

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all those who have received the sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation in our parishes over the past few weeks. These have all been joyous occasions and a time of renewal in our parishes. We pray that they will continue to grow in faith and in turn put that faith into practice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Gregory's Annual Beer Festival 16th - 18th August 2024

This year's festival will feature a selection of 16 beers and assorted ciders.

Tickets for this event will be £5 each to include a souvenir programme & a free glass of beer.

Wine and gin will also be available as well as food from our own Pit Stop café.

Concert in the Garden & Family Fun Day - 18th August

Our ever popular family event will take on **Sunday 18th August** in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's. The event will begin at 2:00pm and entry to the concert is free (i.e. no ticket required). Entry to the beer tent is free for those attending the beer festival on Fri/Sat but otherwise entry is £5 on the door. Bring along your friends and family and your own chairs and picnic blankets! There will be live music to entertain you, donkey rides and games for the children. Bring along your own picnic or enjoy food from our BBQ and refreshment stand.

Big Sunday Festival - 8th September

This is a free event with lots of stalls, live music, games, tombola, BBQ & refreshments
Lots of fun for all the family.

IRENÆUS COME & SEE: THE POWER OF WELCOME

Saturday 6 July led by Richard McKay

Suggested donation of £10, please bring a packed lunch. For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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CAESAREA
PHILIPPI
QUESTION
JOHN
ELIJAH
JEREMIAH
PETER
CHRIST
JONAH
ROCK
CHURCH
GATES
KEYS



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 30th June 2024 - St Peter & St Paul, Year B

REFLECTION

Today, we remember and celebrate two of Gods' most unlikely heroes; St Peter and St Paul. Each in their own way carried on the mission and ministry of Jesus by proclaiming the gospel through their words and actions as missionary disciples in the early church. The gospels tell us that Peter had known Jesus for at least three years and was one of his closest friends and followers. He saw Jesus work miracles, was with him at the Last Supper and witnessed everything that happened to him. Famously, he denied that he even knew Jesus as he was being arrested - Peter lost faith in Jesus, but Jesus never lost faith in Peter! When Jesus appeared to his friends after the resurrection, he asked Peter not once, but three times whether he loved him. When Peter said he did love him, Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.....look after my sheep... feed my sheep.' So Peter, the very one who denied and disowned Jesus was called, chosen and entrusted with the responsibility of leading this new group of people called 'The Christians' which would eventually become the Church, the People of God. Given his history, no one in their right mind would have picked Peter to lead the new church! But as we know, God's ways are not our ways and he doesn't choose the powerful, the wealthy, the clever or the important but rather the least likely who have the most potential. Paul never actually met Jesus, but he did experience Jesus in a most profound way. He was a Jew of high standing, entrusted with hunting down, and if necessary killing these new Christians. He watched as Stephen, the first martyr was stoned to death. They were a threat to everything Paul (then called Saul) believed and held sacred - his Jewish faith and the Law. But on the road to Damascus, he heard these words, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' By persecuting the followers of Jesus, Saul was persecuting Jesus himself. And so Saul became Paul, the greatest missionary of the early Church. These two men are role models for us of what it means to be a follower of Jesus today. Jesus called Peter who denied him and Paul who persecuted him to be his witnesses; so why wouldn't the same Jesus call us today to be his witnesses and followers? Are we really so different from these two men?

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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 23rd June 2024

Gift Aid: **£84.50**

Loose Plate: **£359.30**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

The special collection this week is for Peter's Pence

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

PETER'S PENCE

Today, we are offered an opportunity to help the Pope express his closeness to people who suffer. The World Day for the Pope's Charity is an invitation for communities worldwide to donate to Peter's Pence and support the mission of the Bishop of Rome - a mission of peace, charity, and solidarity with those in need. This mission is more necessary than ever in a world troubled by wars, the arms race, injustices, the suffering of many poor people, and attacks on the sanctity of human life and personal dignity. By donating to Peter's Pence, we not only help the Pope aid those suffering but also participate in his mission to proclaim the Gospel and assist local Churches through the Dicasteries of the Holy See and the network of his representatives worldwide, promoting integral human development, education, peace, justice, and fraternity.

CHORLEY CHURCHES WALK OF WITNESS

Sincere thanks to all those who took part in the Chorley Churches Walk of Witness last Sunday. We were blessed with a sunny day filled with lively music, input from Church leaders and prayer. All in all, the service was a spectacular if also serene celebration of Christian Unity in our town. Well done to all those who organized the event and special thanks to Ulrike for all her hard work throughout the year to ensure that we build and maintain strong links with the other faith groups in Chorley.

LIVE SIMPLY - PLANT SWOP

Thank you to all those who came along and supported our Plant Swop which raised **£67.02** towards the purchase and installation of a water butt.

AFTERNOON TEA@ST GREGORY'S

A big thank you to all those who attended our afternoon tea at St Gregory's last weekend and sincere thanks also for all your kind donations and raffle prizes. We raised **£750.00** from the event which will be sent to Cancer Research UK in your name. In the UK, someone is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes, so your donations will make a real difference to those affected by cancer, both now and in the future.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'God is not a God of disorder but of peace'

1 Corinthians 14:33

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 30 Jun	9:30am	Ss Peter & Paul	John Slater	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The sick of the Parish	
SUN 30 Jun	11:00am	Ss Peter & Paul	Catenian Presidents Ernest Farrimond (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 01 July	10:00am	St Oliver Plunket	Dennis Redshaw (S)	
Tues 02 July	9:15am		Margaret Ingram (BR)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 03 July	8:30am	St Thomas	Phyllis Barton (A)	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
	10:30am	FUNERAL SERVICE	Brian Norris	
Thurs 04 July	9:15am	St Elizabeth of Portugal	For those seeking Parliamentary Election	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 05 July	8:30am	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 06 July	10:00am	St Maria Goretti	Valerie Bretherton	
SUN 07 July	9:30am	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Christians in the Holy Land (EOHSJ)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Betty Burgess (A)	
SUN 07 July	11:00am	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Paul Tuson (A)	ST OSWALD'S