

**AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR GRAEME**

Dear Parishioners, another year of the Lord's Passion, Death & Resurrection beautifully celebrated within the Parishes. Whilst having split sites for the celebrations is not ideal, a big thank you to all who travelled to the church they do not regularly worship in - it does make a huge difference to the celebrations. Also a big thank you to the many people who have worked behind the scenes and those who have exercised numerous public ministries to make sure that our services have truly been celebrations. It only remains for me to wish you and your families the Joy of the Risen Christ and his Easter Blessings  
God Bless, Fr Graeme.

**AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM**

Archbishop Malcolm has prepared an Easter Message which is available at:  
<https://stgregoryschorley.schudio.com/welcome/an-easter-message-from-archbishop-malcolm>


**GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?**

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on **10th April 2024 at 7pm** at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Leyland and meet every Wednesday for 6 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact: **Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257**  
**Email: [dorothyhindle234@gmail.com](mailto:dorothyhindle234@gmail.com) or [julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com](mailto:julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com)**

**LIVE SIMPLY**

There will be a meeting at **7pm on Monday 8th April** in the presbytery at St Gregory's for anybody wishing to either take a lead or play an active role in the Live Simply Campaign.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

Y	R	E	N	A	W	A	E	L	S	MARY	SEPULCHRE	EARTHQUAKE
A	R	K	J	E	S	O	J	G	E	ANGEL	STONE	ROBE
M	O	A	U	S	S	T	N	O	M	SNOW	JESUS	RISEN
N	B	U	M	U	S	I	O	S	A	AWE	JOY	GREETINGS
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**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
St Gregory's Weld Bank**

Sunday 31st March 2024 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year B

**ST GREGORY'S RC CHURCH**

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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 24th March 2024

Gift Aid: **£74.25**

Loose Plate: **£385.65**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

**REFLECTION**



We began our Lenten journey with Jesus in the desert and did our best to pray as we travelled with him during those forty days. On Palm Sunday we greeted him joyfully with palms and cries of Hosanna! On Holy Thursday Jesus offered himself to us as the Bread and Cup of Life and he asked us to love and serve each other as he had shown us. On Good Friday, we stood with the crowd and watched as Jesus was betrayed, denied, beaten, condemned and crucified. With Mary his mother, we saw him being buried in the tomb. Now today, on Easter Sunday, we stand with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. Having travelled with Jesus through Lent and stood beside him as he endured his passion, we now stand at the empty tomb and share in the power, glory, joy and the new life of his Resurrection. It can be hard to understand God's power, particularly if we have lost loved ones or experienced greater challenges in our family life or in our relationships with others but, we must still believe that although God's ways are not our ways and his thoughts are not our thoughts, that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God has shown and offered us a new way of living. We don't have to respond to violence with more violence, we don't have to answer hatred with anger - there is another way, a better way - The Way of the Cross that leads to Resurrection. In a world where there is violence and anger, we are called to be the people of light; where there is hopelessness and despair, we are challenged to be people of hope and faith; where there is hatred and discrimination, we are asked to be people of love and compassion. Today, more than ever we are called not only to experience the Good News of the Resurrection but we are also called to be people of Good News in our daily lives.

**We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our song!**

### Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Fr Laurence Mayne - Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan  
 Sheila McGeown - Teresa Abernethy - Rita Compton - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington  
 Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Angela Helmn - Mary Langton  
*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

### FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

There will be a special celebration at Sacred Heart Church on **Sunday 7th April at 3pm** on the  
 Feast of the Divine Mercy. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet,  
 Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass. There are some copies of the chaplet of the Divine  
 Mercy at the back of church, please do take one.

### COME AND SEE DAY AT IRENAEUS

The Irenaeus Project will be hosting their latest Come and See Day on 6 April. The talk is on  
 the Power of Forgiveness with keynote speakers Barry and Margaret Mizen.  
 For more information, contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk), or phone on 0151 949 1199.

### LENTEN SERVICES & REFLECTIONS

Thank you to those who prepared and those who joined us for our Lenten services and  
 reflections as we journeyed towards the great feast of Easter.

### CHORLEY LIVING WATERS FOOD BANK

A big thank you for your ongoing support to the Living Waters Food Bank and your generous  
 donations, they are extremely grateful for all your kindness and support.  
 We pray that God will bless you abundantly as you bless so many others.

### HYMN BOOK AMNESTY

If anybody has borrowed a green Laudate hymn book and forgotten to return it, please can  
 you do so asap as our numbers are decreasing. Thank you.

### DEFIBRILLATOR

I am pleased to inform you that we now have an automatic defibrillator at St Gregory's. The  
 device is easy and safe to use and can save someone's life by restarting their heart if they  
 have a cardiac arrest whilst waiting for the emergency services. The device will be  
 located in the sacristy. Sincere thanks to St Gregory's Primary School for the donation.

### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord'

*Psalm 40:4*

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 31 Mar	9:30am	EASTER SUNDAY	Shaun McGeown (A) Pauline Critchley (A) David & Kathleen Critchley (60th WA)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 31 Mar	11:00am	EASTER SUNDAY	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 01 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	Fr Con Murphy (LD)	
Tues 02 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	LISCF	
Wed 03 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	Get Well Soon	
Thur 04 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	Private Intention	
Fri 05 Apr	8:30am 9:15am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
Sat 06 Apr	10:00am	OCTAVE OF EASTER	Chorley Buddies (4th Anniv)	
SUN 07 Apr	9:30am 6:30pm	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY	People of the Parish Margaret Dickinson (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 07 Apr	11:00am	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY	Iain Macdonald (BR)	ST OSWALD'S