

## ARMCHAIR RETREATS

Each week Fr Denis Blackledge SJ, Jesuit Parish Priest of Saint Francis Xavier's Church in Liverpool delivers a series of armchair retreats. Fr Denis chooses a couple of scripture passages to break open the living word in a homely way to give fresh encouragement, and deepen the daily living of folk as friends and followers of Jesus. The latest in the series is entitled 'Let Me Love You' and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/armchair-retreats>

## PRAYING FOR THE UNBORN & WOMEN FACING CRISIS PREGNANCIES

As we begin this new year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that 2021 would see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers.

## CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Thank you for your generous Christmas Mass Intention donations .  
The sum of **£295** will be sent to the charity Shelter in your name.

## THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to Melvyn Cunliffe who has made his 100th altar candle for us!

## THANK YOU FROM THE LIVING WATERS FOODBANK

A big thank you from the Food Bank for your continued support throughout the year.  
We are always grateful for items such as tinned meat and fish, biscuits,

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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I	N	H	N	H	H	E	S	T	E	KING
T	A	R	G	F	C	L	O	R	A	STAR
A	F	R	O	I	E	H	A	A	M	HOMAGE
D	N	Y	L	A	L	T	A	S	O	LEADER
E	I	M	D	R	S	E	R	R	H	DATE
S	K	E	T	A	D	B	D	Y	I	CHILD
A	R	B	E	T	L	E	M	E	M	DELIGHT
										GOLD
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# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

3rd January 2021 - 2nd Sunday after the Nativity, Year B

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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 27th Dec 2020

Gift Aid: **£124.70**

Loose Plate: **£273.39**

Standing Orders: **£180.48**

**Sincere thanks for your generous Christmas offerings of £749.50 and for your kind and generous weekly donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.**

### REFLECTION

In his Christmas song, 'So this is Christmas' John Lennon sang, 'another year over and a new one just begun'. If we are honest, how many of us will be glad to see the end of 2020 and how many of us face 2021 with some trepidation! The impact of last year's experiences is by no means over and we, like so many others are now dealing with tougher restrictions - unable to visit our friends, families and loved ones. So many of us are also now living with the painful impact of bereavement because someone we have known or loved has died. But we must take heart as there is now some light at the end of the tunnel - with the advent of vaccines, we can now cautiously look forward with some hope to a New Year! The name for the month 'January' comes from the Roman god Janus. The Romans honoured and paid homage to Janus whose statue had two faces; one that looked forward and the other that looked backwards. Perhaps, now is the time for us all to look forward not back and as we make our New Year's resolutions, to be more hopeful and optimistic. These words from the Old Testament give us hope; The Lord says, 'Do not cling to the past or dwell on what has happened. Watch for the new things that I am doing - they are happening already, you can see them now.' The gospel today tells us that Jesus, the Word is the true light that enlightens all people. He is the light for the world for each of us, especially as we begin this New Year. There was once a man who was fearful and anxious as the New Year began. He prayed and said to God, 'Give me a light so that I can walk into the New Year without fear.' There was silence and then he heard God reply, 'No, I will not give you a light; you take my hand and we will walk into this New Year together. Do not be afraid.' Today, let us pray that we will have the courage and humility to place our hand into God's hand, so that we too can walk into the New Year with God taking each step with us. Let us also pray that this New Year be a time of renewed joy for us, our families and our world; a time for welcoming new gifts, graces and new Hope!

### Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Winifred Calderbank - Eileen Nuttall - Theresa Knowles  
 Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Hugh O'Daly  
 Baby Elmo Allan - William Morris - Paul McBeth - Robert Turner - Fr Laurence Mayne

*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 Paul Tate & Joan Hart

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### LOCKDOWN - TIER 4 UPDATE

Following the latest government guidance for Public Worship services, as we have now been put into Tier 4, please can I remind people that for their own safety the Church has not introduced Sunday or Holy Day obligations and all vulnerable people should seriously consider whether attending Public Worship is the right thing to do during these increasingly difficult times. Also due to these difficult times, from next Sunday onwards, Fr Graeme will be covering a Sunday Mass at St Oswalds, Coppull until the return of Fr Mayne. This means that the LiveStream Mass at 11:00am will not go ahead, however, the 9:30 Mass is recorded if people wish to follow that Mass.

### CURRENT RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions remain in place include the wearing of face masks, hand sanitisation and giving personal details for track and trace purposes. Social distancing of 1 metre+ will be observed. People who have had any symptoms of COVID 19 should not attend for at least 14 days after the symptoms first appeared.

**Funerals will still be permitted to go ahead but should be kept to close family members only (max 30 people).**

**Burials of ashes can also continue with a maximum of 6 people in attendance.**

**Weddings will not be permitted to take place at this time (except in danger of death).**

**Baptisms can still go ahead but may only be attended by people from the household of the child being baptised (max of 6 and godparents will have to be by proxy).**

**Masses will also continue to be LiveStreamed at the advertised times.**

### Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 8:30am    Tues/Thurs/Sat - 10:00am

### Sunday Mass:

9:30am (Public Worship)

**Devotions will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm and will be LiveStreamed only.**

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 03 Jan	9:30am	2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	Cyril & Teresa Iddon	
Sun 03 Jan	11:00am	2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	Derek Mulhearn (LD)	
Mon 04 Jan	8:30am 11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	The McCarrick & Brown Families John Meehan	
Tues 05 Jan	10:00am		Bernard & Joan Doyle	Holy Hour 1:00 - 2:00pm
Wed 06 Jan	9:30am 7:00pm	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Patricia Eyre Joan Hart (LD)	
Thur 07 Jan	10:00am	St Raymond of Penyafort	Joan Critchley (A) Elizabeth Dearden (B)	Holy Hour 1:00 - 2:00pm
Fri 08 Jan	8:30am		Margaret Wrennall	
Sat 09 Jan	10:00am		John Meehan (LD)	
Sun 10 Jan	9:30am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Andrew Evans (A)	
Sun 10 Jan	11:00am	<b>PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS VIA THE LIVESTREAM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>		