

THANK YOU FROM THE SVP

St Gregory's SVP thank all parishioners for all donations received over the past year and also grateful thanks to our volunteer car drivers.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Chorley Churches Network is holding a service of prayer to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Living Waters Church on Friday, 21st January. It will start with a 'cuppa' and a chat at 9:30am at Cafe Connect and then move to the adjoining church hall for a prayer service. Everybody is most welcome to come along, please spread the word.

SVP CHORLEY BUDDIES - ACTIVITY BUDDIES

For nearly 18 months now, SVP Chorley Buddies have been putting on exercise, craft and social events but led by experienced leaders, for people who have been isolating, fallen out of the exercise routine and want to do a bit more - to socialise a bit more, to get a bit fitter! It's all free, but we do accept donations so we can keep this going for as long as possible. The sessions are open to all ages and genders. For further information on the programme of events for the 1st Quarter of 2022, please see the church noticeboard. All welcome.

TREE PLANTING AT ST GREGORY'S

Following a successful bid to the Woodland Trust, we have been awarded 315 'all year round colour' saplings which are due to arrive by the 18th March 2022. As part of the application, we have been asked to organise a planting event and with this in mind please can I ask for volunteers to work as part of a team to undertake the planting. The date for the event has not yet been set but will be sometime shortly after 18th March. Please let me know if you are interested in taking part.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

16th January 2022 - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

REFLECTION

This Wednesday marks the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a time when Christians from many different traditions across the globe join together to try to heal divisions and to pray for greater unity. Although it is recognised that there are significant differences among denominations in terms of beliefs, practices and structures, and that there is still much work to do to recognise Christ's vision 'that all may be one', it is also recognised that Christian congregations share common callings. Today's Gospel from St John is one of the most well-known - the story of the Wedding at Cana, and as with many epics, the heroes of today's Gospel are not necessarily the main characters of Jesus, his mother and the disciples, but the props - in this case the six stone water jars. Whilst props have practical functions, they can also serve as metaphors that can deepen a plot's meaning. In this story, the water jars may be seen as a metaphor for Christian congregations - like the stone water jars in today's gospel, Jesus calls us as congregations to offer space for coming together. Those six stone water jars were the containers in which the servers could collect all the water needed for the ceremonial washings - and later, the miracle. However, a drop here or a splash there is not nearly as powerful as twenty to thirty gallons of liquid together in one space. Similarly, Christian life is strengthened when we come together as a community. Congregations offer spaces within their walls, in their neighbourhoods, and even online to come together in a shared mission. Like the stone water jars, Jesus calls congregations to support spiritual transformation. As Jesus commands the servers to 'fill the jars with water', a transformation happens inside those jars, the site of Jesus' first miracle. Similarly, spiritual transformations happen inside our sanctuaries and holy spaces, offering vessels of hope for a world in need of some miracles. Jesus is at work within congregations big and small, Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, and many more who keep the hope of the resurrection alive, who time and again answer Christ's call to spark faith in others.

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Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 15:30

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 9th January 2022

Gift Aid: **£88.00**

Loose Plate: **£247.41**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A	Y	T	R	I	H	T	S	E	B	WEDDING	CANA	MOTHER
N	D	E	S	T	E	W	A	R	D	WINE	SIX	STONE
A	W	E	W	N	A	E	I	E	C	JARS	THIRTY	GALLONS
C	G	J	T	T	Y	D	N	N	H	BEST	STEWARD	BRIDEGROOM
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Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - 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 - Caroline Rigby - Anthony Crilly - Bernard Marmion - Julie Pilkington
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 Michael McFarlane

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

NORMAL MASS/SERVICE TIMES

WEEKDAY SERVICES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

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FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

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SATURDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

SUNDAY MASSES

HOLY MASS 9:30am & 6:30pm (St Gregory's) & **11:00am** (St Oswald's)

UPDATE

Counter to what was announced at St Oswald's last week and also what people may have heard, Fr Patsy Foley will not be taking up residence at St Oswald's Presbytery as he has been asked to help out in the Sefton Inland Deanery for the foreseeable future.

We wish him well.

The long term use of the presbytery will remain under review at this time.

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's

Isla Constance Frost

Please keep her and her family in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 16 Jan	9:30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Tom Wilcock Frank Dearden (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Margaret Bailey	
Sun 16 Jan	11:00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Peter Brunt	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 17 Jan	10:00am	St Anthony of Egypt	Bryan Topping (LD) In Thanksgiving (CB) Mary Jane Barton (A)	
Tues 18 Jan	9:15am		Alan Macdonald	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 19 Jan	8:30am	St Wulstan	Doreen & Harry Ainscough The Pendlebury Family	Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thur 20 Jan	9:15am	St Fabian & St Sebastian	Elaine McGreevy Fr G Britt (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 21 Jan	9:15am	St Agnes	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
	10:00am			
Sat 22 Jan	10:00am	St Vincent	Mary Calderbank & Family Patrick Cussens (LD)	
Sun 23 Jan	9:30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Cyril Moss (BR) Rita Threlfall (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Christina Catterall (A)	
Sun 23 Jan	11:00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Kevin Davis (BR) Winifred Goulding (A) Geoffrey Gore (A)	ST OSWALD'S