

## BAPTISMS

For those who had to cancel their children's Baptism due to the lockdown, if you would like to get in touch, we can now re-arrange for you. Thank you.

## GIFT AID

Many thanks for your continued financial support - your generous contributions go to keeping our parish on a sound financial footing. Of course, since the start of the COVID-19 crisis donations have taken a significant downturn firstly whilst the church was closed and then with limited openings. If you would like to consider making a monthly standing order to the parish rather than using the envelopes or putting cash into the collection, this would be very welcome. We currently have a number of people who contribute to the Parish in this way which means that of course you don't have to remember to bring your envelopes to church with you or ensure that you have cash available - plus it cuts down on administration time opening envelopes/counting/recording and banking.

If you are interested and would like further details, please do let us know either via email to: [stgregory@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stgregory@rcaol.org.uk) or Tel: 01257 262462

Thank you.

## HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour on Saturday will now cease.

Holy Hour next Wednesday will be from 3pm - 4pm due to a funeral taking place.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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ASHORE  
SICK  
VILLAGES  
FIVE  
LOAVES  
FISH  
BLESSING  
SCRAPS  
TWELVE  
BASKETS  
NUMBERED  
THOUSAND



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

2nd August 2020 - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A

### St Gregory's RC Church

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### Part of the ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

#### Church Office Hours:

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

#### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

#### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

### WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 26th July 2020

Gift Aid: **£277.00**

Loose Plate: **£168.88**

Standing Orders: **£196.25**

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

### REFLECTION

The gospel today presents to us the miracle of the of the loaves and fishes which Jesus performed at Lake Galilee, in a deserted place where he had withdrawn with his disciples to think, pray and grieve after learning of the death of his friend John the Baptist. Perhaps we too can remember in our prayers today all those who have died and especially their families who just like Jesus are feeling and experiencing the pain of loss and bereavement. While Jesus was alone, the crowds followed him, but he was not so wrapped up in himself that he did not see their need - his heart was moved with compassion, because he loved them and he took pity on them and healed their sick. Seeing it was evening and they were all hungry, the disciples suggested that the crowd should be sent away to buy food, but Jesus had another idea - they feed the crowd themselves! But all they had were a few meagre loaves and fishes, hardly enough to feed a big crowd. So Jesus took what they had, blessed the bread and fish, broke it and shared it amongst them. Everyone had more than enough to eat and with plenty left over! At mass we make our offerings of bread and wine; fruit of the earth and work of hands. They are accepted, blessed, transformed, broken and shared; then they are given back to us. This symbolises something much more than the actual words mean, for it is said of Jesus that he was broken on the cross and when the priest today raises the bread after consecration, he breaks it to remind us that out of the broken body of Christ comes the healing and salvation of all people. As well as offering bread and wine, God also asks us to offer ourselves and our daily lives. Whatever we have and offer, no matter how small, God will accept, bless, transform and offer it back to us. If we offer God the ordinary bits and piece of our lives, they and we ourselves will be transformed by God's love for us. Just as we are fed and nourished through the Eucharist, each of us is called to go to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving each other as best we can.

### 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, especially  
 Jean Temple & Michael McDonnell  
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Whilst I am on holiday and when I return, there will only be one priest here and therefore there will only be one Mass per day. Keeping the rhythm of Masses during lockdown, Mass will therefore alternate between 8:30am and 12:00 noon in the short term so that Fr Kenny can help out at his new parish. When I get back, in the light of Mass being open to the public and live streamed, is it better to keep the later Mass at 12:00noon and in doing so clash with Mass at St Mary's or should we revert to the 10:00am slot that we used to have when I was on my own and before lockdown?. Please let me know your thoughts.

### Public Worship

#### St Gregory's (Monday - Saturday 8:30am, Sunday 9:30am)

(masses will continue to be LiveStreamed behind closed doors at the other mass times)

It is important to emphasise that the **Sunday obligation has not been re-instated**; people who are shielding or at risk should not feel obliged to attend any mass; people who have had any symptoms of COVID 19 should not attend for at least 14 days after the symptoms first appeared.

Restrictions that will be in place include the wearing of face masks and giving personal details for track and trace purposes. Social distancing of 1 metre+ will be observed and maximum numbers of 80 at St Gregory's.

For details of services and devotions at other local churches, please see relevant Parish newsletters or websites for individual information.

### READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

As we gently start to emerge from lockdown measures we plan to re-introduce readers at daily and Sunday Public Worship services and Eucharistic Ministers at Sunday services only commencing on Sunday 9th August. Those readers/ministers who do not yet feel it is safe to come to church should not feel obliged to volunteer at this time.

God Bless you all  
 Fr Graeme Dunne

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 02 Aug	9:30am	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	The Frearson Family	
Sun 02 Aug	11:00am	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Herbert Spedding	
Sun 02 Aug	6:30pm	NO EVENING MASS		
Mon 03 Aug	8:30am 12:00 noon		Valerie Bretherton Janet Fishwick (Get Well)	
Tues 04 Aug	8:30am 12:00 noon	St John Vianney	Bernard Dickinson Phyllis Barton (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 05 Aug	8:30am 12:00 noon	Dedication of St Mary Major	Frank Dearden (LD) Anthony Cave (Thanksgiving)	EXPOSITION 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 06 Aug	8:30am 12:00 noon		Michael McDonnell (LD) Private Intention	HOLY HOUR WITH SONGS OF PRAISE 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Fri 07 Aug	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Sixtus I & St Cajetan	Elizabeth Dearden (A) James & Sarah Cornwall (F)	
Sat 08 Aug	8:30am 6:00pm	St Dominic	LISCF The People of the Parish	
Sun 09 Aug	9:30am	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joe Waring (A)	
Sun 09 Aug	11:00am	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Special Intention	
Sun 09 Aug	6:30pm	NO EVENING MASS		