



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Noah George & Olivia Grace Astley
Please keep them and their family in your prayers
as they start out on their faith journey.



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

Sunday 29th September 2024 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



CREATION MASS

For the first Youth Mass of the academic year, Holy Cross are working with the Live Simply Group at St Gregory's to host a Creation Mass, on **Sunday 6 October at 6:30pm**. If any young people would like to be involved as readers, greeters, or musicians, please contact Mrs Linda Walmsley at Holy Cross via email: admin@holycross.lancs.sch.uk or Tel: **01257 262093**

DAY OF RENEWAL

The next Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday 5th October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at St Clare's Church, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston PR2 9HH. The day which will begin with Mass, will be led by Mary Hardiman who works as a Person Centred Counsellor for men in prison and also a Charity that supports men and women on death row in America. The theme of the day will be: 'Forgiveness - Following the example of Jesus Christ' Please see the notice on the church noticeboard for further information.

ADVENT RETREAT 2024

Embark on a transformative journey this Advent with Heather Khym, cohost of the *Abiding Together* podcast, as she extends a heartfelt invitation to embrace stillness and silence amid life's chaos, allowing God to dwell in the depths of your being. While the world moves at an ever-faster pace, Heather encourages you to pull back from the hustle and create space for our Saviour to come into every area of your life—to transform and heal it through his love. Please contact for further details Email: stgregory@rcaol.org.uk or Tel: **01257 262462**

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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

REFLECTION

The readings for this Sunday provide us with an insight into how we can continue to work as a prophet in our modern times. We are all familiar with the story of the stubborn ways of Israel and how because of the great burden of ministering to a nation so obstinate, God shared the Holy Spirit with seventy elders, so Moses would have some assistance in caring for Israel's needs. However, when Joshua observed that two non-anointed members were prophesying, he alerted God's chosen mediator out of concern that others were prophesying in a manner that wasn't consistent with the ordination of the elders. After hearing his plea, Moses dropped a bombshell on Joshua when he replied: '...If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his spirit to them all!' These words from a central figure in history provide us with an eye-opening look into what it means to be a prophet of God. Through Baptism, we too share in the role of prophet and carry the same torch that so many figures in the Bible had the opportunity to carry. With this role comes a huge responsibility to summon nations and people to submit to God. We too are called to adhere to the precepts of God and the Church provides us with the social teaching that allows us to bear witness to this. To embrace this role means to forcefully proclaim the precepts of God's law that demand human dignity and justice for those in need. In our world of today we embrace the role of being a prophet by demanding that our leaders turn away from evil practices and rectify any harm. No leader exemplified this better than Martin Luther King who spoke the truth about America to combat white racism and champion black liberation. He continued the prophetic witness of Jesus by demanding measures for justice to redeem a fallen country. 'Be true to what you said on paper,' he declared in his last speech, the day before his assassination, holding the nation responsible for the sins committed. Because we have this privileged position as prophets on behalf of God, we carry the same law of truth, wisdom and justice. Through our baptism may we proclaim the word of God and let us strive to ensure that God's precepts be faithfully implemented.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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MASTER
DEVILS
WATER
REWARD
MIRACLE
NECK
HELL
OBSTACLE
MILLSTONE
LAME
FAITH
WORM



WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 22nd September 2024

Gift Aid: **£60.00**

Loose Plate: **£294.80**

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 - Elmo Allan
Sheila McGeown - Teresa Abernethy - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington - Paul Spedding
Susan Yates - Mary Langton - George Griffiths - Margaret Rossall - Teresa Joyce - 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 Terence Rourke 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

READERS TRAINING

Prayer, reflection, and practical reader training will be offered at the following:

St Julie's, Eccleston, WA10 6SE – Sat 28 September (10.00-13.00)

Christ the King Parish Club, Childwall, L16 6AW – Sat 5 October (10.00-13.00)

Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD – Sat 19 October (10.00-13.00)

St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD – Sat 2 November (10.00-13.00)

Please bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book your place please email:

pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk

'POWER FROM ON HIGH'

The Irenaeus Centre will host several reflections on the Acts of the Apostles every Thursday throughout September from 10.30-12.00. For more information including zoom links, please email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

LIVE SIMPLY - GOOD NEWS

The wildflower garden is now in flower! Don't forget to take a look as you go down the drive.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

As part of the pastoral statistics that we compile every year, the total number attending Mass in each parish will be recorded over the next four successive Sundays.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST APPEAL

This year, CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day will fall on **Friday 4 October**. This Harvest, we are sharing the story of Daniel, a young carpenter in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. Daniel is carving a better future for his family with the carpentry skills he learned in a training centre which supports people in Goma to learn life-changing new skills, so everyone has the opportunity to carve better futures for themselves.

Your kind donations will fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. There are some envelopes at the back of church for your kind donations or these can be made online at:

cafod.org.uk/envelope

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds'

Psalms 147:3

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 29 Sept	9:30am 6:30pm	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Valerie Bretherton Joseph Boland (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 29 Sept	11:00am	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 30 Sept	10:00am	St Jerome	Francis Fairhurst (LD)	
Tues 01 Oct	9:15am	St Teresa of the Child Jesus	Terry Woodruff (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 02 Oct	8:30am	The Guardian Angels	Phyllis Barton	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 03 Oct	9:15am		Fr Bill Bootle	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 04 Oct	8:30am 9:15am	St Francis of Assisi	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S HARVEST FAST DAY ST OSWALD'S
Sat 05 Oct	10:00am	St Faustina Kowalska	The sick of the Parish	
SUN 06 Oct	9:30am 6:30pm	27th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mgr Michael McKenna Hannah & John Slater Youth Mass - Creation	ST GREGORY'S HARVEST SUNDAY
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