

1st HOLY COMMUNION

I have heard parents at St Gregory's wish their children to make their communion together, unfortunately, this is not possible at a Sunday mass. If it is the case, that parents want their children to make it together, Saturday 13 June is the better option, 16 is the maximum at this Mass. Please may I ask you to reconsider your choice. Thankyou. Fr Graeme

LIVE SIMPLY

'Live Simply' - Our next event Sunday March 22nd after the 9.30 Mass - Fair Trade Sale
 'Fair Trade Easter eggs may be ordered see list in the porch.'
 Share the Love sale raffle prizes still unclaimed.
 Lenten prayer and recipe 4 available in the church porch.

WORD OF LIFE

The next Word of Life Scripture sharing meeting is this week on Wednesday 11th March at 19 Grosvenor Road, Chorley. PR7 2PJ at 11.00am. Why not come along for an extra reflection in Lent? All are very welcome, the kettle will be on from 10:30am.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Are you able to help? We are in need of weekday readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Church cleaners. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please see Fr Graeme

THE IRENAEUS CENTRE: PILGRIMAGE THROUGH LENT

The Irenaeus Centre would like to invite you to a series of Lenten Evenings held on Tuesdays at 7pm on the following dates: 10, 17, 24 March.
 For more information and Zoom links please contact: centreirenaeus@gmail.com



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 8th March 2026 - 3rd Sunday in Lent, Year A P.121 (red) & P.131 (blue)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs
 09:00 - 16:30

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Alison Fish

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Sharon Hobin

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 1st March 2026

Gift Aid: **£121.50**

Loose Plate: **£356.68**

Standing Orders: **£347.54**

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

The Retiring collection next Sunday will be for Nugent

REFECTION

Today's Gospel reminds us that God offers us new life. Lent is a time to listen, believe, and grow in faith. We are invited to consider how Jesus reaches across boundaries to show love and bring people to faith. The story of the Samaritan woman at the well shows how a simple encounter with Jesus can lead to a life of faith, courage, and witness. Jesus' actions challenge us to examine our own lives. We may have people or groups we tend to avoid or judge, whether based on background, beliefs, or behaviour. Lent calls us to follow Jesus' example by breaking down barriers and welcoming others with respect and kindness. Just as Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman, we are called to reach out, share our faith, and listen with compassion. Jesus shows that love and understanding are more powerful than division. In our divided world, this lesson is more important than ever. We are called to be peacemakers, willing to cross boundaries for the sake of love and truth. By breaking down barriers as Jesus did, we can share his message of hope and peace.

Lent is a time when the Church invites us to seek that deeper relationship with Jesus, we are encouraged to let Jesus change our hearts, to give up old patterns of sin or fear, and to live with greater faith. When we open ourselves to Jesus, we grow in peace and joy. We also become better able to share his love with others. The Gospel also reminds us that women have always had an important role in spreading the Good News. The woman at the well becomes one of the first people to share Jesus' message with others. Like her, we can bring Jesus to our families, friends, and communities by sharing what he has done in our lives. Our stories can lead others to believe, just as hers did. Let us be encouraged to live with open hearts, sharing God's message of love and hope in a world that deeply needs it.
 Lord, may we share your love as a source of hope and joy in our communities.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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SAMARITAN SYCHAR JACOB
 JOSEPH WELL WOMAN
 WATER DRINK JEW
 BUCKET CATTLE HUSBAND



Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Elmo Allan - Teresa Abernethy
 Shirley Langstrath - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Eileen Baldwin
 Derek Blears - Irene Griffiths

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,
 James Bretland & Mary Berry 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in both parishes each week during Lent, led by parishioners. Our grateful thanks to those who have volunteered to lead the prayers.

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 8:00pm 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

LENTEN APPEALS

During Lent we will be supporting Nugent and Lenten Alms.

15 March 2026—Nugent. Lenten Alms: via the purple box at the rear of Church
 Collections for both will stay open throughout Lent.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY—27 FEBRUARY

The Cafod Family Fast Appeal will remain open throughout Lent for your kind donations.
 There are envelopes at the back of Church.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's

Sebastian James Gerrard & Charlotte Rose Watson

Please keep them & their families in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Ask, and it will be given to you."

Matthew 7:7

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 8 Mar	9:30am 6:30pm	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish Catherine Mercer (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 8 Mar	11:00am	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	Amy Ogden (BR)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 9 Mar	10:00am		Margaret Dearden (BR)	
Tues 10 Mar	9:15 am		Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1.00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 11Mar	8.30am		Derek Smith (BR) John Oswell	EXPOSITION 4:00PM - 5:00PM
Thurs 12 Mar	9:15am 6.30pm		In Thanksgiving STATIONS OF THE CROSS	DEVOTIONS 1.00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 13 Mar	11:00am 7.00pm	REQUIEM MASS	Edith Foster STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Sat 14 Mar	10:00am		Valerie Bretherton Special Intention	
SUN 15 Mar	9:30am 4.00pm	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish George Haydock	LAETARE SUNDAY ST GREGORY'S YOUTH MASS
SUN 15 Mar	11:00am	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Angela & Gerard Grindley Doreen Haydock (A)	LAETARE SUNDAY ST OSWALD'S