

ALPHA & RCIA COURSES

St Gregory's and St Oswald's are supporting an all-Chorley parishes Alpha and linked RCIA course initiative, starting in September this year. The Alpha Course is best described as an intro to Christianity and is designed for people who do not go to church but perhaps are searching for answers to life's big questions. It is also suitable for those who have stopped practising their faith but are also searching. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for those who wish to take their interest further and, perhaps, become Catholics. Each Parish has also been asked to nominate one or two parishioners to join the Alpha team. The plan would be that they would accompany any current or prospective members of their Parish through both the Alpha and RCIA process. Training and support will be provided, and to be successful you don't need to have any qualifications, just a love of your own faith and an ability to make guests feel welcomed and respected, and a willingness to work in a team!

Find out more about how Alpha works at: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/214170130>

Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested or need more information or alternatively email The Chorley Network of Catholic Laity on: cnocl@hotmail.com

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

Next week is Dementia Action week and the Irenaeus Project are offering a **Dementia Awareness Refresher Zoom session at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 17th May.** It will be an evening to refresh Dementia awareness and to share experiences of working with and supporting people living with Dementia. It's important that we all support each other at times like this. If you would like to join the session, please email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk for a link.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

15th May 2022 - 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 8th May 2022

Gift Aid: **£103.50**

Loose Plate: **£308.21**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Giving: **£58.46**

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

REFLECTION

In today's gospel, Jesus puts before each of us the great command *'love one another, just as I love you'*. It is a command that connects us closely to others, to those around us, in our families and in our communities. Jesus doesn't say, put up with each other, tolerate each other, like each other or get along with each other - he is very clear - we are to love each other. And this can be more challenging and difficult than it sounds! To really love each other as Jesus asks is easy to talk about as a nice idea - but so much harder to put into practice! It is said that love is the true mark of a Christian. As Christians we are all followers of Christ but not all of us are true followers. Some are Christians in name only, some by convenience, and others are seasonal Christians. Going to church, praying and joining religious organisations or ministries, though these are commendable in themselves, are not proof of being true followers of Christ. Everything we do that may be good in itself loses meaning and value when it is not done out of love. In other words, the value of anything we do will only come when we do it out of love. Then and only then can we be considered true followers of Christ. Jesus tells his disciples that they will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. We don't need to be heroic in our acts of love, nor do we need to do spectacular acts to demonstrate love, however, the love Jesus talks of is shown in service and sacrifice. The example of Jesus can help us at times when it can be hard to see goodness even in those we love. In this Easter season, there is no harm in reminding ourselves of the lengths Jesus went to physically demonstrate his love for each of us. On Holy Thursday he got down on his knees to wash our feet. On Good Friday he was lifted up on the cross for us and on Easter Sunday he burst out of the tomb with the gift of new life. As followers of Jesus today, we are called to follow his example through the quality of our daily lives, through how we treat each other and speak to each other. Our actions will speak louder than our words. As John of the Cross reminds us, *'at the end of our lives, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and our human achievements but on how much we have loved.'*

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 - 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.

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 by the Archdiocese, the following changes will take effect week commencing **Monday 2nd May**:

1. **Face-coverings** will now become optional for people who attend a service in church.
2. **Sanitiser** will be available for those who wish to use it on entering the building but this will no longer be mandatory.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will **no** longer be a section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - the priest and Ministers of the Eucharist will continue to wear a face covering and will still cleanse their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will **not** be reintroduced at this time.

PARISH CELEBRATION 2022

Ticket request forms are available at the back of church, please return these as soon as possible and by **23rd May** at the latest. Numbers are limited and will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept any requests made after the deadline. In the event that you are unable to attend, please let us know in good time so that your ticket can be allocated to somebody on the waiting list. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2022

A warm welcome to all those who have registered to be Confirmed this year from the parishes of St Gregory's and St Oswald's. Confirmation at St Gregory's will be on **Wednesday 6th July at 7:00pm**. If this date is not suitable, please let Mrs Walmsley know as soon as possible. She will also inform you of any Parish activities before that date.

Dear Parishioners, please keep all of our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our children who have made their First Holy Communion and received the sacrament of Reconciliation. First Communions will continue in both parishes over the next few weeks. Please remember them all in your prayers as they take the next step on their faith journeys.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 15 May	9:30am 6:30pm	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Get Well (BT) Vincent Horan (BR) Joanne Hardyman John Farnworth (F)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 15 May	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 16 May	10:00am		Harry Ainscough (F) Private Intention	
Tues 17 May	9:15am		Eugene & Bob Turner Ann Gerrard (LD)	Day for Survivors of Sexual Abuse DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 18 May	8:30am	St John I	Fred & Monica Bates (F) Emma Jones (Get Well)	
Thur 19 May	9:15am	St Dunstan	Charlotte Fishwick (A) Eileen Battersby (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 20 May	8:30am 9:15am	St Bernadine of Siena	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 21 May	10:00am	St Christopher Magallanes & Companions	Valerie Bretherton John Forrest (LD)	
SUN 22 May	9:30am 6:30pm	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Canon Richard Firth (F) John Calvey Private Intention (MG)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 22 May	11:00am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	LISCF	ST OSWALD'S