

ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If anybody is considering becoming a Catholic at Easter, please see Fr Graeme asap or by the end of February at the latest. Thank you.

PARISH MEETING

There will be a meeting at St Gregory's on **Tuesday 28th January at 7:00pm** to discuss new situations, including Families of Parishes, Ministries, Liturgy - Mass & services, an update on Safeguarding requirements and the Jubilee. It is important that your views are heard and therefore I do encourage you all to attend. Thank you. *Fr Graeme*

CEMETERIES

Please Note: all Christmas wreaths/pots will be removed on or after **2nd February (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)** or when dead until the end of the month, after which any remaining Christmas wreaths/pots will be removed.

Any ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office for **4 weeks** after which they will be disposed of. Thank you.

'LIVE SIMPLY'- HIDDEN TREASURES (SHARE THE LOVE) SALE'

A gift given with love! Not quite you?

'Live Simply' will use it to help CAFOD. Any gifts can be left in the church porch.

Our 'Hidden Treasures (Share the Love) Sale will be on **2nd February** after the 9.30am Mass.

There will be a Live Simply meeting on Mon 3rd Feb at 7:00pm in the presbytery at St Gregory's, anyone interested in helping the parish achieve the Live Simply award are welcome to attend.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Refreshments will be served after the 9:30am Mass today at St Gregory's and next Sunday after the 11:00am Mass at St Oswald's. Please do come along and join in these events, it's a great opportunity to meet new people and to get more involved in Parish life.

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 26th January - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - P.845 (red) & P.787 (blue)

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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 January 2025

Gift Aid: **£135.94**

Loose Plate: **£362.96**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the call to ministry and the importance of scripture. In the first reading, Ezra the priest teaches the people and interprets the law for them. In the second reading we learn that we are all parts of the same body of Christ and in the gospel, Jesus interprets the writings of Isaiah and declares his public ministry. Today's readings particularly highlight the importance of the Liturgy of the Word. During Mass, the Liturgy of the Word which covers all the readings, the homily, the Creed, and the General Intercessions, is an integral part of sacramental celebrations. The Liturgy of the Word is prefigured all the way back to the time of Ezra. In the first reading, we heard from the Book of Nehemiah the description of what Ezra, the priest, did outside the synagogue - it's very similar to what we do at Mass. Ezra was standing at one end and standing higher up - that's what the priest does when he is on the sanctuary. As Ezra opened the scroll, the people rose up - that's what happens during the Gospel as we all stand to listen to the Gospel being proclaimed. Then Ezra interpreted the reading for the people - and that's what the priest does after the Gospel when he gives us the homily. To emphasise the Word of God there are also many signs which further instil our faith - the veneration and procession of the Book of the Gospels before its proclamation; the use of incense and candles during its proclamation and also the place from where it's proclaimed, the lectern or ambo. The readings, the homily, and the responses of the people are also signs which accompany the Word of God. So, the Liturgy of the Word is like a dialogue - God speaks to us through the readings and the homily; and we respond to Him by our profession of faith and interceding on behalf of the Church as a whole. And, at the head of every celebration of the Mass is Jesus Christ himself - the High Priest, represented by the priest who presides over the assembly. It is in representing Him that they preach after the readings, receive the offerings and say the Eucharistic Prayer. Therefore when we come to Mass, we actually come to Christ as the body of Christ!

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 - Anne Boam - James (Jim) Parkinson

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

MASS OF CELEBRATION

OF THE MIRACULOUS CURE OF JACK TRAYNOR

The Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP invites you to a historic occasion for the Archdiocese of Liverpool as we celebrate the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor with Mass and a drinks reception on **Tuesday 18th February at 7pm** at the Metropolitan Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please **fill in the form** linked below. As it is expected that this will be a popular event, numbers need to be known in advance for both health & safety and catering purposes. To make it easier for more people from across our archdiocese to attend, we are looking into the prospect of sending **free coaches** from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please let us know on this form so we can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details so we can get in touch with further details.

<https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES

As part of the Jubilee celebration, the Archdiocese of Liverpool is organising a trip to Rome on 7-13 November 2025. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information, please contact Pat Murphy mpmmurphy@aol.com.

Those of us not fortunate enough to be able to visit the Holy City itself are encouraged to make our own pilgrimages throughout the Archdiocese.

To find out more, please visit:

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

JUBILEE EVENTS

As a Pilgrim Church 2025, St Mary's Chorley welcomes Mike Pietrzyk, a guest speaker from the USA who will visit the parish twice. **Monday 28th April** (the day after the canonization of St Carlo Acutis in Rome) - the talk will be about Eucharistic Miracles (time to be announced). **Saturday 3rd May at 3:00pm** - talk about the secrets of the Shroud of Turin and the forensic evidence of The Shroud. Followed by confessions and Mass at 5:00 pm. All welcome.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord your God is with you wherever you go'

Joshua 1:9

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

| Date | Time | Dedication | Intention | Notes |
|--------------|---------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| SUN 26 Jan | 9:30am | 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Christina Catterall (A) Derek Parker (A) | ST GREGORY'S |
| | 6:30pm | | Tom & Mildred Wilcock | |
| SUN 26 Jan | 11:00am | 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | The People of the Parish | ST OSWALD'S |
| Mon 27 Jan | 10:00am | St Angela Merici | Margaret Barton (LD) | HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY |
| Tues 28 Jan | 9:15am | St Thomas Aquinas | Sylvester Woods (F) | DEVOTIONS 1:00-2:00pm |
| Wed 29 Jan | 8:30am | | The Bridcut Family (F) | EXPOSITION 4:00—5:00pm |
| Thurs 30 Jan | 9:15am | | The Neary Family (F) | DEVOTIONS 1:00-2:00pm |
| Fri 31 Jan | 8:30am | St John Bosco | George Griffiths (BR) | |
| Sat 01 Feb | 10:00am | | Mary Hargreaves (LD) | |
| SUN 02 Feb | 9:30am | THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD | Teresa Iddon (BR) | ST GREGORY'S |
| | 6:30pm | | Otto Heufler (LD) | |
| SUN 02 Feb | 11:00am | THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD | People of the Parish | ST OSWALD'S |