

#HELPUKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

A big thank you to all our parishioners for your overwhelming response to this appeal, you have been most generous. We have received an update from Bishop Gregory to let us know that the donated medicines have been transferred to hospitals in Drohobych and Boryslav and a brave volunteer driver has taken some of the goods to Kyiv. We have also received over £70,000 in donations so far. As the response has been so positive, unfortunately we are **no longer able to accept donations of clothes, food or medicines** at the present time. If the situation changes in the future, I will let you know. In the meantime, if you are able to help financially, here are the ways you can donate:

- through parishes and branches of partner organisations
 - direct to the central appeal fund AUGB Ltd, 80038237, 20-65-89 ref: HelpUkraine
 - through the fundraising page on GoFundMe at <https://rb.gy/dcagcc>
- Thank you.

WALK OF WITNESS


The Walk of Witness on Holy Saturday (16 April) is returning this year. The walk, led by Archbishop Malcolm, will start at 2pm outside the Metropolitan Cathedral and will finish with prayers and refreshments at Liverpool Parish Church. All are welcome to attend, please see the notice in the porch for more information.

NEW MONTHLY SOCIAL GET TOGETHER IN COPPULL NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

SVP Chorley Buddies is starting a new monthly Social Get Together for people who are lonely or isolated. It will take place in the Methodist Hall in Coppull on the first Wednesday of every month from 12.20pm to 2.30pm. We will offer free lunch and some entertainment. But we need volunteers to help us run it. All that is required is a happy disposition! Please call **01257 542324** for more details.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

10th April 2022 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C

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

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 3rd Apr 2022

Gift Aid: **£89.00**

Loose Plate: **£590.50**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection next week will be for the Holy Places

REFLECTION

The Gospel on Palm Sunday basically sets the scene for us as Jesus enters into his final week on earth. But we are not just remembering a historical event that happened over two thousand years ago, we are celebrating and taking part in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as it happens today. His entry into the city begins on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line the streets, wave palms, they put their cloaks on the ground and they shout out his name - yet, how quickly the crowd changed and turned on Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, would soon begin to shout 'Crucify him, Crucify him.' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closet friends, the rest of them run and desert him - he is left alone. How can something so wonderful suddenly take such a turn for the worst? How does the same thing happen in our world? How can things get so bad so quickly? In Holy Week, there is a real danger if we are not careful of losing sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and taking part in. Today, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd. Having stood with the crowd shouting out his name and welcoming Jesus, will I stand with the same people spitting out insults as I shout 'Crucify him! Crucify him!?' Perhaps we began this Lent with a firm commitment to pray more deeply, fast more faithfully, give alms more generously. But as the weeks went by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving became less appealing than arguing with one another about who among us is the greatest - whose country, whose politics, whose policies, or ideologies are the greatest. There is still war. There are still refugees. There is still racism. The poor are still with us. Yet, because Jesus' name is above every other name, because we confess him as our Lord, we will be obedient to him. We will follow in his footsteps and carry the cross that Jesus has given us because we have faith - we are not abandoned or afraid. This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are. As we begin this most holy of weeks, may Jesus be our companion and guide and may we all enter in the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Neil Haydock
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Anthony Crilly
 Sheila McGeown - Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery
 Derek Birchall - Christine Zawistowicz - Joanne Hardyman - Catherine - Kathleen Green

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 Clare Barton

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY REVIEW OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following a further review of Covid requirements, it has been decided that given the major source of transmission of the virus is now generally accepted to be via airborne particulates (according to scientific evidence), both the weekly collection and also the Offertory Procession can now be reintroduced. For the time being we will continue to keep a section of the church with social distancing and also the practice of sanitising on entry and the presence of stewards. We will continue to review the situation on a weekly basis.

HOLY WEEK 2022

There are some leaflets detailing the times of the Holy Week services at the back of church, do please take one for yourself and also you may like to pass one on to a neighbour or a friend who might also like to attend. Please note, in addition to the services previously advertised, there will also be Stations of the Cross at St Oswald's on Good Friday at 11:00am.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The first meeting for the young people who are participating in the youth pilgrimage to Lourdes in July will take place on **Sunday 24th April. The meeting will take place in St. Teresa's Parish Centre, Colledge Road, Upholland, WN8 0PY from 1pm to 4pm.** Please note that this meeting is just for the young people; a meeting for parents will be held nearer to departure.

There are still a few places left on the pilgrimage for young people in Year 10. The pilgrimage is now closed for young people aged 16 and over due to having to complete the DBS process. However, if anyone aged 15 is interested, please contact Ben McMullen, Coach Leader at lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk, or at All Hallows Catholic High School (Deputy Headteacher) on 01772 746121 after the Easter break.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN

Saturday 23 April 11.00am – 1.00pm

please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. **For info Tel: 01772 723094.**

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 10 Apr	9:30am 6:30pm	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Canon Richard Firth (A) Peter Evans (A) Bert Hardman (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 10 Apr	11:00am	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	John McGreevy (BR) Phyllis Rourke	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 11 Apr	10:00am		Tommy McGuigan (A) Sister Terecita (A) Philip White (A)	
Tues 12 Apr	9:15am		William Ingram (BR)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 13 Apr	8:30am		Valerie Bretherton Joseph & Beatrice Turner (F)	
MAUNDY THURSDAY	7:00pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	Christina Ashworth	ST OSWALD'S
GOOD FRIDAY	11:00am 3:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION		ST OSWALD'S ST GREGORY'S
HOLY SATURDAY	8:30pm	EASTER VIGIL	The People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 17 Apr	9:30am	EASTER DAY	Maureen Ormerod (A)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 17 Apr	11:00am	EASTER DAY	Ellen Morris (A)	ST OSWALD'S