

THANKYOU

Happy New Year to all our Parishioners and to all those many people who join us via the LiveStream, I hope you all had a wonderful New Year celebration.
A big thank you for all your kind words, greetings and gifts - I am most grateful for your generosity. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2022.

God Bless you all.
Fr Graeme

NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSINGS 20***C**+**M**+**B**+22

Special Blessing stickers and prayer cards are still available at the back of church.
Please do take one and pray together with those who live and visit your home.

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

There will be a national day of prayer & fasting for Life on **Wednesday 12th January 2022**.
For further information, please follow the link [here](#) or see the poster on the Church Noticeboard

A MESSAGE FROM LIVING WATERS FOOD BANK

A big thank you for your ongoing support to our Food Bank and your generous donations, we can never find words to express how grateful we are.
We pray that God will bless you abundantly as you bless so many others.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

BEGINNING JOHN
BEGOTTEN LIFE
BELIEVE LIGHT
BLOOD MADE
BORN MEN
DARKNESS POWER
DWELT RECEIVED
FATHER SHINETH
FLESH SONS
GLORY TRUTH
GOD WITNESS
GRACE WORD



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

2nd January 2022 - 2nd Sunday after Christmas, Year C

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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 26th December 2021

Gift Aid: **£49.00**

Loose Plate: **£377.95**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Gift Aid: **£132.00**

Loose Plate: **£507.01**

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

REFLECTION

The post-Christmas period is experienced by many people as an anti-climax and for some a time of sadness. People place so many expectations on the feast of Christmas that often it can seem a disappointment or 'a one-day-wonder' as scattered family members who had come home for the feast, all too soon return home and life returns to normal. The Church however doesn't regard Christmas as a one-day-wonder but as a season, a lengthy period of time to let the celebrated event sink in - a time to reflect on the events of the past and also a time to anticipate those that are to come. The prologue to today's Gospel gives us a famous reflection on the incarnation. *'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God'*. A good example of how the New Testament uses the Old Testament as its foundation. In the first book of the bible, the book of Genesis, begins with God said, *'Let there be light, and there was light'*. In the New Testament, the word of God, takes flesh in a recognisable form of the tiny body of a baby, the most fragile form imaginable, emphasising the vulnerability of our God. From the very beginning, that word could have been encouraged and amplified, or it could have been snuffed out forever – and there were many who tried to do so! God had done his best – he had expressed himself fully and perfectly but it was up to us to make God accessible to our fellow human beings. That is the challenge of the Christmas season: to make the incarnation an everyday event, not just a one-day-wonder. In our own experience, the word brings order and understanding out of chaos but to make sense of something, we must first express it. St John expresses the word poetically *'Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him'*. Through this word our world is recreated again and again, generation after generation, or as St. John puts it in today's gospel, *'To all who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God'*. The incarnation is a very complex part of our faith; yet strangely comforting, especially after the difficult year that has just ended. Let us pray that the Word of God will continue to make sense of the chaos of our world of today.

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

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)

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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)

MASSES THIS WEEK

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY 2022

Holy Mass will be celebrated at **9:15am** (St Oswald's) and 6:30pm (St Gregory's)
 (Please note: there is no obligation to attend Mass on Holy Days due to Covid restrictions)

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Thank you for your generous Christmas Mass Intention donations .
 The sum of **£390** has been sent to the charity Mary's Meals' in your name.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place at St Gregory's at 1:00pm on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and at St Oswald's at 12:15pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you would like to book a baptism for your child, please see Fr Graeme after one of the Sunday Masses. Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 02 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	Francis Meredith (A) Connelly & Rollins Families Evan Critchley	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 02 Jan	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 03 Jan	10:00am	Most Holy Name of Jesus	Deceased members of the O'Brien Family John Taylor for a happy & healthy 2022	
Tues 04 Jan	9:15am		Thomas Martland (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 05 Jan	8:30am		Joan Fishwick (B) Special Intention (CA)	ST GREGORY'S
Thur 06 Jan	9:15am 6:30pm	THE EPIPHANY	Alan Macdonald Anniversary Mass for the husband & friend of MG	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 07 Jan	8:30am 9:15am	St Raymond of Penyafort	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
Sat 08 Jan	12:00 noon		Bertha Gerard (F) Elizabeth Dearden (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 09 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Catenians Mass for Vocations Margaret Wrennall (A) Doreen & Harry Ainscough (A) For all bereaved people	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 09 Jan	11:00am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Marie Gallery (A) William & Ann Higham (A)	ST OSWALD'S