

HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Would you be willing to have your feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at St Oswald's? Ideally we need 6 from each parish but so far we have had very few people come forward this year. If you would be willing to volunteer, please could you let us know asap. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY CHAPERONES

If you have volunteered to become a Eucharistic Minister Chaperone, please can you see me asap so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Thank you. Fr Graeme

IRENAEUS: COME AND SEE

'The Wonder of Being Human', Saturday 5 April 2025, 10.30-16.00

Keynote speaker: Timothy Radcliffe. Suggested donation of £10. A packed lunch is advised. For more information email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call: 0151 949 1199.

THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE FIRST FOLLOWERS OF JESUS:

IRENAEUS EASTER RETREAT, Wednesday 16 - Sunday 20 April 2025

Led by Fr Chris Thomas and the Irenaeus team, following the Easter Triduum services, beginning with a Passover meal on the Wednesday. Limited residential places available.

To book and for more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk Tel: 0151 9491199

LIVE SIMPLY

Lent Week 5 leaflets with non-meat recipes and a prayer are available in the church porch.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Refreshments will be served after the 9:30am Mass at St Gregory's today. Please do come along and support our chosen charity which this year is Pancreatic Cancer Research.

There will also be refreshments after the 11:00am Mass next Sunday at St Oswald's.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 30th March - 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare), Year C - P. 174 (red) & P. 834 (blue)

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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:

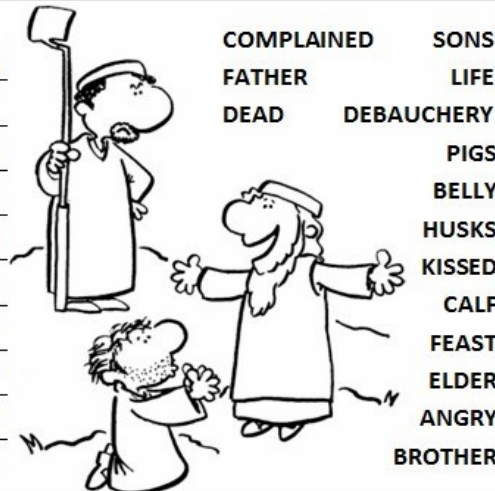
Waiting Appointment

REFLECTION

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Laetare Sunday from the Latin word that means 'rejoice', we hear the parable of 'A Prodigal son - A Forgiving Father' - a story we have heard so many times that many of us can repeat it almost line for line. The three characters in the parable, the younger son, elder son, and their father, together weave a beautiful story of sin, envy, and mercy. We hear it today because midway through Lent, the liturgy reflects that we are all like this prodigal son, the well-known story striking a familiar chord in the lives of all of us - in the temptation to squander a bright future on the passions of the present or the sadness when we have made bad choices; in scheming and plotting ways out of trouble; in the longing that parents feel for children who fail; in the jealousy within families the list is endless! Yet, most of us in our highly developed western world have difficulty in seeing ourselves for who we really are - our lives are so very busy that there never seems to be enough time for personal reflection. Consequently, we can find ourselves being seriously lacking in some areas of our personal development - and even worse, the failure to recognise this. Often, it is only when something really serious happens in our life, that we realise that we are in dire need of outside help to make things better or right! As we reach the mid-point of our Lenten journey, today we are invited to rejoice as we recognise the joy that will be ours if we come to our senses and if we wholeheartedly turn to God and ask for mercy. We need to recognise the patterns of our sin - we may not like some aspects of the person we are and we may want to be the person we imagine. So during Lent we must repent, do penance, strengthen our prayer, contribute to the needy, and fast from all that focuses attention on ourselves in order to consider more the needs of others. Like the prodigal son, we too must say to ourselves, 'I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you'. The forgiveness of the father in the parable is an image of God's forgiveness and abounding love for us, and it reminds us that God's love for another does not diminish his love for each of us.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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COMPLAINED
FATHER
DEAD
DEBAUCHERY
PIGS
BELLY
HUSKS
KISSED
CALF
FEAST
ELDER
ANGRY
BROTHER

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 23rd March 2025

Gift Aid: **£103.50**
Loose Plate: **£307.60**
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The retiring collection today will be for Nugent

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 - Stephen Marrow

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

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

This year's service will take place on **Sunday 6th April 3:00pm** at St Gregory's, Weld Bank

EASTER TRIDUUM

Maunder Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm at St Oswald's, Coppull

Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil 8:30pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank

Easter Sunday: 9:30am at St Gregory's, Weld Bank (NB: No Mass at 6:30pm)
 11:00am at St Oswald's, Coppull

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross are celebrated in both parishes each week during Lent and are led by parishioners. Our grateful thanks to those who have volunteered to lead the prayers this year. If people wish to follow the devotions privately, resources are available in Church, but please do not remove them. The times for the communal celebrations are:

St Oswald's - Wednesdays at 6:00pm St Gregory's - Fridays at 6:30pm

LENTEN REFLECTION

All are welcome to join our Lenten Reflection each Tuesday evening during Lent at **6:30pm** in the Parish meeting room at St Gregory's, led by Fr Peter. Please do come along as we reflect and prepare ourselves for the sorrow of Holy Week and the joy of the Easter Season.

LENTEN APPEALS

During Lent we will be supporting Nugent and Lenten Alms.

30th March 2025 - Nugent or online at: <https://www.weare Nugent.org/fundraising/donate/>

Lenten Alms: via the purple box at the front of church.

Alternatively you can post your donations through the presbytery door, please mark your envelopes with the name of the respective appeal. Thank you.

The CAFOD Family Fast Appeal will remain open throughout Lent for your kind donations.

There are envelopes at the back of church or you can also donate online at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path'

Psalm 119:105

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 30 Mar	9:30am	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Shaun McGeown (A) Teresa Thompson & John Slater	LAETARE SUNDAY ST GREGORY'S YOUTH MASS
	6:30pm		Shirley Taylor	
SUN 30 Mar	11:00am	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	The People of the Parish	LAETARE SUNDAY ST OSWALD'S
Mon 31 Mar	10:00am		Frank Morris (LD) In Thanksgiving to our Lady of Lourdes	
Tues 01 Apr	9:15am		Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00-2:00pm
Wed 02 Apr	8:30am	FUNERAL SERVICE	Keith Rostron (LD) Gerry Anderson (LD)	EXPOSITION 4:00—5:00pm
	11:30am 6:00pm		Rachel Heald STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Thurs 03 Apr	9:15am	REQUIEM MASS	Fr Joseph Robinson	DEVOTIONS 1:00-2:00pm
	15:30pm		Rose Anne Tighe	
Fri 04 Apr	8:30am		Mary Langton (LD)	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	6:30pm			
Sat 05 Apr	10:00am		Chorley Buddies Anniversary	
SUN 06 Apr	9:30am	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	The People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Special Intention	
SUN 06 Apr	11:00am	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Iain Macdonald (BR)	ST OSWALD'S