

CEMETERIES

Please note: all Christmas wreaths and pots will be removed when dead or after the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February 2022). If you wish to keep any pots or wreaths, please remove them yourself.

Any ornamental pots removed from graves will be kept in the Sexton's office.

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.

A HOST OF GOLDEN DAFFODILS!

A big thank you to Jon Hoole and the nine pupil volunteers from Myerscough College who over the past few months have planted more than 5,000 daffodil bulbs in the church grounds at St Gregory's in memory of those who have died with COVID in Lancashire. This will provide us with a beautiful sea of colour come the spring. Thank you all.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

REPUTATION
SYNAGOGUE
CAPTIVES
PROPHET
STORY
WORD
SCROLL
POOR
BLIND
GOOD
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NEWS



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

23rd January 2022 - Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

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

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 16th January 2022

Gift Aid: **£102.00**

Loose Plate: **£325.12**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the call to ministry and the importance of scripture. In the first reading Ezra the priest teaches the people and interprets the law for them. In the second reading we learn that we are all parts of the same body of Christ and in the gospel, Jesus interprets the writings of Isaiah and declares his public ministry. Today's readings particularly highlight the importance of the Liturgy of the Word. During Mass, the Liturgy of the Word which covers all the readings, the homily, the Creed, and the General Intercessions, is an integral part of sacramental celebrations. The Liturgy of the Word is prefigured all the way back to the time of Ezra. In the first reading, we heard from the Book of Nehemiah the description of what Ezra, the priest, did outside the synagogue - it's very similar to what we do at Mass. Ezra was standing at one end and standing higher up - that's what the priest does when he on the sanctuary. As Ezra opened the scroll, the people rose up - that's what happens during the Gospel as we all stand to listen to the Gospel being proclaimed. Then Ezra interpreted the reading for the people - and that's what the priest does after the Gospel when he gives us the homily. To emphasise the Word of God there are also many signs which further instil our faith - the veneration and procession of the Book of the Gospels before its proclamation; the use of incense and candles during its proclamation and also the place where it's proclaimed from - the lectern or ambo. The audible readings, the homily, and the responses of the people are also signs which accompany the Word of God. So, the Liturgy of the Word is like a dialogue - God speaks to us through the readings and the homily; and we respond to Him by our profession of faith and interceding on behalf of the Church as a whole. And, at the head of every celebration of the Mass is Jesus Christ himself - the High Priest, represented by the priest who presides over the assembly. It is in representing Him that they preach after the readings, receive the offerings and say the Eucharistic Prayer. Therefore when we come to Mass, we actually come to Christ as the body of Christ!

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 - Anthony Crilly
 Sheila McGeown - Caroline Rigby - Bernard Marmion - Julie Pilkington - Dorothy Fairclough

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

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)
 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)

REVIEW OF SICK LIST

Over the next two weeks we will be reviewing the list of names of those on the parish sick list to ensure that it remains current. Please could you confirm as soon as possible if you would like a name to remain on the list or for it to be removed. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that the name can be removed. Thank you.

RELAXATION OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister that the requirement to wear a face mask is no longer mandatory in public places as of next Thursday, whilst we can no longer enforce this as a legal requirement at St Gregory's, it is still highly recommended for the safety of all concerned that you continue to wear a mask whilst in church. For the same reason, we will continue to offer socially distanced seating for those who wish to use it.



BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's

Leo James Pontifex

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

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 23 Jan	9:30am	3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Cyril Moss (BR) Rita Threlfall (BR)	SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
	6:30pm		Christina Catterall (A)	
Sun 23 Jan	11:00am	3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Kevin Davis (BR) Winifred Goulding (A) Geoffrey Gore (A)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 24 Jan	10:00am	St Francis de Sales	Michael McFarlane (LD) Jean Daly (LD)	
Tues 25 Jan	9:15am	The conversion of St Paul	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 26 Jan	8:30am	St Timothy & St Titus	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Thur 27 Jan	9:15am	St Angela Merici	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 28 Jan	8:30am	St Thomas Aquinas	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST OSWALD'S
Sat 29 Jan	10:00am		Margaret Hannis Brian O'Dolan (LD)	
Sun 30 Jan	9:30am	4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Joseph & Mary Kenyon (A) Fred Simpson (A)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Herbert Spedding (BR)	
Sun 30 Jan	11:00am	4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Theresa Cole (LD) Hilda & Robert Farrimond (BR)	ST OSWALD'S