

ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Copies of the Annual Parish Financial Accounts for 2023 are available at the back of church.

Please feel free to take a copy.

CATHOLIC PIC ONLINE

The July edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ymbfvcj7>

EOHSJ

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) is a Catholic organisation that supports the Christians in the Holy Land. To find out more about this work, please visit:

<https://www.eohsj.org.uk>

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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 7th July 2024 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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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 30th June 2024

Gift Aid: **£79.09**

Loose Plate: **£472.23**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

The retiring collection this week will be taken by the SVP

REFLECTION

How often do we tell somebody something that has happened to us only to find they don't believe us! We share with others something we have experienced, in good faith, hoping to be listened to and believed, but then the exact opposite happens. In today's gospel we hear about Jesus returning to his hometown of Nazareth after performing great miracles. Despite these powerful signs and the teachings Jesus conveyed in the synagogue, the people there still expressed disbelief. The main reason for their lack of faith was their close familiarity with Jesus. They couldn't get their heads around the fact that the carpenter, son of Joseph and Mary, whom they had seen grow up in their midst, could be such an extraordinary prophet and even the Messiah!

As Jesus sent out his disciples, he prepared them for the possibility that they might receive a similar response to their message - either they would be welcomed and be able to carry out their ministry fruitfully, or they would be rejected and their ministry would not be accepted. But Jesus was not asking them to do anything he hadn't already done or experienced himself. The fact that not everyone who heard him accepted his message and often he was rejected was not surprising as his message was and still is very challenging. The message Jesus gives us all is one of mercy and compassion, love of strangers and our enemies, forgiveness, and concern for the poor and neglected. Jesus called each of his disciples personally and then sent them out in his name - he trusted them with the responsibility of carrying on his mission and ministry. Today, Jesus calls each of us by our name and entrusts us with exactly the same responsibility. The mission and vocation to hear and share the good news of the gospel and the responsibility of promoting and building the Kingdom of God belongs to all of us. We should not be discouraged if people do not listen to us. Isn't it true that we find it difficult to bear witness to our faith among those who are closest to us? Jesus himself experienced the alienation of those closest to him so if you are experiencing that too, just remember - Jesus can relate to your situation and he can provide strength and comfort to you.

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 especially Angela Simm 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

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes departs on Thursday 18th July and Coach 5 covers the areas of Orrell, Upholland, Chorley, Leyland and Penwortham. This year we have 41 young people on Coach 5, aged between 15 and 22, who will be serving our Assisted Pilgrims. This year the pastoral theme for Lourdes is "...so that all may come in procession". With this in mind, the seven youth coaches will carry a lantern in procession throughout the week which will contain Prayer Intention cards. At the end of the pilgrimage, these cards will be left at the Grotto. There are five different cards which can be used:

- For blessings received
- For worries and anxieties
- For those who are sick
- For those who have died
- Special Intention

If you would like us to take any Prayer Intention cards for you, or if you would like to make a donation towards supporting our young people, please send to Ben (Coach Leader) at:
Ben McMullen, Deputy Director of Education, St. Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA

PUBLIC SPEAKING IN CHURCH



CAFOD is offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practice, and discover how you can inspire your congregation. You can register at: https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/speaking_at_mass_training or use the QR code to the left with your mobile phone camera. The online workshop will take place on **Saturday 13 July, 11am-12pm** and **Tuesday 16 July, 7pm-8pm.**

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'You make known to me the path of life'
 Psalm 16:11

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
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
Mon 08 July	10:00am		Tony Halliwell (LD) Roy Preston (LD)	
Tues 09 July	9:15am	St Augustine Zhao Rong & companions	Special Intention for healing	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 10 July	8:30am		Margaret Mary Ellison	EXPOSITION 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 11 July	9:15am	St Benedict	Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 12 July	9:30am		LEAVERS MASS	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 13 July	10:00am	St Henry	For a speedy recovery (IG)	
SUN 14 July	9:30am	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Ann & Agnes Walsh	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		The Youth of the Parish	
SUN 14 July	11:00am	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S