

## Day for Life 2020

Today we celebrate *Day for Life*, a day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year, the theme is *Choose Life*, which will focus on the dignity and worth of the unborn child and expectant mothers.

Day for Life 2020 has been given an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis:

'In these days when our world faces the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, the Holy Father asks the faithful to pray for all those families, volunteers and healthcare professionals committed, often heroically, to the care and healing of the suffering, and for all those who, amid the continuing 'pandemic' of poverty and war, work to uphold the God-given value and dignity of every human person. It is his hope that amid the present crisis all will be led to a greater appreciation of the moral imperative to build a 'culture of life' marked by ever greater concern for nurturing, protecting and promoting the integral welfare of all God's children, beginning with the most vulnerable'.

However, Pope Francis also pointed out during a recent weekly audience that it is not possible to be pro-life and at the same time turn a blind eye to racism. Whilst he does not want the Church to be drawn into a culture war, neither does he want it to be a silent bystander. He urges protesters to avoid any self-defeating violence.

## Songs of Praise

As we didn't receive very many requests for hymns for our Songs of Praise this week, we have decided to suspend next week's programme to allow the requests to build up. Please do continue to send in your requests and if you haven't already submitted one, please do let us know if there is something you would particularly like to hear by either dropping us an email to [stgregory@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stgregory@rcaol.org.uk) or Tel: 01257 262462

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

T	G	H	I	L	D	A	Y	I	A
H	S	O	U	S	A	N	Y	F	D
G	E	W	L	D	N	D	R	O	E
I	D	H	O	E	A	A	A	W	S
L	E	I	P	R	I	F	E	L	T
Y	C	S	K	D	R	L	L	L	R
A	L	P	I	N	L	A	C	I	O
D	A	E	H	U	F	E	P	K	Y
A	R	R	O	H	R	A	P	S	T
S	E	S	P	I	H	W	O	S	E

AFRAID

CLEAR

DARK

DAYLIGHT

WHISPERS

KILL

SOUL

DESTROY

SPARROWS

PENNY

HEAD

HUNDREDS



## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

21st June 2020 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

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#### Part of the

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Registered Charity No: 232709

#### Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

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### REFLECTION

Do not be afraid.....but what is it that fills us with fear and anxiety? In the first line of today's gospel Jesus clearly says to his followers '*Do not be afraid. Everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.*' The apostles were not always brave or courageous, frequently, Jesus had to encourage and strengthen them. In fact, in today's gospel he reassures them not to be afraid three times.

These last few months we have all been filled with worry, fear and anxiety as we have witnessed the spread of Corona virus. We have perhaps experienced first hand the impact of the virus and it is only natural that we have been afraid. Perhaps, now more than ever, just like the apostles, we too need to hear the encouraging and affirming words of Jesus '*Do not be afraid*'.

After the Our Father is said at mass, the following line is prayed as part of a longer prayer, '*as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*'

At this time, while many of us remain at home separated and isolated, we are waiting hopefully. Christian hope is not like ordinary hope. It is not like the hope we experience while waiting for a bus or watching our team play in the hope that they will win! Christian hope is much deeper; it calls for faith in God. These days we are putting our faith and hope in each other, in doctors, nurses and medical staff and in our politicians who every day make crucial decisions that have an impact on all of us.

In these difficult and demanding days, much of what we have taken for granted has been taken from us. Some of us are suffering pain and bereavement because members of our families, friends or neighbours have died.

In uncertain times like this, it is only natural to feel anxious and fearful. This is why the words of Jesus in today's gospel could not be more appropriate for all us; '*Do not be afraid... there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.*'

In prayer then let us put our faith and hope in God.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

If you wish to do so, you are still welcome to post your envelopes through the presbytery door. Donations can also be made on-line or via text, details of how to do this are on our website.

### Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw  
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley  
 Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Madge Henshaw - Eileen Nuttall  
*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

### *Spiritual Communion Prayer*

Let us pray for each other as members of the Body of Christ that soon we will be together in our churches to share in and receive The Body and Blood of Jesus.

**My Jesus,**

**I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
 I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
 come at least spiritually into my heart.  
 I embrace You as if You were already there  
 and unite myself wholly to You.  
 Never permit me to be separated from You.  
 Amen.**

### *Church re-opening*

St Mary's church is now open for private prayer.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to help get the church ready for the re-opening. There has been a steady flow of people attending during the week and social distancing has been easily adhered to. However, if you are still shielding or vulnerable it is not advisable that you visit at this time.

The opening times are Monday to Saturday from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

As we need to be very cautious as we start to re-open our churches, there will be no access to holy water, prayer materials or toilet facilities available at this time.

If anybody else would be willing to help, please let us know. Thank you.

### *Archbishop Malcolm's Video Message*

Archbishop Malcolm's message for the children who would have made their

First Holy Communion in the last few weeks can be found [here](#)

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

### *Cardinal Vincent Nichols Homily for Corpus Christi*

Cardinal Vincent Nichols' homily for Corpus Christi is available at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinals-homily-for-corpus-christi/>

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 21 Jun	9:30am	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Asylum Seekers & Refugees	DAY FOR LIFE
Sun 21 Jun	11:00am	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 21 Jun	6:30pm	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Alan Clarke (LD)	
Mon 22 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	St John Fisher & St Thomas More	Bill Critchley (A) Derek Smith (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Tues 23 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Etheldreda	Martha & Edwin Grundy (F) Private Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 24 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	St John the Baptist	John Todd (LD) Maureen Carrington (A)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 25 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon		Valerie Bretherton Bernard & Margaret Dickinson	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Fri 26 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon		Bryan Gilgun (A) Davie Kirby (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat 27 Jun	8:30am 6:00pm	St Cyril of Alexandria	The People of the Parish	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 28 Jun	9:30am	SS PETER & PAUL	Edward Fairclough (A)	
Sun 28 Jun	11:00am	SS PETER & PAUL	Jack & Teresa Critchley	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 28 Jun	6:30pm	SS PETER & PAUL	Private Intention	