

## AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR GRAEME

Dear Parishioners, who would have thought we would be celebrating a third Easter with Covid, even if the effects are now less severe! And yet, here we are - not only still with Covid but also with the darkness of the conflict in the Ukraine. Conquering this darkness is the light of the risen Christ and although things are difficult, there are many bright spots that we should celebrate. This is the first Easter we have celebrated as two parishes sharing one priest and whilst this causes some difficulties, we can be proud of the way the two parishes have worked together and supported each other over the past months. I am particularly grateful to those who have made this year's Easter Triduum a celebration of faith in preparation and celebration of our liturgies. Both parishes have also responded very generously to the call for support of those in need and for the Ukraine and for this I am very grateful. With the publication of the Pastoral Plan, we are living in exciting times and I look forward to working with you throughout the coming year. May the light and the joy of the risen Christ be with you and your loved ones in this Easter season.

God Bless  
Fr Graeme

## AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

Archbishop Malcolm has prepared an Easter Message which is available to be downloaded [here](#)

## DIVINE MERCY SERVICE - SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022

The Divine Mercy Service has traditionally been held at Sacred Heart Church, Chorley. Fr Ball and parishioners extend a warm welcome to other parishes to join them in Prayer. The service will begin with Devotions at 3:00 pm, followed by the Divine Mercy Novena (with opportunity for individual Confession) and Mass.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Y	R	E	N	A	W	A	E	L	S	MARY	SEPULCHRE	EARTHQUAKE
A	R	K	J	E	S	O	J	G	E	ANGEL	STONE	ROBE
M	O	A	U	S	S	T	N	O	M	SNOW	JESUS	RISEN
N	B	U	M	U	S	I	O	S	A	AWE	JOY	GREETINGS
I	E	Q	U	S	T	Y	R	N	M			
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# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

17th April 2022 - Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year C

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### Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

### Church Office Hours:

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

### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 10th Apr 2022

Gift Aid: **£89.00**

Loose Plate: **£351.18**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection this week will be for the Holy Places

## REFLECTION



We began our Lenten journey with Jesus in the desert and did our best to pray as we travelled with him during those forty days. On Palm Sunday we greeted him joyfully with palms and cries of Hosanna! On Holy Thursday Jesus offered himself to us as the Bread and Cup of Life and he asked us to love and serve each other as he had shown us. On Good Friday, we stood with the crowd and watched as Jesus was betrayed, denied, beaten, condemned and crucified. With Mary his mother, we saw him being buried in the tomb. Now today, on Easter Sunday, we stand with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. Having travelled with Jesus through Lent and stood beside him as he endured his passion, we now stand at the empty tomb and share in the power, glory, joy and the new life of his Resurrection. It can be hard to understand God's power, particularly if we have lost loved ones or experienced great challenges in our family life or relationships. But, especially during difficult times, we must still believe that although God's ways are not our ways and his thoughts are not our thoughts, that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God has shown and offered us a new way of living. We don't have to respond to violence with more violence, we don't have to answer hatred with anger - there is another way, a better way - The Way of the Cross that leads to Resurrection. In a world where there is violence and anger, we are called to be the people of light; where there is hopelessness and despair, we are challenged to be people of hope and faith; where there is hatred and discrimination, we are asked to be people of love and compassion. Today, more than ever we are called not only to experience the Good News of the Resurrection but we are also called to be people of Good News in our daily lives.

**We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our song!**

### 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.  
*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.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> April**. **The meeting will take place in St. Teresa's Parish Centre, College 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](mailto:lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk), or at All Hallows Catholic High School (Deputy Headteacher) on 01772 746121 after the Easter break.



### BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's  
**Elodie Jude Nellie Crook**

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 17 Apr	9:30am	EASTER DAY	Maureen Ormerod (A) Ronnie Boam (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 17 Apr	11:00am	EASTER DAY	Ellen Morris (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 18 Apr	10:00am	MONDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	Vera Critchley (A) Bill & Barbara Tennant	
Tues 19 Apr	9:15am	TUESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	John Tynan (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 20 Apr	8:30am	WEDNESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	Andrew Evans (BR) Stephen Rainford (F)	
Thur 21 Apr	9:15am	THURSDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	Vincent Bell (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 22 Apr	8:30am	FRIDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 23 Apr	10:00am	SATURDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	Canon Edward Banks (F) Agnes Lasker (F)	
SUN 24 Apr	9:30am 6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ann & Agnes Walsh (A) The People of the Parish	Day of Divine Mercy
SUN 24 Apr	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	William & Ann Higham	Day of Divine Mercy