NEW AUXILLIARY BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

Congratulations to Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool who has been appointed as the new Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. We remember him in our prayers and wish him every success in his new appointment.

WELDBANK WALKERS

Congratulations to the Weldbank Walkers who have now all completed the Pentecost Challenge 2021. Between them they have walked a total distance of 420.9miles and raised the magnificent sum of £3,760 in support of the Friends of the Holy Land. A big thank you to all for your kind and generous support.

LEAVERS MASS 2021

The Year 6 children in both parishes will celebrate their Leavers Mass as they move onto high school after the summer holidays. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they progress to this next important stage in their education.

LIVING WATERS FOOD BANK

The Foodbank are urgently appealing for items such as tinned food, pasta, toiletries, UHT milk, tinned fish etc. Please leave your donations in the box in the porch. All your generous donations are very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

IRENAEUS PROJECT

On Mondays 12th and 19th July, between 7.00 pm and 8.30 pm, Fr Chris Thomas of the Irenaeus Project is hosting two sessions (on zoom) 'In the beginning' reflecting on John's Gospel. No charge but any donations gratefully accepted. Everyone welcome. To book in please email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

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St Gregory's Weld Bank

11th July 2021 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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> Parish Administrator: Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep: Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 4th July 2021 Gift Aid: £140.00 Loose Plate: £132.37 Standing Orders: £186.25 Online Giving: £43.74 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 Priests in Retirement

REFLECTION

In the gospel last Sunday, Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs to preach and heal and to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom. The gospel today follows on immediately after this - having sent them out, they return to Jesus and he welcomes them back, most likely with great anticipation and excitement to hear the stories of their encounters. They must have had so much to share with him about their experiences, both good and bad. We already know from the Gospels that

Jesus himself was a good speaker, from his own preaching in the synagogue and from the many parables we hear about - but have we ever considered that Jesus was also able to make time and space for others and to listen to them? Whenever, wherever and however we pray, Jesus listens to us. We might say prayers that we have known since childhood or we might simply talk to Jesus casually or informally as we would with a close friend. Regardless, when we pray, we too are offered the opportunity to tell Jesus our own story – whatever

that is, we each have a personal and sacred story. Our story and our experiences - the positive, the negative and the challenging all make us who we are today. Pope Francis once said, 'Each of us has a unique story; a story of grace, a story of sin, a story of many

things. It is good to pray with our own story'. While it is very important to pray for others, it is also necessary that we pray about and for ourselves. It is essential that when we pray we have the courage and humility to come to Jesus just as we are and to tell him

exactly how we are doing - to share with him our thoughts, our joys and even our fears. Sometimes we just need to take a break from being occupied and busy, from all our activities and to-do-lists, from the noise and bustle of the world around us and simply sit quietly at

the feet of Jesus. He will listen to us!

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Eileen Nuttall - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison -Margaret Shaw Thomas Moss - Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding Neil Haydock - Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Neil Bass - Shirley Langstrath Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown

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 Margaret Ellwood & Rachael Halliday

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

COVID 19 - CHURCH CHANGES

As of the 19th July in the light of the Government's announcement, but taking into consideration that many people may still have concerns, my suggestion is that we designate half of the church to remain with restrictions i.e. social distancing and masks will be expected to be worn in that area. Sanitising gel will also be available as you come into church should you wish to use it but we will no longer be taking details for track and trace purposes. I realise this is a compromise but hopefully it will provide some reassurance to those with concerns. The distribution of Holy Communion will also revert to the normal time and place in the Mass.

May God continue to Bless you and your families Fr Graeme

Masses/Devotions will be LiveStreamed and recorded at the advertised times.

Weekday Masses at St Gregory's:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 8:30am Tues/Thurs/Sat - 10:00am Please see Newsletter for details of the Weekday Mass at St Oswald's

Sunday Masses: 9:30am (St Gregory's), 11:00am (St Oswald's - not Live Streamed) Devotions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to

Kathryn Woodward & Michael Redwood

who are to be married at St Gregory's on Friday 16th July at 1:30pm. We wish them every happiness and God's Blessing as they begin their life together as a married couple.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 11 July	9:30am	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	John Fishwick (A)	
Sun 11 July	11:00am	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Phyllis Rourke	First Holy Communion St Oswald's
	8:30am		Connie Walmsley (F)	
Mon 12 July	11:00am	Funeral Service	Vincent Cornwell (100th B) Elizabeth Heyes	St Oswald's
Tues 13 July	10:00am	St Henry	The Turner Family (F) Ellen & Anthony Moore (F)	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
	8:30am	St Camillus of Lellis	Edmund & Timothy Donegan	
Wed 14 July	9: 30 am		Leavers Mass	St Oswald's
	2:30pm	Funeral Service	Rachael Halliday	Charnock Richard Crematorium
	9:15am		Special Intention	St Oswald's
Thur 15 July	10:00am	St Bonaventure	Kath Dunn (LD)	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Fri 16 July	8:30am	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Valerie Bretherton	
Sat 17 July	10:00am		Margaret Fishwick (B)	First Holy Communion St Gregory's
Sun 18 July	9:30am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bridget McManus Ann & Agnes Walsh (A)	
Sun 18 July	11:00am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	In Thanksgiving	