

## ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Friday, the Church honours all saints, both those formally canonised and others who have attained heaven. Individuals who have lived lives of extraordinary faith and dedication to God, serving as role models for Christians. Whether officially recognised by the Church or not, they have played a significant role in spreading Christianity and leading others toward holiness.

There will be one Mass at **12:00noon** at St Gregory's, Weld Bank.

## NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST INTENTIONS

All of our Masses during November are traditionally offered for those on the Pious List of Intentions. Forms are available at the back of church, please fill them in and place them in the collection bucket before the beginning of November if possible. Thank you.

## ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—ST GREGORY'S

Each November, we celebrate our Annual Masses of Remembrance at which we remember all those parishioners who have died in the last twelve months. This year, our celebration will be held on **Thursday 7th November at 7:00pm**. The names of those who have died in the past year will be read out and a candle will be lit in their memory. All are welcome.

## PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

If anybody would like the name of a loved one included in our Parish Book of Remembrance, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## 250th JUBILEE MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

As part of our 250th Jubilee celebrations, there will be a special Mass on **Wednesday 13th November at 7:00pm** at which we will remember all of the deceased members of our Parish. There is an outside chance that the Children's Memorial will have arrived in which case we will bless it before Mass begins. If not, the Memorial will be blessed at a separate service.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

S	L	E	G	A	R	U	O	C	D	JERICO	BLIND	BEGGAR	ROAD
I	U	Q	U	I	T	R	U	Q	I	BARTIMAEUS	QUIET	PITY	COURAGE
G	J	E	R	I	C	H	O	U	V	JUMPED	RABBUNI	MASTER	FAITH
H	U	D	A	E	Y	L	D	A	A				
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# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 27th October 2024 - 30th 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 20th October 2024

Gift Aid: **£67.50**

Loose Plate: **£331.41**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

## REFLECTION

Our gospel today has a lot to teach us! In it we hear how the blind and poor man Bartimaeus, yearning for healing and liberation, cried out for help. Refusing to be silenced by the crowd, the blind beggar continued his plea for Jesus to have pity on him. Jesus asked his disciples to call him and Bartimaeus immediately threw aside what was probably his only possession, his cloak, and hurried to Jesus. When Jesus asked him what it was he wanted, Bartimaeus' answer was simple, 'Master, I want to see again'. According to St Mark, it's the only prayer a true Christian should ever make. Logically you would expect Jesus to command, 'Receive your sight!' or something similar, but instead, he simply told him, 'Go; your faith has saved you'. The blind Bartimaeus represents our own human blindness which might not necessarily be a physical loss of vision. It could be our weaknesses, our failings, sickness or poverty or whatever it is that limits and prevents us from reaching our potentials in life. To be free from these limitations, firstly, we must not be too proud to acknowledge that they exist. Bartimaeus didn't believe because he was cured. Rather, he was cured because he believed, and humbly cried out for help. In a sense, Jesus is saying, 'I don't have to give you your sight; your faith has already done that'. There is a simple saying that: 'If you are not tired of praying, God is not tired of listening to you'. The good news today is that Jesus is always ready to hear, heal and liberate us from whatever is limiting us in life. He wants us to see again, to have a faith. However, like the blind Bartimaeus, we must humbly call out to him and neither the crowd, nor pride should stop us. As the psalmist tells us: 'The poor man called and the Lord heard him' - whoever would have thought a blind beggar would actually show us what to pray for! It's all a matter of noticing what's before our very eyes. Bartimaeus may have been a beggar by the wayside but he was a man of gratitude. Having received his sight, he followed Jesus - he did not selfishly go on his way when his need was met. He began with need, went on to gratitude, and finished with loyalty - and that is a perfect summary of the stages of discipleship!

### 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

*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  
George Griffiths 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

### CHANGES TO MASS/SERVICES THIS WEEK

Please note the changes to Mass/Services in both parishes this week as advertised.

#### ST MARY'S CHORLEY & ST JOSEPH'S ANDERTON

Please note: From Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the Sunday Mass will be at 09.30am at St Mary's, Chorley. The Saturday Vigil Mass will remain at 17.00. The Sunday Mass time at St Joseph's Anderton will also change to 11.00am on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Thank you.

#### REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be served after the 9:30am Mass today. All proceeds to Marie Curie Cancer Care UK. All welcome.

#### LIVE SIMPLY - COFFEE MORNING

Fairtrade coffee morning Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 9.30.Mass. All welcome.

#### LIVE SIMPLY - FINISHING TOUCHES SALE

Preloved- scarves, jewellery and handbags needed in good condition for our next venture.....

There will be a box in the porch for your donations for the next few weeks.

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

#### RED ADMIRAL BRASS BAND CONCERT

Following the previous highly successful Brass Band Concert, Red Admiral Music Academy Brass Band are to give an early 'Christmas concert' on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, at 2pm until 4.30pm in St. Chad's Church, Town Lane PR6 8AJ. Tickets are £10 each for adults, **no charge for children**, and includes light refreshments. Tickets can be reserved from:

Angela Derbyshire 07761 983041 or Ann Billington 07708 992621.

#### FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

St Gregory's will be hosting a 'Festive Afternoon Tea' on Saturday 14th December at 2:30pm.

Tickets are now on sale at £10 each to include a glass of mulled wine.

All proceeds from this event will go to Marie Curie Cancer Care UK.

#### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you'

*John 15:9*

## 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 27 Oct	9:30am 6:30pm	30th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Christina Catterall (BR) Mildred Wilcock (A)  Joan Parker (A)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 27 Oct	11:00am	30th Sunday of Ordinary Time	John Turner	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 28 Oct	10:00am	St Simon & St Jude	<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	
Tues 29 Oct	9:15am		NO MASS TODAY	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 30 Oct	8:30am		<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 31 Oct	9:15am		NO MASS TODAY	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 01 Nov	12:00 noon	ALL SAINTS	All the deceased of our Parishes	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Sat 02 Nov	10:00am	COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	Vicky Graham (LD) Eileen Orr (LD)	
SUN 03 Nov	9:30am 6:30pm	31st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Angela Bolton (LD)  The People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 03 Nov	11:00am	31st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mgr Michael McKenna Amy Ogden (A)	ST OSWALD'S