

## PASTORAL PLAN

After the meeting of Synod 2020 in June this year, work began on preparing a pastoral plan which would guide the archdiocese in the years to come based on the outcomes of the Synod. This plan will be launched next weekend. Copies of the plan will be available online and at Pauline Books and Media from next weekend. Please pray this week for open hearts to receive with grateful thanks the fruits of much listening, discerning and work that is Synod 2020. To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings:

**Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm in St Mary’s Church, Leyland**

**Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree**

**Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom**

## SONGS OF PRAISE - THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

If you would like to request a favourite hymn of your loved one, please would you let me know the name of the hymn and your intention as soon as possible. Thank you.

## LIVING WATERS FOODBANK - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Chorley Foodbank are once again appealing for treats for their Christmas food parcels which will be distributed to those families who are most in need. Items such as chocolate selection boxes, boxes of biscuits, tinned ham, tinned salmon, packets of stuffing, cranberry sauce & Christmas puddings etc. would be very welcome. Please leave your items in the box in the porch or at the presbytery. Thank you for your support.

## CHRISTMAS JOY NEW TOY APPEAL

Chorley Buddies in association with Chorley Council and other local schools and parishes are appealing for new toys and gifts to bring some Christmas joy to families who may need some help this Christmas. Donated gifts may be dropped off at the Presbytery. **NB: This year it has been requested that the gifts are not wrapped.** Thank you for your generous support.

## CHILDREN’S CORNER

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R	J	R	D	N	H	S	E	P	F	PRIESTS
P	O	L	I	G	E	I	I	L	E	KINGDOM
B	E	D	U	N	N	L	H	C	I	WORLD
J	W	O	T	B	A	I	I	E	H	FOUGHT
E	F	I	P	T	E	O	K	I	C	BORN
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## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory’s Weld Bank

21st November 2021 - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, Year B

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### Part of the

### ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

### Church Office Hours:

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

### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 14th November 2021

Gift Aid: **£209.20**

Loose Plate: **£225.98**

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 is for Animate Youth.*

## REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King as the culmination of the Church’s liturgical year before we begin a new liturgical year with Advent. We are asked to reflect upon Christ our King. When Jesus was asked by Pilate if he was a king, Jesus said that he was a king. So, what sort of king was Jesus? He was born in a small, poor and unimportant village. His parents weren’t famous, powerful or wealthy. His first visitors were the poorest of people - shepherds. He never wrote a great novel, nor did he eat or associate with rich or powerful people. He never led an army into battle nor did he surround himself with politicians, soldiers or bankers but instead he sat and ate with people who were usually despised, ignored and rejected. He reached out to embrace those others saw as worthless and as sinners. He spent his time with the poor, the sick, the broken and all those who were in need of love, healing and compassion. He didn’t own anything and he didn’t have any riches or wealth that the world thought much of - but he did share his greatness possession with all of us - God’s love. The king we are asked to follow today is a simple shepherd, always caring and compassionate towards his flock; he looks for the lost, bandages the wounded and makes the weak strong. This is the shepherd and king we are asked not only to follow, but whose life and example we are asked to live by. Just as he looks after and cares for each of us, so we in turn are asked to care for each other. Today, Jesus can be found in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the homeless, the poor, the rejected and those in prison. This great feast asks us to draw on the presence of Christ who dwells within each of us so we can reach out to Christ in others, especially those who are poor and those who are in any kind of need. This gospel is about each of us and how we follow Jesus here and now. If we open our hearts as well our eyes we will see Christ the King in everyone we meet. Today let us pray that we may all treat each other with the dignity and respect we share as members of God’s royal household. As Pope Leo the Great once said, ‘*Christian, be aware of your dignity and nobility, it is God’s own life that you share*’.

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### 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)  
 THURSDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)  
 FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)  
 FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 9:15am (St Oswald's)  
 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)



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's  
**Reuben & Maiah-Lily McDonald**  
 Please keep them and their family in your prayers  
 as they start out on their faith journey.



Congratulations to **Stephanie Ellison & Luke Ashcroft** who are to be  
 married at St Gregory's on Friday. We wish them every happiness in  
 their future life together.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021

**1st Mass of Christmas (Friday 24th December)**

**6:30pm** (St Oswald's)

**8:00pm** (St Gregory's) (with carols from 7:30pm)

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**

**9:30am** (St Gregory's) (please note there will be no evening Mass)

**11:00am** (St Oswald's)

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

All of the Masses in November will be offered for the intentions of those on the Pious List

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 21 Nov	9:30am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING	Valerie Bretherton Deceased members of the Catenians	ST GREGORY'S  World Youth Day
	6:30pm		Barbara Eaves (LD), LISCF	
Sun 21 Nov	11:00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING	Robert & Ellen Morris Ernest Farrimond	ST OSWALD'S  World Youth Day
Mon 22 Nov	10:00am	St Cecilia	Zygmunt & Jozefa Kolodziejczak  Julie Pilkington (S)	
Tues 23 Nov	9:15am	St Clement I & St Columban	<b>No Morning Mass Today</b>	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	7:00pm		Annual Memorial Mass	
Wed 24 Nov	8:30am	St Andrew Dung-Lac & his Companions	Thomas & Catherine O'Brien Jim Parkinson (LD)	
Thur 25 Nov	9:15am	St Catherine of Alexandria	Eileen Morgan	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	7:00pm		Annual Memorial Mass	
Fri 26 Nov	8:30am	Wedding Service	<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	
	9:15am		<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	
	12:30pm		Steph Ellison & Luke Ashcroft	
Sat 27 Nov	10:00am		Patricia Walker (A)	
Sun 28 Nov	9:30am	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Eileen Gallagher (A) Mary & Bill Pilkington (DW)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Pat Chadwick (LD) Shane Deveraux (LD)	
Sun 28 Nov	11:00am	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Alan Macdonald	ST OSWALD'S