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 made in writing. 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. If you would like to attend this event, please could you complete one of the forms which can be found at the back of church as soon as possible. Thank you.

STORY OF A SOUL.....EVERYTHING IS GRACE

An invitation to tea with St. Thérèse of Lisieux, reflecting on her life and vocation.
Saturday 6th July 2pm - 6pm (Mass at 6pm)
St Teresa's church, Queensway, Penwortham PR1 0DS
For further information, please see the notice in the church porch.

MUSIC AT THE MET 2024

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events:

Two Cathedral Choirs with Ian Tracey, Sunday 7 July, 15.00
Summer Organ Recital by Peter Kwater, Sunday 4 August, 14.00
Summer Organ Recital by Dan Mansfield, Sunday 11 August, 14.00
Summer Organ Recital: Peter Morrison, Sunday 18 August, 14.00
Summer Organ Recital: Andrew Sharples, Sunday 25 August, 14.00

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

WOMENS WEEKEND AT IRENAEUS:

MARY IN A WORLD OF MARTHA? 14-16 June 2024
Limited residential spaces available. For more information, please contact:
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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BREAD HEAVEN LIVE
EVER FLESH DRINK
BLOOD ETERNAL FATHER
ANCESTORS DEAD ANYONE

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 2nd June 2024 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Year B

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:
Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:
Waiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION
w/c 26th May 2024

Gift Aid: **£74.43**
Loose Plate: **£473.96**
Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

The retiring collection today will be taken by the SVP.

REFLECTION

CORPUS CHRISTI

At the Last Supper during which Jesus first offered himself to us through the breaking of bread and pouring of wine, he asked that whenever we do this, we do it in memory of him. So every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are remembering the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We present simple things as gifts to God - bread and wine - fruit of the earth and work of our hands. God accepts our gifts, blesses them and then through the power of the Holy Spirit they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Eucharist is an expression of God's eternal generosity and our response therefore can only be to thank him which is why whenever we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we respond *Amen*. But the Eucharist is not something to be taken for granted. As Pope Francis reminds us; *'The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (The Joy of the Gospel: 47).* Today's feast of *Corpus Christi* doesn't just remind us about what we *receive* every time we celebrate the Eucharist - it is fundamentally about who we *are* - we are the Church, the Body of Christ. St. Augustine wrote, *'Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are: the Body of Christ. When we say 'Amen' we are saying, 'Yes, I believe that this is the Body and Blood of Jesus and that I will become the Body of Christ to others.'* At the same meal Jesus also took the place of a slave and washed the feet of his disciples and now he asks us to do the same – he asks us to serve one another. Because we have shared in the Eucharist with each other, we are called and challenged by Jesus to care for and serve each other. If we celebrate the Body and Blood of Jesus in memory of Jesus, we are also asked to serve each other in memory of Jesus. At end of mass, we hear the words, *Go now to love and serve the Lord.* This is the invitation and challenge presented to each of us precisely because we have celebrated the Eucharist together. We are to take what we have experienced around the altar and live it in our ordinary lives.

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 - 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
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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Over the next two weekends, the children of both parishes will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Please remember them in your prayers. I would like to thank the schools and the parents for their support and the children for their enthusiasm in their preparations. May they grown in love of Christ's great gift of himself in Holy Communion. Can I also thank Mary Wakeman who has been a First Communion Catechist for many years, but who is now stepping down, for her commitment and devotion to the children.

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. If you can't make the walk, please feel free to come along to the park, join the picnic and see what all the other churches in Chorley do.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

There will be tea & coffee available after Mass at St Oswald's this **Sunday 2nd June**.
A big thank you to all those who came along to support 'Cake Sunday' at St Gregory's last weekend. The next one will be on **Sunday 30th June** after the 9:30am Mass.

LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

The next Fair Trade coffee morning will take place this weekend **1st/2nd June** at St Gregory's. The next recycling event will be a plant swap on **Sunday 23rd June** (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. Thank you.

GENERAL ELECTION RESOURCES FOR CATHOLICS

CAFOD/SVP have created resources to support parishes to engage with the General Election.

https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters

https://svp.org.uk/encounter

https://assets.ctfassets.net/vy3axnuecuwj/4iBZaGQABoFPwvvOAcdVih/409ca22eaabda45c606eb184da20e3c4/General_election_leaflet_vCAFOD_single_page.pdf

Mass Intentions & Feast Days

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 02 Jun	**9:30am** **6:30pm**	**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**	Frances Betts (LD) The People of the Parish	**ST GREGORY'S**
SUN 02 Jun	**11:00am**	**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**	Hart & Trayner Families	**ST OSWALD'S**
Mon 03 Jun	10:00am	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Doreen & Harry Ainscough	
Tues 04 Jun	9:15am		Joanne Gilgun Successful Operation (SF)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 05 Jun	8:30am	St Boniface	Philip Taylor (LD)	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 06 Jun	9:15am	St Norbert	**EUCHARISTIC SERVICE**	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 07 Jun	8:30am 9:15am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	**EUCHARISTIC SERVICE** **EUCHARISTIC SERVICE**	**ST GREGORY'S** **ST OSWALD'S**
Sat 08 Jun	10:00am	**1st Holy Communions**	Brigid & Joseph Cain Kath Dunn (A)	
SUN 09 Jun	**9:30am** **6:30pm**	**1st Holy Communions** **10th Sunday of Ordinary Time**	Margaret Redshaw LD) Paul McManus (BR)	**ST GREGORY'S**
SUN 09 Jun	**11:00am**	**1st Holy Communions**	Elizabeth Hilton (A)	**ST OSWALD'S**