

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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CEMETERIES

Please Note: The Christmas octave continues until **2nd February (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)** therefore **all** Christmas wreaths/pots will be removed **after that date when dead and thereafter 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.

THANKYOU

On behalf of Fr Graeme and myself, thank you for all the cards, gifts, and good wishes you have offered us this Christmas. We hope these first few days of this Christmas season have been filled with joy.

On a more personal note, may I also thank you for the kindness you have shown me during my first month in the parish. Let us pray that 2025 will be a blessed time for us all.

Fr Peter Murphy

JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

2025 will mark 60 years since the second Vatican Council, or Vatican II. Following a Year of Prayer in 2024, celebrations will now begin for the Jubilee. To find out more, please visit:

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

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN'S MONUMENT

There will be a short service and blessing of the newly erected children's monument on **Tuesday 7th January at 1:00pm.** All are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

E	P	A	R	E	N	T	S	E	N
R	E	A	L	N	A	V	N	I	O
S	E	S	R	O	T	C	O	D	E
T	N	H	V	E	D	L	I	H	C
H	W	A	T	T	N	I	T	O	R
B	R	E	V	O	S	S	A	P	E
T	U	R	L	A	M	A	L	A	H
A	M	S	O	V	R	E	E	S	T
F	U	L	Y	E	E	A	R	F	A
E	L	P	M	E	T	E	C	A	F

PARENTS PASSOVER TWELVE
 FEAST CARAVAN RELATONS
 TEMPLE DOCTORS MOTHER
 CHILD FATHER BUSY



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 29th December - The Feast of the Holy Family, Year C P. 74 (red) & P. 48 (blue)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Waiting Appointment

REFLECTION



This Sunday, we remember and celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The focus of attention leading up and during the celebration of the Nativity is Jesus but this Sunday, we acknowledge the whole family. On this feast in particular, it is good to pray in gratefulness and thanks for our own parents and family. No one's family is perfect but we owe our family everything and for this we thank God. Even though the Holy Family was extraordinary, it was not exempt from the trials and troubles that our own families regularly encounter. Joseph was an ordinary man who had to work to provide for the needs of his family, making sure the Son of God was well cared for. Like many others he worked hard to provide for his family. He was undoubtedly faced with problems with respect to the security and safety of his family as King Herod was looking for the child Jesus in order to kill him. Joseph and Mary must have spent sleepless nights in extreme fear and for a time, that meant they had to live as refugees in a foreign land. But even though they were not exempt from all the problems and difficulties that families experience today, they remained free from sin and lived in love and harmony. Love is the binding force that unites and nurtures the family - love is a matter of giving, not taking; it is total self-giving, without selfish motivations. When family members learn to forget their selfish interests and begin to truly give and share – first to God, and then to one another – they experience genuine love that binds them together more closely in unity and perfect harmony. On this feast day, let us pray for all those we know who are experiencing the pain and difficulty of problems in their married and family life and may the Holy Family of Nazareth bless, guide and protect all our families,

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 22nd December 2024

Gift Aid: **£94.35**

Loose Plate: **£432.47**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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 - Elmo Allan
 Sheila McGeown - Teresa Abernethy - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington - Paul Spedding
 Susan Yates - Mary Langton - Anne Boam - Margaret Barton - 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, especially
 Shirley Taylor & Mary Hargreaves 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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2024

With sincere thanks for your kind generous support for special collections and appeals during the year. The following amounts have been sent to the relevant funds in your name in 2024.

CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL	£914.93
CAFOD FAMILY FAST	£835.58
NUGENT	£52.00
LENTEN ALMS	£362.96
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS	£105.03
PRIESTS TRAINING FUND	£200.11
HOLY PLACES	£273.19
PETERS PENCE	£101.80
PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT	£244.36
DAY FOR LIFE	£153.73
CATHOLIC EDUCATION	£54.80
EVANGELI GAUDIUM	£154.20
APF WORLD MISSIONS	£108.43
ANIMATE YOUTH	£157.92
MISSIONARY SISTERS	£288.55
MARY'S MEALS	£215.00

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Great peace have those who love Your law'

Psalms 119:165

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 29 Dec	9:30am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Joseph & Marie Kenyon Thomas & Winifred Booth	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Harry & Doreen Ainscough	
SUN 29 Dec	11:00am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 30 Dec	11:00am		Kath & Jim Dunn Francis Meredith (A)	
Tues 31 Dec	11:00am		Terence Mundy (LD)	
Wed 01 Jan	11:00am	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Ainscough & Moss Families Connolly & Rollins Families	
Thurs 02 Jan	9:15am		Private Intention	
Fri 03 Jan	8:30am		McCarthy & Kelly Families Hannah & John Slater	
Sat 04 Jan	10:00am		Joyce Donnelly (LD)	
SUN 05 Jan	9:30am	The Epiphany of the Lord	Neville Evans George Griffiths	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Wulstan Barton	
SUN 05 Jan	11:00am	The Epiphany of the Lord	William & Ann Higham	ST OSWALD'S