

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

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.

UNIVERSAL SYNOD

Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. Although we have already engaged with the synodal process in the archdiocese as part of Synod 2020, which initially generated 27,000 responses, we may find ourselves in a different place on our journey. This may include fresh insights, which will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phases of Synod 2020. To participate in this world wide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions from

Monday 10 January 2022, as well as submit your responses online at

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023.

The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022.

For queries: vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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JESUS	JORDAN	JOHN
BAPTISM	FITTING	DEMANDS
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

9th January 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 15:30

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 2nd January 2022

Gift Aid: **£106.85**

Loose Plate: **£333.42**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

REFLECTION

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which also marks the beginning of his public ministry and echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of his first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist. On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God - the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In St Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, St Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, he lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. St Luke then presents us with John the Baptist who is faced with a predicament - he finds himself in the wilderness, with a sea of people milling round him, all wanting baptism. But although they may be very welcome, they're not the one he's really waiting for. All he knows is that he will know when he arrives as *'the Spirit will come down and rest on the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit'*. The question we face today is: will we recognise Christ when he arrives? Which means asking ourselves and each other: where can we see the Spirit descending and coming to rest in our world of today? Where is the Dove to be found, the symbol of peace, the sign of God's active presence in our midst? When we were Baptised, each of us was filled with the exact same Spirit but since most of us were baptised as infants, we don't remember the event. Yet, no matter what age we were baptised, it still has the same effects: cleansing of sin, imparting of grace, giving of the Holy Spirit, adoption as a child of God, and incorporation into the Church. So, we too have God's life and Spirit within us. But because we have been baptised into the life and ministry of Jesus, we are also called to action. Pope Francis tells us: *'Because of their baptism, all members of the People of God have become missionary disciples.'* In other words, we are called to put our faith into action!

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 - Michael McPartland
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 Gwen Leslie .

*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)

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism

Sebastian Patel, and Noah & Sophia Banks

Please keep them and their families in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.

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 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
Mon 10 Jan	10:00am 2:00pm	Requiem Mass	John & Monica McShane Jim Parkinson Glyn Moore (LD) Gwen Leslie	ST GREGORY'S
Tues 11 Jan	9:15am		Alan Macdonald Alexandra Dodd (LD)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 12 Jan	8:30am	St Aelred of Rievaulx	Andrew Evans (A) John Todd (BR)	
Thur 13 Jan	9:15am	St Hilary	Private Intention The Holy Souls	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 14 Jan	8:30am 9:15am	St Kentigern	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	ST GREGORY'S ST OSWALD'S
Sat 15 Jan	10:00am		Bridget & Austin McManus Valerie Bretherton (A)	
Sun 16 Jan	9:30am 6:30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Tom Wilcock Frank Dearden (BR) Margaret Bailey	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 16 Jan	11:00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Peter Brunt	ST OSWALD'S