

### LOOKING FOR A LATE CATHOLIC GAP YEAR?

Do you know anybody who is Catholic, aged around 18 to 22 and still not got anything lined up for the year ahead? Castlerigg Manor (the Diocese of Lancaster retreat centre, located in the Lake District) are still looking for young people to join their youth ministry in internship scheme. The scheme provides comprehensive training and experience as well as accommodation and food for the year, and a stipend each week.

Anyone who is interested can check out [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) >> join the team, or Email Jack Regan – [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

### ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL

Following the national Adoremus gathering, the Archbishop has decided that we will have a similar event within the archdiocese. This will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral and at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Isle on 21 September 2024. The event is free to all. At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day from 10am until 5pm, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops, and a shared time of prayer during the day for all.

All visitors are welcome to drop in and out throughout the day and only need to sign up to participate in the workshops due to the limited number of spaces.

To see the full timetable and to sign up to the events, please go to:

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

### PILGRIMAGE MASS TO THE HOLY HAND OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH

Church of St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield WN4 9NP. **Sunday 25th August 2024 at 3.00pm.** Principal Celebrant Bishop Tom Neylon.

Followed by blessing with the Holy Hand.



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

Sunday 25th August 2024 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

### REFLECTION

Today is the last Sunday when our Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John and it reaches the conclusion of what is known as the 'Bread of Life' discourse. In the Gospels preceding today's Gospel, Jesus identified himself as the living bread come down from heaven, and he invited people to eat his flesh and drink his blood. In today's Gospel some followers of Jesus were disappointed because what they heard was not what they were expecting to hear. The teaching was too difficult for them and they felt that Jesus was complicating their lives! They just couldn't take it anymore and so, many of them returned to their former way of life and abandoned him. Clearly Jesus knew that some of his followers would not be able to accept his words but he wanted them to make a clear choice, whether to continue as his followers or not. Peter responded for the disciples who had decided to remain with a simple statement: 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.' There are lots of lessons for us to learn from today's Gospel. At the most difficult moments in life, most of us have wanted to throw it all in. Peter's declaration is a sobering one for us in times of doubt and great encouragement for those who seek to understand more deeply and believe. Many of us come to Christ thinking that everything must be easy. Some of us come with a very shallow faith and some come with fixed expectations and only seek to hear what we want to hear. Then, if our expectations are not met, we quit, and bid our farewell. How many times have we abandoned God and his church, especially at difficult moments in our life? The Church encourages us to always remain with Christ, the Holy One of God. At the times when we come to the crossroads of life and we are confused about which way to go, these are the moments when we must make the right decisions. The decisions and choices we make at such moments will shape our future. Each of us must therefore make our own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that we will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but it is our faith which commits us to the path of life which leads us to eternal life.

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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 18th Aug 2024

Gift Aid: **£91.00**

Loose Plate: **£373.84**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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JEWS  
FATHER  
MOTHER  
DRAWN  
PROPHETS  
HEAR  
LEARN  
BELIEVES  
MANNA  
DESERT  
DEAD  
LIFE



### 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

*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 Mgr Michael McKenna 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

### SAD NEWS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mgr Michael McKenna who sadly passed away on Friday 23rd August 2024. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and parishioners.

We thank God for his 61 years of priestly ministry.

Deo Gratias

### LIVE SIMPLY

Our next recycling project is mobile phones, starting next **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**. Please place any old or unwanted mobile phones in the box at the back of church.

### HELP FOR UKRAINE

A harsh winter is forecast for Eastern Europe and with electricity cut off for 14 hours per day, the Ukrainians need all the help we can give them. Soon the autumn will come in and the weather gets cold at night and there is no heating in many parts of the country.

**Your kind donations can be dropped off at the UKRAINE UNIT which has relocated from the town centre to the old White Hart pub in Mealhouse Lane, Chorley. PR7 1DZ.**

The unit is open Wednesday 2-4pm and Saturdays 10.00 – 12.00.

There are a number of items that the unit is appealing for to send to Ukraine:

**Soldier appeal;** razors, packet soups, wet wipes, socks, soap, heat pads, thermal underwear, sleeping bags, boiled sweets.

**Childrens appeal;** colouring books, pens, crayons, sweets, small toys, thermal underwear.

**Medical appeal;** bandages, plasters, paracetamol, Ibuprofen, joint supports, supplement drinks, first aid kits, crutches, spectacles.

**Bike parts;** any bicycle, or parts and tyre pumps.

**Candle appeal;** candles and candle wax, and matches.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things'

*Psalms 107:9*

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO SERVICES THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 25 Aug	9:30am	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Margaret & Malcolm Scard (RWA)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Joseph Boland (S) Josie Gaskell	
SUN 25 Aug	11:00am	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	For students exam results	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 26 Aug	10:00am	Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Tues 27 Aug	9:15am	St Monica	NO SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 28 Aug	8:30pm	St Augustine	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 29 Aug	9:15am	Passion of St John the Baptist	NO SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 30 Aug	8:30am	St Edmund Arrowsmith	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		NO SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 31 Aug	10:00am	St Aidan & the Saints of Llandisfarne	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
SUN 01 Sept	9:30am	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Tom Wilcock (A) John Slater (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Patricia Campbell (LD)	MASS OF WELCOME
SUN 01 Sept	11:00am	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Margaret Ingram (A)	ST OSWALD'S MASS OF WELCOME