

## ST GREGORY'S 250TH JUBILEE MEMORIAL

It is traditional on major anniversaries that parishes mark the occasion by having something of a memorial. For our last occasion, the stained glass window was commissioned. We are lucky that our church is in good repair and does not need any extra additions. For our 250th Anniversary, I propose that we remember the many hundreds of children buried within our graveyard without any recognition. And so, I propose a memorial in their memory be erected in the old graveyard containing their names within it. I hope this meets with your approval. If anyone feels they have a more appropriate suggestion, please let me know.

## 250th JUBILEE CELEBRATION

There will be a special celebration lunch on **Saturday 27th July at 12:00 noon** in the grounds at St Gregory's to mark the 250th Anniversary. Parishioners from both our parishes are welcome to attend the event. Admission will be by ticket only and requests must be in writing. There are forms at the back of church for you to complete. Unfortunately on this occasion due to the limitations on numbers, it is only open to children and young people over the age of 18 years, however, there will be other events later in the year which will be open to our younger parishioners.

## CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA

There will be a charity Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 22nd June at 2:00pm** at St Gregory's Weld Bank. Our chosen charity will be Cancer Research UK. Tickets for this event are £10 each and are available from the parish office. Any donations of raffle prizes would be very welcome.

## CHORLEY CHURCHES WALK OF WITNESS

This year, both of our parishes will be joining other churches in Chorley for a Walk of Witness on Sunday 23rd June at 12:00pm. The walk will start from Cunliffe Street in Chorley at 12:00noon and will end in Astley Park for Worship and Family Fun. Bring along a picnic and join in the fun! If you are interested in joining the walk, please let me know so that a rough idea of numbers can be notified to the organisers. Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

Sunday 26th May 2024 - The Most Holy Trinity, Year B

## REFLECTION

### THE TRINITY



The Feast of the Holy Trinity is one of the most important celebrations in the Church's year. In a world where we are encouraged to begin new relationships yet struggle with existing ones; where we are warned against harmful relationships but are expected to have relationships on social networks, today we are given an opportunity to reflect and to celebrate our relationship with the holy Trinity - the three persons in one God. No matter how hard we try, we will never come to fully understand this deep mystery and although we struggle to grasp the concept of the Trinity, our faith helps us somehow to experience its power and presence in our lives. The Trinity is a part of our Christian faith and tradition which we can't fully understand in our heads but we can realise through prayer and in our hearts. When we use the word 'mystery' to talk about the Trinity, we are not talking about a puzzle or a riddle, but something that is so deep and meaningful that it is difficult to describe. The Trinity is the unique relationship of love that exists between the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Through the gift and grace of our baptism and confirmation we are privileged to be invited to be part of this dynamic and life-giving union. In moments of prayer and throughout our lives as Christians, we experience the love of the Trinity and we are transformed. This is a free gift that comes from God, made real and visible through the life, death and the resurrection of Jesus. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit we are encouraged and strengthened to live our lives as followers of Jesus. We are all made in the image and likeness of God the Father who created us, of Jesus the Son who saved us and of the Holy Spirit who continues to strengthen us. Today, as we celebrate this wonderful feast, let us pray that each of us will continue to be blessed *in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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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 19th May 2024

Gift Aid: **£84.74**

Loose Plate: **£365.35**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

### Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Fr Laurence Mayne - Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan  
Sheila McGeown - Teresa Abernethy - Rita Compton - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington  
Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Mary Langton - Josie Gaskell

*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  
John Hilton 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

### NEW APPOINTMENT

Dear Parishioners, the Archbishop has asked me to take on the Diocesan role of Episcopal Vicar for Finance, which I have accepted. This appointment takes effect from 17th June 2024 (after a Trustees meeting). In accepting the position, I have asked that I continue as Parish Priest of St Gregory's & St Oswald's which the Archbishop has agreed to.

The role will mean I have a number of meetings in Liverpool, some of them in the mornings and so it will be necessary to look at weekday Mass times, especially in the short term when meetings have already been arranged in the diary. Once I have been embedded in my new role, I will have a better idea of the demands and to a greater extent be able to arrange meetings around parish life. Can I ask for your prayers and continued support as I take on this new challenge. Thank you & God Bless *Fr Graeme*.

### REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

'Cake Sunday' returns to St Gregory's today after the 9:30am Mass and going forward on the last Sunday of each month. There will be tea & coffee available after Mass at St Oswald's on the first Sunday of each month starting next Sunday, 2nd June. All are welcome to attend.

### LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

The next Fair Trade coffee morning will take place on the weekend of 1st/2nd June. The next recycling event will be a plant swap (bring a plant, swap it for another & make a donation towards a water butt). Please do come along and give your support to these parish events.

### WORLD HUNGER DAY 2024

World Hunger Day is observed annually on May 28th. It was launched by The Hunger Project to raise awareness of the global food crisis and unite the international community to find a sustainable solution for the problem once and for all. It is shocking to know that there is enough food produced in the world yet in 2024 around 783 million people still go hungry!

Today let us thank God for all the work done in our local community Foodbank at Living Waters to ensure the people of Chorley don't go hungry and let us give thanks for the many generous donations made to local Foodbanks through our own parishes. Thank you.

### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord will keep you from all harm'  
*Psalm 121:1-7*

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

| Date         | Time                 | Dedication                                     | Intention  | Notes                         |
|--------------|----------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| SUN 26 May   | 9:30am<br>6:30pm     | The Most Holy Trinity                          | Bert Parker (A)<br>John Todd (A)<br>Brenda McGuigan (LD)<br>Susan Catterall (BR) | ST GREGORY'S                  |
| SUN 26 May   | 11:00am              | The Most Holy Trinity                          | The sick of the Parish   | ST OSWALD'S                   |
| Mon 27 May   | 10:00am              | St Augustine of Canterbury                     | Vera Critchley (BR)  |                               |
| Tues 28 May  | 9:15am<br>2:30pm     | REQUIEM MASS                                   | LISCF<br>John Slater   | WORLD HUNGER DAY              |
| Wed 29 May   | 8:30am<br>12:00 noon | St Paul VI<br>FUNERAL SERVICE                  | Teresa Critchley (BR)<br>Margaret Redshaw  | EXPOSITION<br>4:00pm - 5:00pm |
| Thurs 30 May | 9:15am<br>11:30am    | Blessed Lawrence Richardson<br>FUNERAL SERVICE | Private Intention<br>John Howard   | DEVOTIONS<br>1:00pm - 2:00pm  |
| Fri 31 May   | 8:30am<br>9:15am     | Feast of the Visitation of the BVM             | EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE<br>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE                                     | ST GREGORY'S<br>ST OSWALD'S   |
| Sat 01 June  | 10:00am              | St Justin                                      | Carol Hardman (LD)<br>In Thanksgiving  |                               |
| SUN 02 June  | 9:30am<br>6:30pm     | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ         | Frances Betts (LD)<br>'The People of the Parish                                  | ST GREGORY'S                  |
| SUN 02 June  | 11:00am              | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ         | Hart & Trayner Families  | ST OSWALD'S                   |