

7:00pm with carols from 6:30pm (St Oswald's)

8:00pm with carols from 7:30pm (St Gregory's)

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

10:00am (St Gregory's) (please note there will be no evening Mass)

10:30am (St Oswald's)

LIVE SIMPLY - FINISHING TOUCHES SALE

Sale of preloved- scarves, jewellery and handbags.

The sale will be on **December 1st** after the 9.30 Mass. All welcome.

CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing.

Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs.

Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue from the church porch.

CHRISTMAS JOY TOY APPEAL

Chorley Buddies in association with Chorley Council and other local schools and parishes are appealing for new toys and gifts to bring some Christmas joy to families who may need some help this Christmas. Donated gifts may be dropped off at the Presbytery. **NB: It has been requested that the gifts are not wrapped. The last date for donations will be**

Sunday 1st December. Thank you for your generous support.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you'

2 Corinthians 13:11

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

All of the Masses in November will be offered for the intentions of those on the Pious List

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 24 Nov	9:30am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING	Mgr Michael McKenna Eileen Gallagher	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The people of the Parish	
SUN 24 Nov	11:00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING	Alan Platt (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 25 Nov	10:00am	St Catherine of Alexandria	Teresa Joyce (LD)	
Tues 26 Nov	9:15am		Fr Joe Robinson (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 27 Nov	8:30 am		George Griffiths (LD) Patricia Walker	NO EXPOSITION TODAY
Thurs 28 Nov	9:15am	St Catherine Laboure	LISCF	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 29 Nov	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 30 Nov	10:00am	St Andrew	Mary Doreen Ainscough	
SUN 01 Dec	9:30am	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Teresa Hamer (A) William Dearden (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Margaret Mary Ellison	
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