

#HELPUKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

A big thank you to parishioners for your overwhelming response to this appeal, you have been most generous. If you are able to help financially, here are the ways you can donate:

- through parishes and branches of partner organisations
- direct to the central appeal fund AUGB Ltd, 80038237, 20-65-89 ref: HelpUkraine
- through the fundraising page on GoFundMe at <https://rb.gy/dcagcc>

Donations of the following items are still urgently needed.

First aid kits (including sterile dressings, safety pins, antiseptic fluid/cream/spray, disposable gloves, eye wash); **bandages** (all sizes, gauze, steri-strips, triangular bandages); **toiletries** (including toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo); **bedding, sleeping bags, blankets, generators and different types of chargers; nappy rash creams and baby bath lotions** (all ages and sizes); **powdered baby milk and feeding bottles; pain relief** (e.g. Paracetamol, Ibuprofen); **warm underclothing** (including socks); **sanitary products; nappies** (all ages and sizes) & **rucksacks**. **Please do not leave any donations of clothes until further notice as these are not being taken at the present time.** Until we hear differently, I would be grateful if you could limit yourselves to these items. Thank you for your continued response.

NEW MONTHLY SOCIAL GET TOGETHER IN COPPULL NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

SVP Chorley Buddies is starting a new monthly Social Get Together for people who are lonely or isolated. It will take place in the Methodist Hall in Coppull on the first Wednesday of every month from 12.20pm to 2.30pm. We will offer free lunch and some entertainment. But we need volunteers to help us run it. All that is required is a happy disposition! Please call **01257 542324** for more details.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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DAYBREAK WOMAN CAUGHT
ADULTERY LAW CONDEMN
DEATH STONING TEST
GROUND QUESTION FIRST



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

3rd April 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

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

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Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 27th March 2022

Gift Aid: **£93.00**

Loose Plate: **£390.94**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The retiring collection this week will be taken by the SVP

REFLECTION

'The woman caught in adultery' is one of the most powerful encounters we hear of anybody having with Jesus. The men drag this woman along the streets and throw her at the feet of Jesus. Can we imagine how they made her feel - how afraid, fragile and vulnerable she must have been? All the contempt and hatred, all the anger and condemnation, with rage in their hearts and stones in their hands, demanding that Jesus accuses and condemns her as well. However, Jesus remains unmoved by their viciousness, and instead he asks them a simple question, 'have any of you never sinned? If so, go ahead, throw a stone'. Realising that they are now the focus of attention and aware of their own failures, they drop their stones and walk away silently. Can we imagine how they must now feel? Then Jesus turns his attention to the woman - he holds out his hand to her and in his voice and eyes she sees only love and compassion. He doesn't accuse, condemn, judge or criticise her, but instead he encourages her not to sin again. Today's gospel teaches us that no person should be equated with his or her sin - people are responsible for their sins, but nobody should be defined simply by the sins they commit. Jesus sees the sin of the woman but he also sees the part of the woman that remains good, the part that could change and the hope that things could be different. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in mercy and forgiveness. So, the next time we feel like condemning someone or demanding justice be served, we should pause and ask ourselves, 'Have we not sinned ourselves?' 'Have we not made mistakes too?' If the answer is yes, remember that the only one who could cast that first stone, the sinless one, is now looking straight into your eyes with mercy and inviting you to turn to your neighbour with forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we stand convicted by God for all our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Neil Haydock
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Anthony Crilly
 Sheila McGeown - Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery
 Derek Birchall - Christine Zawistowicz - Joanne Hardyman

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 Kathleen Marriott & Sean McGeown

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY REVIEW OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following a further review of Covid requirements, it has been decided that given the major source of transmission of the virus is now generally accepted to be via airborne particulates (according to scientific evidence), both the weekly collection and also the Offertory Procession can now be reintroduced. For the time being we will continue to keep a section of the church with social distancing and also the practice of sanitising on entry and the presence of stewards. We will continue to review the situation on a weekly basis.

HOLY WEEK 2022

This will be the first time we have celebrated the Triduum as a family of Parishes with one Parish Priest. From past experience, and with the needs of both communities in mind, I have decided this year to celebrate Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00pm) at St Oswald's; Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord (3:00pm) and the Easter Vigil Service (8:30pm) at St Gregory's. I would hope that transport can be arranged for those who need it to attend either church, please let me know if this is required. There will be an opportunity to assess these arrangements in the near future.

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a Service of Reconciliation with individual confessions
today (Sunday 3rd April) at 3:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank.
 All are welcome to attend.

THANKYOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 03 Apr	9:30am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Valerie Bretherton Mary Jane Barton (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	3:00pm		SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION	
	6:30pm		Fred Walker Robert Keane	
Sun 03 Apr	11:00am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Jane Burns (F) Neary Family (F)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 04 Apr	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Sean McGeown	
Tues 05 Apr	9:15am	St Vincent Ferrer	Jim & Marie Parkinson	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 06 Apr	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Thur 07 Apr	9:15am	St John Baptist de la Salle	Margaret Dickinson (B) The Hayden Family (F)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Kathleen Marriott	
Fri 08 Apr	8:30am	St Julie Billiart	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	6:30pm 6:30pm		STATIONS OF THE CROSS STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Sat 09 Apr	10:00am		Joan Critchley Robert Keane	
Sun 10 Apr	9:30am 6:30pm	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Canon Richard Firth (A) Peter Evans (A) Bert Hardman (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 10 Apr	11:00am	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	John McGreevy (BR) Phyllis Rourke	ST OSWALD'S